

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING

“Behold, I Make All Things New”

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Hymns: 487, 246, 66

The Bible

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Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

PSALMS (Living Bible)

40:3 He has given me a new song to sing...

II CORINTHIANS

4:16...though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

JEREMIAH

31:31 the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...

LAMENTATIONS

3:22-26 Because of the LORD's gracious love we are not consumed, since his compassions never end. They are new every morning—great is your faithfulness! “The LORD is all I have” says my soul, “Therefore I will trust in him.”

ISAIAH

40:28-31 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

43:18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

ISAIAH (Good News Translation)

65:17 The LORD says, “I am making a new earth and new heavens. The events of the past will be completely forgotten.”

JEREMIAH (New English Translation)

29:11-13 For I know what I have planned for you,’ says the LORD. ‘I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope. When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you seek me with all your heart and soul,

ISAIAH (Living Bible)

43:19 For I'm going to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Don't you see it? I will make a road through the wilderness of the world for my people to go home, and create rivers for them in the desert!

SH 241:13-14

The Bible teaches transformation of the body by the renewal of Spirit.

SH 430:3-5

Mortal mind must part with error, must put off itself with its deeds, and immortal manhood, the Christ ideal, will appear.

SH 66:14

Each successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love.

SH 259:11

The Christlike understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea, — perfect God and perfect man, — as the basis of thought and demonstration.

PSALMS

51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

EZEKIEL

36:16,24-28...I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

ECCLESIASTES (Living Bible)

3:11...God has planted eternity in the hearts of men, even so, many cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

SH 43:17-19

The final demonstration of the truth which Jesus taught, and for which he was crucified, opened a new era for the world.

SH 271:20-22

Our Master said, "But the Comforter . . . shall teach you all things." When the Science of Christianity appears, it will lead you into all truth.

SH 108:30

My discovery, that erring, mortal, misnamed mind produces all the organism and action of the mortal body, set my thoughts to work in new channels, and led up to my demonstration of the proposition that Mind is All and matter is naught as the leading factor in Mind-science.

SH 109:22-24;32-3, 7-12 (np)

The revelation of Truth in the understanding came to me gradually and apparently through divine power. The three great verities of Spirit, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, — Spirit possessing all power, filling all space, constituting all Science, — contradict forever the belief that matter can be actual. Thus it was that I beheld, as never before, the awful unreality called evil. The equipollence of God brought to light another glorious proposition, — man's perfectibility and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

SH 258:13-15

God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis.

SH 425:23-26

Consciousness constructs a better body when faith in matter has been conquered. Correct material belief by spiritual understanding, and Spirit will form you anew.

SH 24:11-13

He to whom “the arm of the Lord” is revealed will believe our report, and rise into newness of life with regeneration.

SH 246:29

Let us then shape our views of existence into loveliness, freshness, and continuity, rather than into age and blight.

REVELATION

21:1-5 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. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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. 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...

SH 573:3,28 (only), 31

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 unillumined human mind, the vision is material. This shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages

of consciousness...This is indeed a foretaste of absolute Christian Science. When you read this, remember Jesus' words, "The kingdom of God is within you." This spiritual consciousness is therefore a present possibility.

SH 39:22-25

Now is the time for so-called material pains and material pleasures to pass away, for both are unreal, because impossible in Science.

SH 390:7

It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony. Truth will at length compel us all to exchange the pleasures and pains of sense for the joys of Soul.

II CORINTHIANS

5:17 if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

6:2 ...now is the accepted time;

II CORINTHIANS (J.B. Phillips)

5:16-17 This means that our knowledge of men can no longer be based on their outward lives (indeed, even though we knew Christ as a man we do not know him like that any longer). For if a man is in Christ he becomes a new person altogether—the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

6:2...now is the "acceptable time," and this very day is "the day of salvation."

EPHESIANS

4:17,18,20-24 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

SH 350:6-10

To understand all our Master's sayings as recorded in the New Testament, sayings infinitely important, his followers must grow into that stature of manhood in Christ Jesus which enables them to interpret his spiritual meaning.

SH 349:18-21

The elucidation of Christian Science lies in its spiritual sense, and this sense must be gained by its disciples in order to grasp the meaning of this Science.

SH 123:12

Divine Science, rising above physical theories, excludes matter, resolves things into thoughts, and replaces the objects of material sense with spiritual ideas.

SH 209:31

Spiritual sense is a conscious, constant capacity to understand God. It shows the superiority of faith by works over faith in words. Its ideas are expressed only in “new tongues;” and these are interpreted by the translation of the spiritual original into the language which human thought can comprehend.

SH 281:27

Divine Science does not put new wine into old bottles, Soul into matter, nor the infinite into the finite. Our false views of matter perish as we grasp the facts of Spirit. The old belief must be cast out or the new idea will be spilled, and the inspiration, which is to change our standpoint, will be lost. Now, as of old, Truth casts out evils and heals the sick.

SH 201:7-9 (Truth)

Truth makes a new creature, in whom old things pass away and “all things are become new.”

SH 409:23

This mortal is put off, and the new man or real man is put on, in proportion as mortals realize the Science of man and seek the true model.

SH 593:9

Resurrection. Spiritualization of thought; a new and higher idea of immortality, or spiritual existence; material belief yielding to spiritual understanding.

ROMANS (Easy to Read Version)

6:4...we were buried with Christ and took part in his death. And just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father, so we can now live a new life.

I PETER

1:3 Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope,

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. Willingness to become as a little child and to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea.

COLOSSIANS (J.B. Phillips)

3:8,10...put all these things behind you...Don't tell each other lies any more, for you have finished with the old man and all he did and have begun life as the new man, who is out to learn what he ought to be, according to the plan of God.

JOEL

2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten,

SH 347:14

Christ, as the spiritual or true idea of God, comes now as of old, preaching the gospel to the poor, healing the sick, and casting out evils. Is it error which is restoring an essential element of Christianity, — namely, apostolic, divine healing? No; it is the Science of Christianity which is restoring it, and is the light shining in darkness, which the darkness comprehends not.

SH vii:13 (only);22-23,4 (np)

The time for thinkers has come. A book introduces new thoughts, but it cannot make them speedily understood. To develop the full might of this Science, the discords of corporeal sense must yield to the harmony of spiritual sense, even as the science of music corrects false tones and gives sweet concord to sound.

SH 39:18-22

“Now,” cried the apostle, “is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation,” — meaning, not that now men must prepare for a future-world salvation, or safety, but that now is the time in which to experience that salvation in spirit and in life.

SH 249:6-10

Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy. Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.” Such is the true Science of being.

SH 91:1-8

The Revelator tells us of “a new heaven and a new earth.” Have you ever pictured this heaven and earth, inhabited by beings under the control of supreme wisdom? Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and Love. Here is the great point of departure for all true spiritual growth.

SUPPLEMENTAL READINGS**“Experience Renewal Today”**

By Lyle Young

Christian Science Journal, January 2019

...A friend once shared with me a fresh way of thinking of the Revelation passage, “Behold, I make all things new.” The insight was to think of the passage as, “Behold, I make all things *now*.” In truth, the only possible time for renewal is this moment. Only at this instant, not at some regretful point in the past nor even at some point in the future, can we rededicate our lives to the God who is unopposed divine Love. Only at this moment can we abandon the belief that we are separated from God and subject to discord. Only now can we claim our highest possible calling—that of being the perfect spiritual individuality that God has created us to be....

PROSE WORKS

by Mary Baker Eddy

The restoration of pure Christianity rests solely on spiritual understanding, spiritual worship, spiritual power. (My. 152:12-13)

This was an emphatic rule of St. Paul: “Behold, now is the accepted time.” We own no past, no future, we possess only now. (My 12:20-21)