

## WEDNESDAY EVENING READINGS

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### “PATIENCE BRINGS PROGRESS AND PEACE”

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

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

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 ¶ And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden.

9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field, which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

#### SCIENCE AND HEALTH

##### SH 162:13-16

The indestructible faculties of Spirit exist without the conditions of matter and also without the false beliefs of a so-called material existence.

##### SH 103:18-23 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .)

As named in Christian Science, animal magnetism or hypnotism is the specific term for error, or mortal mind. It is the false belief that mind is in matter, and is both evil and good; that evil is as real as good and more powerful. This belief has not one quality of Truth.

### **SH 171:25-27**

The so-called laws of matter are nothing but false beliefs that intelligence and life are present where Mind is not.

### **SH 222:31-2**

We must destroy the false belief that life and intelligence are in matter, and plant ourselves upon what is pure and perfect.

## **FROM JAMES IN THE NEW LIVING TRANSLATION**

1:2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

4 ... for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.

6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

12 God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

## **MATTHEW**

5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

5:44 ...Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 253:32-6**

The divine demand, "Be ye therefore perfect," is scientific, and the human footsteps leading to perfection are indispensable. Individuals are consistent who, watching and praying, can "run, and not be weary; . . . walk, and not faint," who gain good rapidly and hold their position, or attain slowly and yield not to discouragement.

### **SH 15:28-30**

Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings.

### **SH 66:19 *hope***

... hope, pray, and wait patiently on divine wisdom to point out the path.

## **ROMANS**

5:3 ... tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

13:11 ... now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

5:1 ... we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

## **HEBREWS**

12:1 ... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ...

10:36 ... ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 96:12**

This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismay; on the other side there will be Science and peace. The breaking up of material beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new phases until their nothingness appears. These disturbances will continue until the end of error, when all discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth.

### **SH 485:14-17**

Emerge gently from matter into Spirit. Think not to thwart the spiritual ultimate of all things, but come naturally into Spirit through better health and morals and as the result of spiritual growth.

### **SH 254:27-28**

If you launch your bark upon the ever-agitated but healthful waters of truth, you will encounter storms.

### **SH 454:22**

Wait patiently for divine Love to move upon the waters of mortal mind, and form the perfect concept. Patience must "have her perfect work."

## **JOB**

22:21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.

26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee,

28 ... and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 261:32-1**

Good demands of man every hour, in which to work out the problem of being.

### **SH 4:3-5**

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.

### **SH 322:26-29**

The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless woes, turn us like tired children to the arms of divine Love.

### **SH 265:28**

The pains of sense quickly inform us that the pleasures of sense are mortal and that joy is spiritual.

## **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.

22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

## **PROVERBS**

3:1 ... forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments;

2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5 ¶ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

13 ¶ Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.  
18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her:

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 538:13-14**

The "tree of life" is significant of eternal reality or being.

### **SH 426:5-14**

The discoverer of Christian Science finds the path less difficult when she has the high goal always before her thoughts, than when she counts her footsteps in endeavoring to reach it. The struggle for Truth makes one strong instead of weak, resting instead of wearying one. If the belief in death were obliterated, and the understanding obtained that there is no death, this would be a "tree of life," known by its fruits.

### **SH 37:22-25**

It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

### **SH 254:6-8, 10-12**

God requires perfection, but not until the battle between Spirit and flesh is fought and the victory won.

When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path.

## **ISAIAH**

35:3¶ Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing:

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness;

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

35:2 ... they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **S&H 264:28**

When we learn the way in Christian Science and recognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and understand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven and man.

**SH 506:10**

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.

**PERIODICALS EXCERPTS****“Patience”**

**By H. Victoria Burness**

**Christian Science Sentinel, November 5, 1932**

Patience is a vital, active, unconquerable quality which rests upon the knowledge of the all-power of God, and therefore enables one to hold steadfastly to the truth of being in face of any seeming difficulty.

**Excerpts from Articles by Milton Simon**

Trusting God is not passive resignation to something indefinite, nor is it lukewarm wishful thinking. It is an alert, intelligent, spiritually mental activity.

Having gained the sweet assurance that God is Love, unchanging Principle, one can trust Him with more certainty than one can trust anything visible to the material senses.

True trust does not give up in times of stress or give way before seeming defeat. In handling financial problems, one can start now and put trust in God. When situations seem acute, the anxiety is often over a condition, which has not yet come to pass, fear and worry about what one may lack at some future time. But it is, and always will be, impossible for God not to be God.

Man, God’s idea, is never separated from but abides in Mind. He is not a material personality in a discordant situation from which he needs to be extricated; his individuality is completely spiritual. The relinquishment of the false belief that a problem, whether sickness or frustration, is personal, and the recognition that it is an illusion, in an impersonal, false sense, aids in demonstrating man’s flawless spiritual individuality.

There is no power that can resist or defeat conscious, wholehearted, understanding trust in God, good.

**“On the Side of Wisdom and Peace”**

**By Bill Moody**

**Christian Science Sentinel**

In truth, we are not mere mortals struggling to become more peaceful. We are the very image and likeness of God, the source and substance of all that is good.

Peace is a permanent quality of God, divine Love, reflected throughout His creation, and therefore inherent in each man, woman, and child as an actual attribute of their being. In a very real and fundamental sense, peace is a vital part of who we are.