

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING READINGS**

**DECEMBER 5, 2018**

**“COMPLETENESS”**

### **READINGS FROM THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE & HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES BY MARY BAKER EDDY**

#### **GENESIS**

1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

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.

#### **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;

#### **PSALMS**

89:8 O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee?

11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

37:37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

8:5 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

#### **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

##### **SH 471:17-20**

Man is, and forever has been, God's reflection. God is infinite, therefore ever present, and there is no other power nor presence. Hence the spirituality of the universe is the only fact of creation.

##### **SH 256:29-30**

Finiteness cannot present the idea or the vastness of infinity.

**SH 275:6-15, 20-23**

The starting-point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He is divine Principle.

To grasp the reality and order of being in its Science, you must begin by reckoning God as the divine Principle of all that really is. Spirit, Life, Truth, Love, combine as one, — and are the Scriptural names for God. All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, immortality, cause, and effect belong to God. Divine metaphysics, as revealed to spiritual understanding, shows clearly that all is Mind, and that Mind is God, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, — that is, all power, all presence, all Science.

**SH 519:9-11 *the***

... the ideas of God in universal being are complete and forever expressed, for Science reveals infinity and the fatherhood and motherhood of Love.

**SH 275:24 *all (only)***

... all is in reality the manifestation of Mind.

**PSALMS**

23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**MATTHEW**

6:31 ... take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

33 ... seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.

6:8 ... your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

**JOHN**

6:3 ... Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

5 ¶ When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

## **II CORINTHIANS**

8:15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:

## **PHILIPPIANS**

4:19 ... my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 7:23 *The***

The "divine ear" is not an auditory nerve. It is the all-hearing and all-knowing Mind, to whom each need of man is always known and by whom it will be supplied.

### **SH 494:10**

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

## **MATTHEW**

11:1 ... it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

12:10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

## **MARK**

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

besought him to touch him.

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 aught.

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

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.

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 476:32-4**

Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick.

### **SH 302:18-21 (to ,)**

The Science of being reveals man as perfect, even as the Father is perfect, because the Soul, or Mind, of the spiritual man is God, ...

### **SH 390:7-9**

It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony.

### **SH 406:20-25 We**

We can, and ultimately shall, so rise as to avail ourselves in every direction of the supremacy of Truth over error, Life over death, and good over evil, and this growth will go on until we arrive at the fulness of God's idea, and no more fear that we shall be sick and die.

## **JAMES**

1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

4 ... let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

## **EPHESIANS**

4:7 Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ;

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

## **COLOSSIANS**

2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

4:12 ...stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 147:14-20**

Although this volume contains the complete Science of Mind-healing, never believe that you can absorb the whole meaning of the Science by a simple *perusal* of this book. The book needs to be *studied*, and the demonstration of the rules of scientific healing will plant you firmly on the spiritual groundwork of Christian Science.

### **SH 98:26**

Mystery does not enshroud Christ's teachings, and they are not theoretical and fragmentary, but practical and complete; and being practical and complete, they are not deprived of their essential vitality.

### **519:11**

Human capacity is slow to discern and to grasp God's creation and the divine power and presence which go with it, demonstrating its spiritual origin. Mortals can never know the infinite, until they throw off the old man and reach the spiritual image and likeness. What can fathom infinity! How shall we declare Him, till, in the language of the apostle, "we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ"?

## **LUKE**

15:31 ... thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

## **REVELATION**

1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 353:14-19**

Time has not yet reached eternity, immortality, complete reality. All the real is eternal. Perfection underlies reality. Without perfection, nothing is wholly real. All things will continue to disappear, until perfection appears and reality is reached.

### **SH 202:3**

The scientific unity which exists between God and man must be wrought out in life-practice, and God's will must be universally done.

### **SH 264:15**

When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-completeness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness.

## **PUBLICATIONS QUOTATION**

“Completeness and progress:

By Barbara Vining

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Progress is usually thought of as having to do with time—moving toward something. And completeness is usually thought of as the end result of progress—a time when things are finally complete. But the discovery of Christian Science by Mary Baker Eddy revealed completeness as the starting point of all that is real, and progress as the unfolding of completeness in all its multifarious details.

The very first verse in the Bible says, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” It doesn’t say anything about how *God* began, because God never had a starting point; He just is, and always has been. And it doesn’t say anything about God finding something outside of Himself to create the heaven and earth, because everything is, and always has been complete, within His own being as infinite Spirit; it only needed to be revealed to humanity.

So the account of creation in this first book of Genesis is actually a revealing—or progressive unfolding to human view—of the completeness of God, Spirit, and the universe of spiritual ideas included and forever expressed in multifarious forms within God’s being. Completeness, then, is the only condition of being. As is recorded in Ecclesiastes, “I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it” (3:14).

*The progress of spiritual man, then, is not toward completeness; it is the progressive unfolding of all the details of spiritual completeness—in never-ending freshness and variety.*

To Jesus, healing the sick and reforming the sinner had no time element; it wasn’t a matter of progressing toward completeness; completeness was already the reality to be proved. And the practical result was healing.