

The Simplicity of the Christ

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Hymn. 231:1–4

O Love, O Life, our faith and sight
Thy presence maketh one;
As, through transfigured clouds of white,
We trace the noonday sun.

We faintly hear, we dimly see,
In differing phrase we pray;
But, dim or clear, we own in Thee
The Light, the Truth, the Way.

To do Thy will is more than praise,
As words are less than deeds;
And simple trust can find Thy ways
We miss with chart of creeds.

Our friend, our brother, and our Lord,
What may thy service be?
Nor name, nor form, nor ritual word,
But simply following thee.

Words: JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

Music: E. Norman Greenwood

Hymn. 49:1–4

Dear Lord and Father of us all,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

Breathe through the pulses of desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from us now the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Words: JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER*

Music: Frederick C. Maker

Hymn. 516:1–4

REFRAIN

It's true: God is good,
It's true: God is good.
It's true: God is good.
God is good! God is good!

Know that God is here,
Know that we are dear,
We are in His care,
God is good, God is good.

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God and man at one,
Man is God's own son,
Love's work now is done,
God is good, God is good.

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Feel God's mercy true,
Feel the Spirit new.
Love Her will to do,
God is good, God is good.

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Ps. 19:7

- 7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD
is sure, making wise the simple.

Gen. 1:1, 26, 27, 31

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them
have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over
the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth
upon the earth.
27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him;
male and female created he them.
31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good.
And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Gen. 2:6, 7, 21, 22

- 6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the
ground.
7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his
nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

- 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
- 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen. 3:1–6

- 1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
- 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
- 3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
- 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
- 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
- 6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

II Cor. 11:3

- 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

I Sam. 17:4–8, 11, 32, 37–40, 42, 45, 46 (to 1st ;), 47–50

- 4 ¶ And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.
- 5 And *he had* an helmet of brass upon his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass.
- 6 And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.
- 7 And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.
- 8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are

ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *am* not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

32 ¶ And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

38 ¶ And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; ...

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of David.

Ps. 116:1, 2, 6

- 1 I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.
- 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.
- 6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

Matt. 8:5–8, 10, 13

- 5 ¶ And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
- 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
- 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.
- 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
- 10 When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- 13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Luke 11:9

- 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

SH 459:24–27

- 24 To mortal sense Christian Science seems abstract, but the process is simple and the results are sure if the Science is understood. The tree must be good, which
- 27 produces good fruit.

Certainty
of results

SH 92:11

- 12 In old Scriptural pictures we see a serpent coiled around the tree of knowledge and speaking to Adam and Eve. This represents the serpent in the act of commending to our first parents the knowledge of good and evil, a knowledge gained from matter,

Knowledge of
good and evil

15 or evil, instead of from Spirit. The portrayal is still
graphically accurate, for the common conception of mortal
18 tal man — a burlesque of God’s man — is an outgrowth
of human knowledge or sensuality, a mere offshoot of
material sense.

SH 214:21

Idolatrous
illusions

21 All
material knowledge, like the original “tree of knowledge,”
multiplies their pains, for mortal illusions would rob God,
24 slay man, and meanwhile would spread their table with
cannibal tidbits and give thanks.

SH 594:1 (only, to .), 8

1 SERPENT (*ophis*, in Greek; *nacash*, in Hebrew). ...

The first
9 audible claim that God was not omnipotent and that
there was another power, named *evil*, which was as real
and eternal as God, good.

SH 469:25–28

We lose the high signification of omnipotence, when
after admitting that God, or good, is omnipresent and
27 has all-power, we still believe there is another
power, named *evil*.

The sole
governor

SH 398:32 Evil

Evil has
1 no power, no intelligence, for God is good, and therefore
good is infinite, is All.

SH 538:15–17

15 The testimony of the serpent is
significant of the illusion of error, of the false claims that
misrepresent God, good.

SH 587:19

Good. God; Spirit; omnipotence; omniscience; omnipresence; omni-action.

SH 3:17–20 We

We admit

- 18 theoretically that God is good, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinite, and then we try to give information to this infinite Mind.

Prayerful
ingratitude

SH 342:2

- 3 The hour has struck when proof and demonstration, instead of opinion and dogma, are summoned to the support of Christianity, “making wise the simple.”

SH 367:3

- 3 The tender word and Christian encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience with his fears and the removal of them, are better than
6 hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame
9 with divine Love.

Genuine
healing

SH 275:17

- No wisdom is wise but His
18 wisdom; no truth is true, no love is lovely, no life is Life but the divine; no good is, but the good God bestows.

SH 205:32

- When we fully understand our relation to the Divine,
1 we can have no other Mind but His, — no other Love, wisdom, or Truth, no other sense of Life, and no consciousness of the existence of matter or error.
3

SH 264:13

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man,
multitudinous objects of creation, which before were
15 invisible, will become visible. When we
realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of
matter, this understanding will expand into self-com-
18 pleteness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other
consciousness.

Self-
completeness

SH 242:9

9 There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ
in divine Science shows us this way. It is to know no
other reality — to have no other conscious-
12 ness of life — than good, God and His reflec-
tion, and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure
of the senses.

The one
only way

SH 19:29

Jesus urged the commandment, “Thou shalt have no
30 other gods before me,” which may be ren-
dered: Thou shalt have no belief of Life as
mortal; thou shalt not know evil, for there is one Life, —
1 even God, good. He rendered “unto Cæsar the things
which are Cæsar’s; and unto God the things that are
3 God’s.” He at last paid no homage to forms of doctrine
or to theories of man, but acted and spake as he was moved,
not by spirits but by Spirit.

Jesus’
sinless career

SH 332:9–11 Christ

9 Christ is the true idea
voicing good, the divine message from God to men speak-
ing to the human consciousness.

SH 323:24, 32–2

24 The true idea of God
gives the true understanding of Life and Love, robs the
grave of victory, takes away all sin and the delusion that
27 there are other minds, and destroys mortality.

Willingness to become as a little child and
1 to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of
the advanced idea.

SH 371:20–25

I would not transform the infant at once into a
21 man, nor would I keep the suckling a lifelong babe.
No impossible thing do I ask when urging
the claims of Christian Science; but because
24 this teaching is in advance of the age, we
should not deny our need of its spiritual unfoldment.

Mind imparts
purity, health,
and beauty

SH 429:4–6

We must begin, however,
with the more simple demonstrations of control, and
6 the sooner we begin the better.

Careful
guidance

SH 485:14–17

Emerge gently from matter into Spirit. Think not
15 to thwart the spiritual ultimate of all things, but come
naturally into Spirit through better health and
morals and as the result of spiritual growth.

Scientific
translations

SH 113:9–11, 16–25

9 The fundamental propositions of divine metaphysics
are summarized in the four following, to me, *self-evident*
propositions.

1. God is All-in-all.

2. God is good. Good is Mind.
- 18 3. God, Spirit, being all, nothing is matter.
4. Life, God, omnipotent good, deny death, evil, sin,
disease. — Disease, sin, evil, death, deny good, omnipo-
21 tent God, Life.

Which of the denials in proposition four is true? Both
are not, cannot be, true. According to the Scripture,
24 I find that God is true, “but every [mortal] man a
liar.”

SH 526:15–17

15 God pronounced
good all that He created, and the Scriptures
declare that He created all.

Record of
error

SH 414:21–22

21 The Scripture declares, “The Lord He is God
[good]; there is none else beside Him.”

SH 339:8–10

God, Spirit, alone created all, and called it
9 good. Therefore evil, being contrary to good,
is unreal, and cannot be the product of God.

Evil not pro-
duced by God

SH 311:4–6 (to 1st .)

God is Mind:
all that Mind, God, is, or hath made, is good, and He
6 made all.

SH 521:5–6

All that is made is
6 the work of God, and all is good.

SH 415:3–5

3 Mind in every case is the
eternal God, good. Sin, disease, and death

Matter is
not inflamed

have no foundations in Truth.

SH 293:28

Christian Science

brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal har-
mony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness
of evil.

SH 547:1

1 A simple statement of Chris-
tian Science, if demonstrated by healing, contains the
3 proof of all here said of Christian Science. If
one of the statements in this book is true, every
one must be true, for not one departs from the stated sys-
6 tem and rule. You can prove for yourself, dear reader,
the Science of healing, and so ascertain if the author has
given you the correct interpretation of Scripture.

Proof given
in healing