

WEDNESDAY EVENING READINGS

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“TIME AND SPACE”

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE
AND
SCIENCE & HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES
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TIME

PSALMS

90:1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

ECCLESIASTES

3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it:
15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been;

JOHN

8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.
57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?
58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

SH 333:26-30 (to ;), 32-2 (to ;)

The divine image, idea, or Christ was, is, and ever will be inseparable from the divine Principle, God. Jesus referred to this unity of his spiritual identity thus: “Before Abraham was, I am;” “I and my Father are one;”

By these sayings Jesus meant, not that the human Jesus was or is eternal, but that the divine idea or Christ was and is so and therefore antedated Abraham;

SH 146:26

This healing power of Truth must have been far anterior to the period in which Jesus lived. It is as ancient as "the Ancient of days." It lives through all Life, and extends throughout all space.

SH 84:11

It is the prerogative of the ever-present, divine Mind, and of thought which is in rapport with this Mind, to know the past, the present, and the future.

I JOHN

2: 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

ROMANS

6:23 ... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH**SH 289:1-2**

Truth demonstrated is eternal life.

SH 266:29 (only), 30

Man is deathless, spiritual.

He does not cross the barriers of time into the vast forever of Life, but he coexists with God and the universe.

SH 249:18-20 (to 1st .)

Life is, like Christ, "the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." Organization and time have nothing to do with Life.

SH 468:26 Life

Life is divine Principle, Mind, Soul, Spirit. Life is without beginning and without end. Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of Life, and time is no part of eternity. One ceases in proportion as the other is recognized. Time is finite; eternity is forever infinite. Life is neither in nor of matter. What is termed matter is unknown to Spirit, which includes in itself all substance and is Life eternal. Matter is a human concept. Life is divine Mind. Life is not limited. Death and finiteness are unknown to Life. If Life ever had a beginning, it would also have an ending.

II PETER

3:8 ... beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as

a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

13 ... we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

SH 598:19-1

Year. A solar measurement of time; mortality; space for repentance.

“One day is with the Lord as a thousand years.”(II Peter iii. 8.)

One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity. This exalted view, obtained and retained when the Science of being is understood, would bridge over with life discerned spiritually the interval of death, and man would be in the full consciousness of his immortality and eternal harmony, where sin, sickness, and death are unknown. Time is a mortal thought, the divisor of which is the solar year.

SH 353:14-18 Time

Time has not yet reached eternity, immortality, complete reality. All the real is eternal. Perfection underlies reality. Without perfection, nothing is wholly real.

SH 267:11 man

... man and the spiritual universe coexist with God.

SH 471:19-20 the

... the spirituality of the universe is the only fact of creation.

SPACE

JOHN

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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

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

PSALMS

129:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

SH 520:3-5 The

The depth, breadth, height, might, majesty, and glory of infinite Love fill all space.

SH 331:18-20, 22

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

He fills all space, and it is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and individuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind. Hence all is Spirit and spiritual.

SH 496:3-5 *there*

... there is but one Mind, and this ever-present omnipotent Mind is reflected by man and governs the entire universe.

SH 519:9-10 the (to ,)

... the ideas of God in universal being are complete and forever expressed,...

SH 254:20-21

Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being. Matter disappears under the microscope of Spirit.

MATTHEW

8:5¶ ... 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.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

SH 179:5-7

Science can heal the sick, who are absent from their healers, as well as those present, since space is no obstacle to Mind.

SH 469:23 *evil*

... evil can have no place, where all space is filled with God.

SH 78:17

If Spirit pervades all space, it needs no material method for the transmission of messages. Spirit needs no wires nor electricity in order to be omnipresent.

SH 469:20-21

We can have but one Mind, if that one is infinite.

II CORINTHIANS

5:1 ... 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.
6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

4:18 ... we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

REVELATION

21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

SH 572:19-23, 28-9

In Revelation xxi. 1 we read: —

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

The Revelator had not yet passed the transitional stage in human experience called death, but he already saw a new heaven and a new earth.

Were this new heaven and new earth terrestrial or celestial, material or spiritual? They could not be the former, for the human sense of space is unable to grasp such a view. The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see, — that which is invisible to the uninspired thought. This testimony of Holy Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the unilluminated human mind, the vision is material.

SH 69:2-3 man (to 2nd ,)

... man and the universe are evolved from Spirit, and so are spiritual, ...

SH 509:13-14, 17

Spirit creates no other than heavenly or celestial bodies, but the stellar universe is no more celestial than our earth.

The light of spiritual understanding gives gleams of the infinite only, even as nebulæ indicate the immensity of space.

SH 102:12-13 (to ;)

The planets have no more power over man than over his Maker, since God governs the universe;

SH 209:16

The compounded minerals or aggregated substances composing the earth, the relations which constituent masses hold to each other, the magnitudes, distances, and revolutions of the celestial bodies, are of no real importance, when we remember that they all must give place to the spiritual fact by the translation of man and the universe back into Spirit. In proportion as this is done, man and the universe will be found harmonious and eternal.

SH 125:21-24, 25-32 (to ,)

The seasons will come and go with changes of time and tide, cold and heat, latitude and longitude. The agriculturist will find that these changes cannot affect his crops.

The mariner will have dominion over the atmosphere and the great deep, over the fish of the sea and the fowls of the air. The astronomer will no longer look up to the stars,—he will look out from them upon the universe; and the florist will find his flower before its seed.

Thus matter will finally be proved nothing more than a mortal belief, ...

SH vii:13 (only)

The time for thinkers has come.

From the Christian Science Publications Articles of Laurance Doyle

Mary Baker Eddy once wrote, "We live in an age of Love's divine adventure to be All-in-all" (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, [p. 158](#)). For me, this "adventure" is discovering our family in the universal home of infinite Mind, exploring the constantly unfolding wonders of omnipresent Love, feeling the unlimited freedom of eternal Truth. Our only and actual life-experience is this all-encompassing adventure of divine Love—and that, to me, is the meaning of "All-in-all."

If I had to sum up what Christ Jesus proved and what Mrs. Eddy discovered in three words, I would say, "Reality is perfect!" Jesus did not come here to impress us with miracles—momentarily setting aside the laws of the universe—in order

that he might get us to conform to a certain religious behavior. What would be the point of that? But, on the other hand, if he perceived the much deeper spiritual laws of the universe—only beginning to be hinted at with today's natural sciences—and understood that these perfect laws express the Principle of the universe, infinite Love, then revealing this understanding is a great and wonderful purpose! I can't think of anything more sacred than to awaken thought to perfect spiritual reality, which results in the healing of limitations of any kind, freeing ourselves and others from sickness, sin, and death.

"Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of Life, and time is no part of eternity."—Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health*, [p. 468](#).

The idea of time is an imposed limitation. Similarly, one might say that "*distance* is no part of *infinity*." As one cannot add up all time to get eternity, one cannot add up all the distance and get infinity. One cannot add up all limitations to obtain the unlimited. So, there is no distance between you, as an unlimited idea of the infinite Mind, and all other ideas of creation. Distance doesn't apply to ideas. There's no time or distance between Mind's ideas.

... matter is no part of spiritual substance. The limited version is no part of the unlimited. Matter is the suggestion that ideas have limitations. But infinite Mind could not think of anything finite. It's not possible. There's no quality of finiteness in the infinite Mind. Not one idea of God is finite.

Think of what happened with the bread in the Bible's account of Jesus feeding the multitude, and the pouring of the oil as directed by Elisha. These were demonstrations of the fact that there's no possible way that infinite Mind has ever thought a finite idea, because you just can't have an idea that's not like the Mind that conceives it. Christ Jesus asked essentially the same question Elisha had asked the widow—What have you in the house (in consciousness)? Once the idea or substance was recognized as already present, it could then be demonstrated to be unlimited.

Right place
is not
a space
but
a grace.

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