

WEDNESDAY EVENING READINGS

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“LISTENING – COMMUNING WITH GOD”

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

PROVERBS

4:20 ¶ My son, attend to my words;

21... keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

2:1 ... if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

DEUTERONOMY

27:1 And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, ...

30:11 ¶ ... this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, ...

ISAIAH

28:23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.

30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

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SH 332:9-11 *Christ*

Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness.

SH xi:9

The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation. Now, as then, these mighty works are not supernatural, but supremely natural. They are the sign of Immanuel, or "God with us,"--a divine influence ever present in human consciousness and repeating itself, coming now as was promised aforetime,

*To preach deliverance to the captives [of sense],
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised.*

SH 84:14

Acquaintance with the Science of being enables us to commune more largely with the divine Mind, to foresee and foretell events which concern the universal welfare, to be divinely inspired, — yea, to reach the range of fetterless Mind.

I SAMUEL

3:4 ... the Lord called Samuel:

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth.

I KINGS

18:22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

3 And ... he arose, and went for his life, ...

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

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SH 323:28-2

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the "still, small voice" of Truth uttering itself. We are either turning away from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going up higher.

SH 559:8-12

The “still, small voice” of scientific thought reaches over continent and ocean to the globe’s remotest bound. The inaudible voice of Truth is, to the human mind, “as when a lion roareth.” It is heard in the desert and in dark places of fear.

SH 308:14-15

The Soul-inspired patriarchs heard the voice of Truth, and talked with God as consciously as man talks with man.

DANIEL

6:16 ... the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 ... the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions’ mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

ACTS

5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

12 ¶ And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people;

17 ¶ Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, ...

SCIENCE & HEALTH**SH 581:4-5 (to ;)**

Angels. God’s thoughts passing to man; spiritual intuitions, pure and perfect;

SH 298:28-30

Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their individualism may be.

SH 299:11-12, 15

Angels are God’s representatives.

By giving earnest heed to these spiritual guides they tarry with us, and we entertain “angels unawares.”

SH 372:14-17

When man demonstrates Christian Science absolutely, he will be perfect. He can neither sin, suffer, be subject to matter, nor disobey the law of God. Therefore he will be as the angels in heaven.

MATTHEW

20:20 ¶ Then came to him the mother of Zebedee’s children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask.

MARK

9:2 ¶ And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son:

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SH 75:21

When you can waken yourself or others out of the belief that all must die, you can then exercise Jesus’ spiritual power to reproduce the presence of those who have thought they died, — but not otherwise.

SH 78:6-8

How unreasonable is the belief that we are wearing out life and hastening to death, and that at the same time we are communing with immortality!

SH 76:11-15 *Spirit*

Spirit never entered matter and was therefore never raised from matter. When advanced to spiritual being and the understanding of God, man can no longer commune with matter; neither can he return to it, any more than a tree can return to its seed.

SH 75:25-1

There is one possible moment, when those living on the earth and those called dead, can commune together, and that is the moment previous to the transition, — the moment when the link between their opposite beliefs is being sundered. In the vestibule

through which we pass from one dream to another dream, or when we awake from earth's sleep to the grand verities of Life, the departing may hear the glad welcome of those who have gone before.

LUKE

24:1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

13 ¶ And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

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SH 46:5

In the walk to Emmaus, Jesus was known to his friends by the words, which made their hearts burn within them, and by the breaking of bread. The divine Spirit, which identified Jesus thus centuries ago, has spoken through the inspired Word and will speak through it in every age and clime. It is revealed to the receptive heart, and is again seen casting out evil and healing the sick.

REVELATION

3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

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.

PSALMS

46:10 Be still, and know that I am God:

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;

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SH 224:22

A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrating justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness and in health, stands at the door of this age, knocking for admission. Will you open or close the door upon this angel visitant, who cometh in the quiet of meekness, as he came of old to the patriarch at noonday?

SH 571:12 (only) *listen*

... listen and be wise.

Publications Quotation

“Still small voice”

By Joni Overton-Jung

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I.

can you

see the face of the sky?

read the signs of the times? ¹

gauge the tenor of thought?

discern the state of things within?

is there a storm brewing?

floods of fear

waves of rage

hateful righteousness

reaching a boiling point?

we are being called

not to be a barometer

for world currents:

suggestion, projection,

manipulation

but to sift real
from unreal
to heed the
still small voice within ²

Elijah heard it
on the mountain
as he faced
wind
earthquake
fire

and right there—
he heard
the still small voice
of God

stilling the storm
lighting the dark—
peace breaking through

suddenly the world
is seen
as God sees:
safe, intact, assured.

II.

today,
instead of railing,
wondering,
blaming,
being transfixed
by portent of the times

we could,
like Elijah,
make our way higher,
find the center of our hearts—
not turn away,
but turn towards
the face of God

and there in some hush
an assurance—
insistent stillness—
hear, see, feel God, good
embracing the universe
in impartial, impervious
tenderness

here is where we see the face of the sky
discern the real signs of the times
storms find their stillness
fires burn but do not consume
the earth moves in wonder
all things are safe, intact, assured
everything about us
sings for joy.

¹ Matthew 16:3

² I Kings 19:12

“Christian Science versus Pantheism”

By Mary Baker Eddy

PAN 14:4

Once more I write, Set your affections on things above; love one another; commune at the table of our Lord in one spirit; worship in spirit and in truth; and if daily adoring, imploring, and living the divine Life, Truth, Love, thou shalt partake of the bread that cometh down from heaven, drink of the cup of salvation, and be baptized in Spirit.