

Our Sure Foundation

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Hymn. 253:1–7

O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind
There sweeps a strain,
Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind
The power of pain,

And wake a white-winged angel throng
Of thoughts, illumed
By faith, and breathed in raptured song,
With love perfumed.

Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show
Life's burdens light.
I kiss the cross, and wake to know
A world more bright.

And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea
I see Christ walk,
And come to me, and tenderly,
Divinely talk.

Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock,
Upon Life's shore,
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock,
Oh, nevermore!

From tired joy and grief afar,
And nearer Thee,—
Father, where Thine own children are,

I love to be.

My prayer, some daily good to do
To Thine, for Thee;
An offering pure of Love, whereto
God leadeth me.

Words: MARY BAKER EDDY

Music: William Lyman Johnson

Hymn. 566:1–3

Rock of Ages, Truth divine,
Be Thy strength forever mine;
Let me rest secure on Thee,
Safe above life's raging sea.
Rock of Ages, Truth divine,
Be Thy strength forever mine.

Rock of Truth, our fortress strong,
Thou our refuge from all wrong,
When from mortal sense I flee,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Rock of Ages, Truth divine,
Be Thy strength forever mine.

Christ, the Truth, foundation sure,
On this rock we are secure;
Peace is there our life to fill,
Cure is there for every ill.
Rock of Ages, Truth divine,
Be Thy strength forever mine.

Words: FREDERIC W. ROOT, BASED ON A HYMN BY A. M. TOPLADY

Music: James H. Hegarty

Hymn. 533:1–3

My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation;
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

What though my human comforts die,
The Lord my Savior liveth;
What though the darkness gather round,
Songs in the night God giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love is God of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes, the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway smooths
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am God's.
How can I keep from singing?

Words: PAULINE T., ADAPT., ALT.

Music: Robert Lowry; harm. Robert Rockabrand

Isa. 28:16, 23

16 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

23 ¶ Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.

Job 38:4–7

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Isa. 48:12, 13 (to :)

12 ¶ Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last.

13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: ...

Ex. 20:3

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Deut. 10:12–14

12 ¶ And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD's thy God, the earth *also*, with all that therein *is*.

Acts 17:28 in

28 ... in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Eph. 2:19, 20

- 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

Matt. 16:13–18

- 13 ¶ When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Ps. 127:1

- 1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

Ezek. 13:14 (to 3rd ,)

- 14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered *mortar*, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, ...

Luke 6:9 (to 1st ,), 47–49

- 9 Then said Jesus unto them, ...
47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:
48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently

upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

- 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

John 4:24

- 24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

I Cor. 3:10, 11

- 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
- 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

SH 483:32

Christianity

- 1 will never be based on a divine Principle and so found to be unerring, until its absolute Science is reached. When
- 3 this is accomplished, neither pride, prejudice, bigotry, nor envy can wash away its foundation, for it is built upon the rock, Christ.

SH 269:21

- 21 The testimony of the material senses is neither absolute nor divine. I therefore plant myself unreservedly on the teachings of Jesus, of his apostles, of
- 24 the prophets, and on the testimony of the Science of Mind. Other foundations there are none. All other systems — systems based wholly or partly on
- 27 knowledge gained through the material senses — are reeds shaken by the wind, not houses built on the rock.

Biblical
foundations

SH 593:18 (only)

- 18 **Rock.** Spiritual foundation; Truth.

SH 241:23–27

One's aim, a point beyond faith, should be to find the
24 footsteps of Truth, the way to health and holiness. We
should strive to reach the Horeb height where God is re-
vealed; and the corner-stone of all spiritual building is
27 purity.

SH 430:6–7

6 Faith should enlarge its borders and strengthen its base
by resting upon Spirit instead of matter.

SH 497:3–8

- 3 1. As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word
of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.
2. We acknowledge and adore one supreme and in-
6 finite God. We acknowledge His Son, one Christ; the
Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God's
image and likeness.

SH 330:8–12, 19

When the following platform is understood and the
9 letter and the spirit bear witness, the infallibility of divine
metaphysics will be demonstrated.

I. God is infinite, the only Life, substance, Spirit, or
12 Soul, the only intelligence of the universe, including man.

II. God is what the Scriptures declare Him to be, —
Life, Truth, Love. Spirit is divine Principle, and divine
21 Principle is Love, and Love is Mind, and
Mind is not both good and bad, for God is
Mind; therefore there is in reality one Mind only, be-
24 cause there is one God.

The deific
definitions

SH 162:9

9 The effect of this Science is
to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it
may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind.

SH 330:25–27

III. The notion that both evil and good are real is a
delusion of material sense, which Science annihilates.
27 Evil is nothing, no thing, mind, nor power.

SH 92:26

The foundation of evil is laid on a belief
27 in something besides God. This belief tends to support
two opposite powers, instead of urging the claims of Truth
alone. The mistake of thinking that error can be real,
30 when it is merely the absence of truth, leads to belief in
the superiority of error.

SH 448:5–9 (to 2nd .)

Evil which obtains in the bodily senses,
6 but which the heart condemns, has no foundation; but if
evil is uncondemned, it is undenied and nurtured. Under
such circumstances, to say that there is no evil, is an evil
9 in itself. When needed tell the truth concerning the lie.

SH 287:22–23

Error is false, mortal belief; it is illusion, without spir-
itual identity or foundation, and it has no real existence.

SH 262:27; 263:20 (only)

27 The foundation of mortal discord is a false sense of
man's origin. To begin rightly is to end rightly. Every
concept which seems to begin with the brain
30 begins falsely. Divine Mind is the only cause
or Principle of existence. Cause does not exist in matter,

Mind the
only cause

in mortal mind, or in physical forms.

There can be but one creator, who has created all.

SH 485:32

The notion of any life or intelligence in matter is without foundation in fact, and you can have no faith in falsehood when you have learned falsehood's true nature.

SH 331:11–20

V. The Scriptures imply that God is All-in-all. From this it follows that nothing possesses reality nor existence except the divine Mind and His ideas. The Scriptures also declare that God is Spirit.

Allness of
Spirit

Therefore in Spirit all is harmony, and there can be no discord; all is Life, and there is no death. Everything in God's universe expresses Him.

VI. God is individual, incorporeal. He is divine Principle, Love, the universal cause, the only creator, and there is no other self-existence.

SH 295:5 (only)

God creates and governs the universe, including man.

SH 332:4, 19

VIII. Father-Mother is the name for Deity, which indicates His tender relationship to His spiritual creation.

As the apostle expressed it in words which he quoted with approbation from a classic poet:
“For we are also His offspring.”

Father-
Mother

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

Holy Ghost
or Comforter

Love, and leading into all truth.

SH 136:1–6

- 1 Jesus established his church and maintained his mission
on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing. He taught
3 his followers that his religion had a divine
Principle, which would cast out error and heal
both the sick and the sinning. He claimed no intelli-
6 gence, action, nor life separate from God.

The
Christ-mission

SH 332:29

- He expressed the highest type of
30 divinity, which a fleshly form could express in that age.
Into the real and ideal man the fleshly element cannot
enter. Thus it is that Christ illustrates the coincidence,
1 or spiritual agreement, between God and man in His
image.

SH 333:19–23, 26–27

- Throughout all generations both before and
after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spirit-
21 ual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some
measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive
Christ, Truth.

The divine
Principle
and idea

- The divine image, idea, or Christ was, is, and
27 ever will be inseparable from the divine Principle, God.

SH 326:12–21

- 12 We must forsake the foundation of material systems,
however time-honored, if we would gain the Christ as
our only Saviour. Not partially, but fully, the great
15 healer of mortal mind is the healer of the body.

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained
now. This point won, you have started as you should.

18 You have begun at the numeration-table of Christian
Science, and nothing but wrong intention can hinder your
advancement. Working and praying with true motives,
21 your Father will open the way.

SH 336:9–12, 25–26; 337:14

9 XXII. Immortal man was and is God's image or idea,
even the infinite expression of infinite Mind, and immor-
tal man is coexistent and coeternal with that
12 Mind.

The real
manhood

XXIV. God, the divine Principle of man, and man in
God's likeness are inseparable, harmonious, and eternal.

XXVI. Christian Science demonstrates that none but
15 the pure in heart can see God, as the gospel
teaches. In proportion to his purity is man
perfect; and perfection is the order of celestial
18 being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life's spiritual
ideal.

Purity the
path to
perfection

SH 15:25

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden
from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness,
27 purity, and affection are constant prayers.
Practice not profession, understanding not
belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and
30 they assuredly call down infinite blessings. Trustworthi-
ness is the foundation of enlightened faith. Without a
fitness for holiness, we cannot receive holiness.

Trustworthy
beneficence

SH 339:25–28

The basis of all health, sin-
lessness, and immortality is the great fact that God is
27 the only Mind; and this Mind must be not merely be-

lieved, but it must be understood.

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