

# Overcoming Racial and Cultural Divisions

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Hymns 105, 217, 221

John 7:24

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Rom. 10:12, 13

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Gal. 3:26-28 ye

26 ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Num. 12:1-9

1 AND Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard *it*.

3 (Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)

4 And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood *in* the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, *I* the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, *and* will speak unto him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses *is* not so, who *is* faithful in all mine house.

8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

## John 13:34, 35

- 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- 35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

## John 4:5-15

- 5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
- 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.
- 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
- 8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)
- 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
- 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.
- 11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?
- 12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?
- 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
- 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
- 15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

## I John 2:9-11

- 9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.
- 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
- 11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his

eyes.

#### I John 4:21

- 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

#### Luke 10:25-37

- 25 ¶ And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
- 26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?
- 27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.
- 28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.
- 29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?
- 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.
- 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him*, and passed by on the other side.
- 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*,
- 34 And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
- 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
- 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

#### Heb 13:1

- 1 LET brotherly love continue.

## SH 8:28-30; 9:5-24

We should examine ourselves and learn what is the affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way only can we learn what we honestly are.

Searching  
the heart

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these questions: Do we love our neighbor better because of this asking? Do we pursue the old selfishness, satisfied with having prayed for something better, though we give no evidence of the sincerity of our requests by living consistently with our prayer? If selfishness has given place to kindness, we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great duty simply by asking that it may be done. There is a cross to be taken up before we can enjoy the fruition of our hope and faith.

Summit of  
aspiration

Dost thou “love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”?

This command includes much, even the surrender of all merely material sensation, affection, and worship. This is the El Dorado of Christianity. It involves the Science of Life, and recognizes only the divine control of Spirit, in which Soul is our master, and material sense and human will have no place.

Practical religion

## SH 55:16-21

My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as himself, — when he shall realize God’s omnipotence and the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done and is doing for mankind.

## SH 205:22-18

When we realize that there is one Mind, the divine law of loving our neighbor as ourselves is unfolded; whereas a belief in many ruling minds hinders man’s normal drift towards the one Mind, one God, and leads human thought into opposite channels where selfishness reigns.

Redemption from  
selfishness

Selfishness tips the beam of human existence towards

the side of error, not towards Truth. Denial of the one-  
 30 ness of Mind throws our weight into the scale, not of  
 Spirit, God, good, but of matter.

When we fully understand our relation to the Divine,  
 206:1 we can have no other Mind but His, — no other Love,  
 wisdom, or Truth, no other sense of Life, and no con-  
 3 sciousness of the existence of matter or error.

The power of the human will should be exercised only  
 in subordination to Truth; else it will misguide the judg-  
 6 ment and free the lower propensities. It is the  
 province of spiritual sense to govern man.  
 Material, erring, human thought acts injuriously both  
 9 upon the body and through it.

Will-power is capable of all evil. It can never heal  
 the sick, for it is the prayer of the unrighteous; while  
 12 the exercise of the sentiments — hope, faith, love — is the  
 prayer of the righteous. This prayer, governed by Science  
 instead of the senses, heals the sick.

In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that  
 whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with  
 the loaves and the fishes, — Spirit, not matter, being the  
 18 source of supply.

#### SH 340:23-29

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; con-  
 24 stitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the  
 Scripture, “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” annihilates  
 pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in  
 27 social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes;  
 equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves  
 nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

#### SH 467:1-16

467:1 *Question.* — What are the demands of the Science of  
 Soul?

3 *Answer.* — The first demand of this Science is, “Thou  
 shalt have no other gods before me.” This *me* is Spirit.  
 Therefore the command means this: Thou shalt  
 6 have no intelligence, no life, no substance, no  
 truth, no love, but that which is spiritual. The second  
 is like unto it, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

Will-power  
 unrighteous

Two chief  
 commands

9 It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one  
 Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love.  
 Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact  
 12 becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brother-  
 hood of man will be established. Having no other gods,  
 turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide  
 15 him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, hav-  
 ing that Mind which was also in Christ.

## SH 560:10-17

Heaven represents harmony, and divine Science inter-  
 prets the Principle of heavenly harmony. The great  
 12 miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and  
 the grand necessity of existence is to gain the  
 true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of  
 15 heaven in man. This goal is never reached while we  
 hate our neighbor or entertain a false estimate of any-  
 one whom God has appointed to voice His Word.

True estimate of  
 God's messenger

## SH 518:13

God gives the lesser idea of Himself for a link to the  
 greater, and in return, the higher always protects the  
 15 lower. The rich in spirit help the poor in  
 one grand brotherhood, all having the same  
 Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth  
 18 his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in  
 another's good. Love giveth to the least spiritual idea  
 might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through  
 21 all as the blossom shines through the bud. All the varied  
 expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality —  
 infinite Life, Truth, and Love.

Assistance in  
 brotherhood

## SH 42:1-3

42:1 Jesus' life proved, divinely and scientifically, that God  
 is Love, whereas priest and rabbi affirmed God to be a  
 3 mighty potentate, who loves and hates.

## SH 43:32 Love (only)

Love must triumph over hate.

## SH 241:9

Falsehood, envy,

hypocrisy, malice, hate, revenge, and so forth, steal away  
the treasures of Truth. Stripped of its coverings, what  
12 a mocking spectacle is sin!

## SH 339:2-3

339:1 Divine Life destroys death, Truth destroys  
3 error, and Love destroys hate.

Divine pardon

## SH 420:3-4

Truth not error, Love  
not hate, Spirit not matter, governs man.

## SH 454:9

Human hate has no legiti-  
mate mandate and no kingdom. Love is enthroned.  
That evil or matter has neither intelligence nor power,  
12 is the doctrine of absolute Christian Science, and this is  
the great truth which strips all disguise from error.

## SH 569:6-14

6 The Scripture, “Thou hast been faithful over a few  
things, I will make thee ruler over many,” is literally ful-  
filled, when we are conscious of the supremacy  
9 of Truth, by which the nothingness of error  
is seen; and we know that the nothingness of error is in  
proportion to its wickedness. He that touches the hem  
12 of Christ’s robe and masters his mortal beliefs, animality,  
and hate, rejoices in the proof of healing, — in a sweet  
and certain sense that God is Love.

The robe of  
Science

## SH 138:27-2

27 Our Master said to every follower: “Go ye into all the  
world, and preach the gospel to every creature! . . .  
Heal the sick! . . . Love thy neighbor as  
30 thyself!” It was this theology of Jesus which  
healed the sick and the sinning. It is his theology in this  
book and the spiritual meaning of this theology, which  
139:1 heals the sick and causes the wicked to “forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts.”

Healthful  
theology

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