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Absent from the body, present with the Lord

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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Forget not who you are, O child of God.
For God demands of you reflection pure;
Your heritage is goodly, and your home,
In Spirit's warm embrace, is safe, secure.

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You are the child of Spirit, sinless, pure—
Yours is a perfect beauty, born of Soul –
Complete with health, vitality, and grace,
For is not God, your Father, perfect, whole?

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Your understanding, too, comes straight from God.
For in that Mind, magnificent and clear,
You are conceived by Love, a perfect child,
Unhampered by the flesh, or doubt, or fear.

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So now look up to God's pure holy light
And greet with fearless joy each coming day.
Of royal birth, you are a King's own child –
And God is yours, and you are God's always.

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There is a presence walks with us
On every pathless way,
A light outshining midday sun
However dark the day.
We reach our hand—and feel God near;
We cry—and She replies.
We open eyes that sense had dimmed;
We stretch our wings and rise
Above the mist, above the dark,
Above the threats of fear,
Upheld by Love that never fails
And is forever near.
We cannot stray beyond Love's care,
For Love does fill all space;

And where we go the path is marked
By angels of Love's grace.

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Hymn 51, 52

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Modern form of tune

Eternal Mind the Potter is,
And thought th' eternal clay:
The hand that fashions is divine,
His works pass not away.
Man is the noblest work of God,
His beauty, power and grace,
Immortal; perfect as his Mind
Reflected face to face.

God could not make imperfect man
His model infinite;
Unhallowed thought He could not plan,
Love's work and Love must fit.
Life, Truth and Love the pattern make,
Christ is the perfect heir;
The clouds of sense roll back, and show
The form divinely fair.

God's will is done; His kingdom come;
The Potter's work is plain.
The longing to be good and true
Has brought the light again.
And man does stand as God's own child,
The image of His love.
Let gladness ring from every tongue,
And heaven and earth approve.

The Bible

Intro: I Cor 5:6 - "...we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord"

1. Gen. 5:1 1st In, 2 (to 1st), 3-5

- 1 In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;
- 2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them,
- 3 ¶ And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:
- 4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:
- 5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

2. I Cor. 15:22 as

- 22 as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

3. Deut. 28:4

- 4 Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

4. Rom. 12:1, 2, 5 (to 3rd ,)

- 1 I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.
- 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- 5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ,

5. John 2:19-21

- 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
- 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?
- 21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

6. Mark 5:35-42

- 35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house certain* which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?
- 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.
- 37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

- 38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.
- 39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.
- 40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.
- 41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.
- 42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was *of the age* of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

7. I Cor. 15:35, 38 God

- 35 But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?
- 38 God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

8. Heb 9:24

- 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

9. Matt. 6:22

- 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

10. II Cor 3:18 we

- 18 we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

11. II Cor. 5:1-6 1st we, 8, 17

- 1 we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
- 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:
- 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.
- 4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* God, who also hath

- 5 given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.
- 6 Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:
- 8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
- 17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

12. I Cor. 6:15 (to ?), 19, 20

- 15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ?
- 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
- 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

13. I Cor 15:48-53

- 48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.
- 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
- 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
- 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

14. Rom. 8:11 if

- 11 if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

15. Phil. 3:13-15, 21

- 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing

ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

- 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

16. I Thess. 5:23 I

- 23 *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

1. SH 216:28-1

- When you say, “Man’s body is material,” I say with Paul: Be “willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” Give up your material belief of mind in matter, and have but one Mind, even God; for this Mind forms its own likeness.

Personal identity

2. SH 353:18-19, 22

- All things will continue to disappear, until perfection appears and reality is reached. When we learn that error is not real, we shall be ready for progress, “forgetting those things which are behind.”

3. SH 402:20-22

- We say that one human mind can influence another and in this way affect the body, but we rarely remember that we govern our own bodies.

The evil of
mesmerism

4. SH 14:1-22

- 14:1 If we are sensibly with the body and regard omnipotence as a corporeal, material person, whose ear we would gain, we are not “absent from the body” and “present with the Lord” in the demonstration of Spirit. We cannot “serve two masters.” To be “present with the Lord” is to have, not mere emotional ecstasy or faith, but the actual demonstration and understanding of Life as revealed in Christian Science. To be “with the Lord” is to be in obedience to the law of God, to be absolutely governed by divine Love, — by Spirit, not by matter.

Bodily presence

- 23 Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual, — neither in nor of matter, — and the body will then utter no complaints. If suffering from a belief in

Spiritualized
consciousness

sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well. Sorrow is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spiritual Life, Truth, and Love. Hence the hope of the promise Jesus bestows: “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; . . . because I go unto my Father,” — [because the Ego is absent from the body, and present with Truth and Love.]

5. SH 325:10-29

In Colossians (iii. 4) Paul writes: “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear [be manifested], then shall ye also appear [be manifested] with him in glory.”
When spiritual being is understood in all its perfection, continuity, and might, then shall man be found in God’s image. The absolute meaning of the apostolic words is this: Then shall man be found, in His likeness, perfect as the Father, indestructible in Life, “hid with Christ in God,” — with Truth in divine Love, where human sense hath not seen man.

Indestructible
being

Paul had a clear sense of the demands of Truth upon mortals physically and spiritually, when he said: “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” But he, who is begotten of the beliefs of the flesh and serves them, can never reach in this world the divine heights of our Lord. The time cometh when the spiritual origin of man, the divine Science which ushered Jesus into human presence, will be understood and demonstrated.

Consecration
required

6. SH 398:1-4, 13

Sometimes Jesus called a disease by name, as when he said to the epileptic boy, “Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.” To the sufferer with the withered hand he said, “Stretch forth thine hand,” and it “was restored whole, like as the other.”

Naming
maladies

7. SH 130:26-32

If thought is startled at the strong claim of Science for the supremacy of God, or Truth, and doubts the supremacy of good, ought we not, contrariwise, to be astounded at the vigorous claims of evil and doubt them, and no longer think it natural to love sin and unnatural to forsake it, — no longer imagine evil to be ever-present and good absent?

All evil
unnatural

8. SH 383:3-20

3 We need a clean body and a clean mind, — a body
rendered pure by Mind as well as washed by water.
One says: “I take good care of my body.”
6 To do this, the pure and exalting influence of
the divine Mind on the body is requisite, and the Christian
Scientist takes the best care of his body when he leaves
9 it most out of his thought, and, like the Apostle Paul, is
“willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be pres-
ent with the Lord.”
12 A hint may be taken from the emigrant, whose filth
does not affect his happiness, because mind and body
rest on the same basis. To the mind equally gross, dirt
15 gives no uneasiness. It is the native element of such a
mind, which is symbolized, and not chafed, by its sur-
roundings; but impurity and uncleanness, which do
18 not trouble the gross, could not be borne by the refined.
This shows that the mind must be clean to keep the body
in proper condition.

A clean mind
and body

9. SH 261:8-11, 21-27, 31

The effect of mortal mind on health and happiness is
9 seen in this: If one turns away from the body with such
absorbed interest as to forget it, the body
experiences no pain.
21 Detach sense from the body, or matter, which is only
a form of human belief, and you may learn the meaning
of God, or good, and the nature of the immu-
24 table and immortal. Breaking away from the
mutations of time and sense, you will neither
lose the solid objects and ends of life nor your own iden-
27 tity.
We should forget our bodies in remembering good and
the human race. Good demands of man every hour, in
262:1 which to work out the problem of being. Consecration
to good does not lessen man’s dependence on God, but
3 heightens it. Neither does consecration di-
minish man’s obligations to God, but shows
the paramount necessity of meeting them. Christian
6 Science takes naught from the perfection of God, but it
ascribes to Him the entire glory. By putting “off the old
man with his deeds,” mortals “put on immortality.”

Unreality of pain

Immutable
identity of man

Forgetfulness of
self

10. SH 262:17-18

18 Job said: “I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the
ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee.”

11. SH 581:23-26 (to 1st .)

BAPTISM. Purification by Spirit; submergence in
24 Spirit.

We are “willing rather to be absent from the body,
and to be present with the Lord.”