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JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

(169)

LUX BENIGNA

JOHN B. DYKES

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,

Lead Thou me on;

The night is dark, and I am far from home,

Lead Thou me on.

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see

The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou

Shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now

Lead Thou me on.

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,

Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still

Will lead me on

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till

The night is gone,

And with the morn those angel faces smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Hymn 39

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SIMON BROWNE

Adapted

(39)

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GEORGE DYSON

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Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Love, With light and comfort from above; Be Thou our guardian, Thou our guide, O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of Truth to us display, That we may know and choose Thy way; Plant holy joy in every heart, That we from Thee may ne'er depart.

Lead us, O Christ, thou living Way, Nor let us from thy precepts stray; Lead us to God, our heavenly rest, That we may be forever blest.

Hymn 134

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SAMUEL LONGFELLOW*

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WESSEX

EDWARD J. HOPKINS

I look to Thee in every need, And never look in vain; I feel Thy touch, eternal Love, And all is well again: The thought of Thee is mightier far Than sin and pain and sorrow are.

Thy calmness bends serene above, My restlessness to still; Around me flows Thy quickening life To nerve my faltering will: Thy presence fills my solitude; Thy providence turns all to good.

Embosomed deep in Thy dear love, Held in Thy law, I stand: Thy hand in all things I behold, And all things in Thy hand. Thou leadest me by unsought ways, Thou turn'st my mourning into praise.

The Bible

1. Ps. 25:5

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

2. Ps. 5:8

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

3. Ps. 23:1, 2

- 1 THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

4. Neh. 9:7, 9, 11-15

- 7 Thou *art* the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham;
- 9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea;
- 11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.
- Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.
- 13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:
- 14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:
- 15 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

5. Deut. 32:9-12

- 9 For the LORD's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.
- He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.
- 11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:
- 12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

7. Ps. 139:7-10

- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

8. Matt. 4:18-25 Jesus

- Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
- And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
- 20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.
- And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.
- 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.
- ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
- And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.
- And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judæa, and *from* beyond Jordan.

9. Matt. 13:13-16 speak

- speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
- And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:
- 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.
- But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

10. Matt. 18:11-14 the

- the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.
- 12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?
- And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that *sheep*, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.
- Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

11. Luke 6:39, 40

- And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?
- 40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

12. Mark 10:46, 47, 51, 52

- ¶ And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimæus, the son of Timæus, sat by the highway side begging.
- And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, *thou* son of David, have mercy on me.
- 51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.
- And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

13. Ps. 31:3 thou

3 thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

14. Ps. 61:2 lead

2 lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

15. Song 8:2 (to:)

2 I would lead thee, *and* bring thee into my mother's house, *who* would instruct me:

16. Rev. 12:1, 5, 10, 11 (to;)

1 AND there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

- 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and *to* his throne.
- And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
- 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;

17. Rev. 7:15 (to :), 17 (to :)

- 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple:
- 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters:

18. Ps. 143:10 lead

10 lead me into the land of uprightness.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1. SH 338:1-2

Christian Science, rightly understood, leads to eternal harmony.

2. SH 271:21-22

When the Science of Christianity appears, it will lead you into all truth.

3. SH 249:1

- Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive
- ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

4. SH 110:13-14

In following these leadings of scientific revelation, the Bible was my only textbook.

5. SH 253:9-14

- I hope, dear reader, I am leading you into the understanding of your divine rights, your heaven-bestowed harmony, — that, as you read, you see there is no
- cause (outside of erring, mortal, material sense which is not power) able to make you sick or sinful; and I hope that you are conquering this false sense.

New Testament basis

Heavenbestowed prerogative

6. SH 594:12 (only, to .), 12 those

12 **SHEEP.**those who follow

their leader.

7. SH 225:3-6

Truth makes

man free.

You may know when first Truth leads by the few-

6 ness and faithfulness of its followers.

8. SH 236:3-7

A special privilege is vested in the ministry. How shall it be used? Sacredly, in the interests of humanity, not of sect.

Is it not professional reputation and emolument rather than the dignity of God's laws, which many leaders seek?

9. SH 333:4-7

3 Jesus was a human

name, which belonged to him in common with

other Hebrew boys and men, for it is identical with the name Joshua, the renowned Hebrew leader.

10. SH 332:19-22

X. Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost,

or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.

11. SH 324:13 The

The way is straight

and narrow, which leads to the understanding that God

- is the only Life. It is a warfare with the flesh, in which we must conquer sin, sickness, and death, either here or hereafter, certainly before we can reach the goal
- of Spirit, or life in God.

12. SH 513:6-7

Advancing spiritual steps in the teeming universe of Mind lead on to spiritual spheres and exalted beings.

13. SH 298:19-20, 22, 28-30

When the real is attained, which is announced by Science, joy is no longer a trembler, nor is hope a cheat. Spiritual ideas lead up to their divine origin, God, and to the spiritual sense

- of being.
- Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their indi-

Messiah or Christ

Holy Ghost or Comforter vidualism may be.

14. SH 299:7-15

My angels are exalted thoughts, appearing at the door of some sepulchre, in which human belief has buried

- 9 its fondest earthly hopes. With white fingers they point upward to a new and glorified trust, to higher ideals of life and its joys. Angels
- are God's representatives. These upward-soaring beings never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to the divine Principle of all good, whither every real indi-
- viduality, image, or likeness of God, gathers.

15. SH 558:1-12

558:1 St. John writes, in the tenth chapter of his book of Revelation: —

- And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of
- 6 fire: and he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.
- 9 This angel or message which comes from God, clothed with a cloud, prefigures divine Science. To mortal sense Science seems at first obscure, abstract, and
- dark; but a bright promise crowns its brow.

16. SH 560:6, 11-15

- 6 Revelation xii. 1. And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve
- 9 stars.

The great

- miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and the grand necessity of existence is to gain the true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of
- 15 heaven in man.

17. SH 561:22-25

The woman in the Apocalypse symbolizes generic man, the spiritual idea of God; she illustrates the coincidence

of God and man as the divine Principle and divine idea.

18. SH 562:11

The spiritual idea is crowned with twelve stars. The

Our angelic messengers

The new Evangel

True estimate of God's messenger

Spiritual sunlight

twelve tribes of Israel with all mortals, — separated by belief from man's divine origin and the true idea, — will through much tribulation yield to the activities of the divine Principle of man in the harmony of Science. These are the stars in the crown of rejoicing. They are the lamps in the spiritual heavens of the age, which show the workings of the spiritual idea by healing the sick and the sinning, and by manifesting the light which shines "unto the perfect day" as the night of materialism wanes.

19. SH 565:29-9

Revelation xii. 6. And the woman fled into the wilder-

- ness, where she hath a place prepared of God.
- As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides
- of human fear, as they were led through the wilderness, walking wearily through the great desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised
- joy, so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for
- 9 them who love God.

20. SH 454:5-9, 18-19

The understanding,

- even in a degree, of the divine All-power destroys fear, and plants the feet in the true path,
 - the path which leads to the house built without hands
- 9 "eternal in the heavens."

Love inspires,

illumines, designates, and leads the way.

21. SH 458:25-28 The

The

Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is hon-

est and consistent in following the leadings of divine Mind.

22. SH 505:16-17

Spirit imparts the understanding which uplifts consciousness and leads into all truth.

Spiritual idea crowned

Spiritual guidance

Impotence of hate

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