

From *Rudimental Divine Science* by Mary Baker Eddy, “This Life, Truth, and Love—this trinity of good—was individualized, to the perception of mortal sense, in the man Jesus. His history is emphatic in our hearts, and it lives more because of his spiritual than his physical healing. His example is, to Christian Scientists, what the models of the masters in music and painting are to artists.” Tonight’s readings focus on the way-shower Christ Jesus as a great light piercing through “benighted understanding.”

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## THE BIBLE

Num. 6:22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Num. 6:23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

Num. 6:24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

Num. 6:25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

Num. 6:26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Num. 6:27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Psa. 80:1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.

Psa. 80:7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psa. 80:8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

Psa. 80:9 Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

Psa. 80:19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Is. 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

Is. 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Is. 60:3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Is. 60:4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee:

Is. 60:11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that *men* may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and *that* their kings *may be* brought.

Is. 60:19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

Is. 60:21 Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Is. 40:5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Mark 10:46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

Mark 10:47 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.

Mark 10:48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on me.

Mark 10:49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

Mark 10:50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

Mark 10:51 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.

Mark 10:52 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.

Mark 8:22 And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

Mark 8:23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

Mark 8:24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

Mark 8:25 After that he put *his* hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

Gen. 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen. 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Gen. 1:4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good:

1Th. 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.

John 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

John 1:8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

John 1:9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Is. 40:3 Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Is. 40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

John 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Matt. 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Matt. 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

Matt. 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

2Tim. 1:7 God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Eph. 4:14 be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Eph. 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Eph. 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Eph. 5:7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Eph. 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Eph. 5:10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Eph. 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.

1John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

1John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1John 2:8 the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

## SCIENCE AND HEALTH

We must give up the spectral at all points. We must not continue to admit the somethingness of superstition, but we must yield up all belief in it and be wise. When we learn that error is not real, we shall be ready for progress, "forgetting those things which are behind."

We admit that black is not a color, because it reflects no light. So evil should be denied identity or power, because it has none of the divine hues.

As a material, theoretical life-basis is found to be a misapprehension of existence, the spiritual and divine Principle of man dawns upon human thought, and leads it to "where the young child was," --even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual sense of being and of what Life includes. Thus the whole earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light, chasing away the darkness of error.

The human thought must free itself from self-imposed materiality and bondage. It should no longer ask of the head, heart, or lungs: What are man's prospects for life?

*Genesis* i. 5. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

All questions as to the divine creation being both spiritual and material are answered in this passage, for though solar beams are not yet included in the record of creation, still there is light. This light is not from the sun nor from volcanic flames, but it is the revelation of Truth and of spiritual ideas. Was not this a revelation instead of a creation? The rays of infinite Truth, when gathered into the focus of ideas, bring light instantaneously, whereas a thousand years of human doctrines, hypotheses, and vague conjectures emit no such effulgence.

Did infinite Mind create matter, and call it *light*? Spirit is light, and the contradiction of Spirit is matter, darkness, and darkness obscures light. Material sense is nothing but a supposition of the absence of Spirit.

Immortal and divine Mind presents the idea of God: *first*, in light; *second*, in reflection; *third*, in spiritual and immortal forms of beauty and goodness. But this Mind creates no element nor symbol of discord and decay. God creates neither erring thought, mortal life, mutable truth, nor variable love.

The objects of time and sense disappear in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind measures time according to the good that is unfolded. This unfolding is God's day, and "there shall be no night there."

Evidence drawn from the five physical senses relates solely to human reason; and because of opacity to the true light, human reason dimly reflects and feebly transmits Jesus' works and words. Truth is a revelation.

JESUS. The highest human corporeal concept of the divine idea, rebuking and destroying error and bringing to light man's immortality.

Jesus represented Christ, the true idea of God. Christ presents the indestructible man, whom Spirit creates, constitutes, and governs.

This Christ, or divinity of the man Jesus, was his divine nature, the godliness which animated him.

The supremacy of Spirit was the foundation on which Jesus built.

Jesus taught but one God, one Spirit, who makes man in the image and likeness of Himself,--of Spirit, not of matter.

The "man of sorrows" best understood the nothingness of material life and intelligence and the mighty actuality of all-inclusive God, good. These were the two cardinal points of Mind-healing, or Christian Science, which armed him with Love.

It is impossible to work from two standpoints. If we attempt it, we shall presently "hold to the one, and despise the other."

Obedience to material law prevents full obedience to spiritual law,--the law which overcomes material conditions and puts matter under the feet of Mind.

To admit that sickness is a condition over which God has no control, is to presuppose that omnipotent power is powerless on some occasions. The law of Christ, or Truth, makes all things possible to Spirit; but the so-called laws of matter would render Spirit of no avail, and demand obedience to materialistic codes, thus departing from the basis of one God, one lawmaker.

Befogged in error (the error of believing that matter can be intelligent for good or evil), we can catch clear glimpses of God only as the mists disperse, or as they melt into such thinness that we perceive the divine image in some word or deed which indicates the true idea,--the supremacy and reality of good, the nothingness and unreality of evil.

Though the way is dark in mortal sense, divine Life and Love illumine it, destroy the unrest of mortal thought, the fear of death, and the supposed reality of error.

The footsteps of thought, rising above material standpoints, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller; but the angels of His presence--the spiritual intuitions that tell us when "the night is far spent, the day is at hand"--are our guardians in the gloom.

The thunder of Sinai and the Sermon on the Mount are pursuing and will overtake the ages, rebuking in their course all error and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven on earth. Truth is revealed.