

Wednesday Reading
July 29, 2020
"Of Thoughts Illumed By Faith*"

The Bible

Hymns: 253, 72, 93

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. Job 14: 1

Bless are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Matthew 5: 6

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom. And over these Presidents of whom Daniel was first for the king should have no damage and Daniel had an excellent spirit in him and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Then all the Presidents sought to find occasion against Daniel. The men could not find any occasion against Daniel except him not worshipping the King but worshipping only his God.

Then these men told the King that Daniel did not obey the King's decree but maketh his petition three times a day. Then the king commanded and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions and said "Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee." Then the King went to his palace and passed the night fasting but his sleep went from him.

The King arose very early the next morning and went in haste unto the den of the lions. And when the King came to the lion's den, he cried with a la men table voice unto Daniel and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

Then was the King exceedingly glad for him and no manner of hurt was found upon Daniel because he believed in his God. Then the King decreed that men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel for he is the living God and stedfast forever. Daniel 6:

And when Jesus was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. Jesus said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And the people came to Jesus, and saw the man that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: Mark 5: 1 – 9, 15

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

We cannot deny that Life is self-sustained, and we should never deny the everlasting harmony of Soul, simply because, to the mortal sense, there is seeming discord. 390: 4-9

Controlled by the divine intelligence, man is harmonious and eternal. 184: 12

When the divine precepts are understood, they unfold the foundation of fellowship, in which one mind is not at war with another, but all have one Spirit, God, one intelligent source, in accordance with the Scriptural command: "Let this Mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Man and his Maker are correlated in Divine Science, and real consciousness is cognizant only of the things of God.

The realization that all inharmony is unreal brings objects and thoughts into human view in the true light, and presents them as beautiful and immortal Harmony in man is as real and immortal as in music. Discord is unreal and mortal. 276: 4-16

If men understood their real spiritual source to be all blessedness, they would struggle for recourse to the spiritual and be at peace; but the deeper the error into which mortal mind is plunged, the more intense the opposition to spirituality, till error yields to Truth. 329: 26

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 consciousness of life--- than good, God and His reflection, and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure of the senses. 242: 9

Mortals are egotists. They believe themselves to be independent workers, personal authors, and even privileged originators of something which Deity would not or could not create. The creations of mortal mind are material. Immortal spiritual man alone represents the truth of creation.

When mortal man blends his thoughts of existence with the spiritual and works only as God works, he will no longer grope in the dark and cling to earth because he has not tasted heaven. Carnal beliefs defraud us. They make man an involuntary hypocrite, — producing evil when he would create good, forming deformity when he would outline grace and beauty, injuring those whom he would bless. He becomes a general miscreator, who believes he is a semi-god. His "touch turns hope to dust, the dust we all have trod." He might say in Bible language: "The good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would not, *that I do.*" There can be but one creator, who has created all. 262: 1-10

Undisturbed amid the jarring testimony of the material senses, Science, still enthroned, is unfolding to mortals the immutable, harmonious, divine Principle--- is unfolding Life and the universe, every present and eternal. 306: 25

Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony. The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace, Thus the dawn of ideas goes on, forming each successive stage of progress. 506: 10

Glory be to God, and peace to the Struggling hearts! 45:15 only
"Of Thoughts Illumed By Faith" – Christ my refuge

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