

WEDNESDAY EVENING READINGS

“The Scientific Statement of Being”

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The Bible

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

SH 468:9-10

There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter.

SH 468:26-30

Life is divine Principle, Mind, Soul, Spirit. Life is without beginning and without end. Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of Life, and time is no part of eternity. One ceases in proportion as the other is recognized.

SH 469:1-4

Life is neither in nor of matter. What is termed matter is unknown to Spirit, which includes in itself all substance and is Life eternal. Matter is a human concept. Life is divine Mind.

SH 335:7–12

Spirit, God, has created all in and of Himself. Spirit never created matter. There is nothing in Spirit out of which matter could be made, for, as the Bible declares, without the Logos, the Æon or Word of God, “was not anything made that was made.”

SH viii:12–15

...What is Truth, is answered by demonstration, — by healing both disease and sin; and this demonstration shows that Christian healing confers the most health and makes the best men.

SH 469:8-9

Intelligence is omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence. It is the primal and eternal quality of infinite Mind, of the triune Principle, — Life, Truth, and Love, — named God.

SH 2:23–25 2nd God

God is intelligence. Can we inform the infinite Mind of anything He does not already comprehend?

SH 468:17

Substance is that which is eternal and incapable of discord and decay. Truth, Life, and Love are substance, as the Scriptures use this word in Hebrews: “The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Spirit, the synonym of Mind, Soul, or God, is the only real substance. The spiritual universe, including individual man, is a compound idea, reflecting the divine substance of Spirit.

SH 301:12–13, 17–24

As God is substance and man is the divine image and likeness, man should wish for, and in reality has, only the substance of good, the substance of Spirit, not matter. The belief that man has any other substance, or mind, is not spiritual and breaks the First Commandment, Thou shalt have one God, one Mind. Mortal man seems to himself to be material substance, while man is “image” (idea).

SH 504:29–31

Material sense is nothing but a supposition of the absence of Spirit.

SH 114:29

Science shows that what is termed matter is but the subjective state of what is termed by the author mortal mind.

SH 468:10-11

All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all.

GENESIS

1:31 (to 1st.); 2:1 God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. ...Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

PSALMS

90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

139:1,7-10 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me... Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

JOHN

1:1,3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

I CHRONICLES

29:11 Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

ISAIAH

40:18, 26 (to .) To whom then will ye liken God...Have ye not known? have ye not heard? ...Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things,

SH 583:20

Creator. Spirit; Mind; intelligence; the animating divine Principle of all that is real and good; self-existent Life, Truth, and Love; that which is perfect and eternal; the opposite of matter and

evil, which have no Principle; God, who made all that was made and could not create an atom or an element the opposite of Himself.

SH 151:26–28

All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal.

SH 468:11-12

Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error.

JOHN (New English Translation)

4:7-11,13-14,22-26... a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ The Samaritan woman said, ‘What! You, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a Samaritan woman?’ Jesus answered her, ‘If only you knew what God gives, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.’ ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘you have no bucket and this well is deep, How can you give me “living water?”’ Jesus said, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I shall give him will never suffer thirst any more. The water that I shall give him will be an inner spring always welling up for eternal life.’ “You Samaritans worship without knowing what you worship, while we worship what we know... the time approaches, indeed it is already here, when those who are real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Such are the worshippers whom the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.’ The woman answered, ‘I know that Messiah’ (that is Christ) ‘is coming. When he comes he will tell us everything.’ Jesus said, ‘I am he, I who am speaking to you now.’

SH 190:17

This mortal seeming is temporal; it never merges into immortal being, but finally disappears, and immortal man, spiritual and eternal, is found to be the real man.

SH 72:13

Mortal belief (the material sense of life) and immortal Truth (the spiritual sense) are the tares and the wheat, which are not united by progress, but separated.

SH 468:12–13

Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal.

JOHN

3:1–6 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

SH 71:1–2 (to 1st .)

Nothing is real and eternal, — nothing is Spirit, — but God and His idea.

SH 173:11-12

What is termed matter manifests nothing but a material mentality

SH 468:13–14

Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness.

JOHN (New English Translation)

4:24 God is Spirit,

GENESIS

1:27... God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

SH 115:15–16

Man: God's spiritual idea, individual, perfect, eternal.

SH 29:30–32

Man as the offspring of God, as the idea of Spirit, is the immortal evidence that Spirit is harmonious and man eternal.

SH 95:30–32

Material sense does not unfold the facts of existence; but spiritual sense lifts human consciousness into eternal Truth.

SH 468:14

Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

ROMANS

8:9 ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit,

EPHESIANS (Good News Translation)

4:22-24 get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to—the old self that was being destroyed by its deceitful desires. Your hearts and minds must be made completely new, and you must put on the new self, which is created in God's likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy.

JOHN (J.B. Phillips)

6:63 It is the Spirit which gives life. The flesh will not help you. The things which I have told you are spiritual and are life.

SH 300:9

So far as the scientific statement as to man is understood, it can be proved and will bring to light the true reflection of God — the real man, or the new man (as St. Paul has it).

SH 69:2-5

The scientific fact that man and the universe are evolved from Spirit, and so are spiritual, is as fixed in divine Science as is the proof that mortals gain the sense of health only as they lose the sense of sin and disease.

SH 468:8-15

Question. — What is the scientific statement of being?

Answer. — *There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.*

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.

JOHN

14:15-18 If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

JOHN

8:32 ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

SH 588:7

Holy Ghost. Divine Science; the development of eternal Life, Truth, and Love.

SH 313:23-26

Jesus of Nazareth was the most scientific man that ever trod the globe. He plunged beneath the material surface of things, and found the spiritual cause.

SH 108:1-4

Whence came to me this heavenly conviction, — a conviction antagonistic to the testimony of the physical senses? According to St. Paul, it was “the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.”

SH 268:6-9

Belief in a material basis, from which may be deduced all rationality, is slowly yielding to the idea of a metaphysical basis, looking away from matter to Mind as the cause of every effect.

SH 450:27-4

Who, that has felt the perilous beliefs in life, substance, and intelligence separated from God, can say that there is no error of belief? Knowing the claim of animal magnetism, that all evil

combines in the belief of life, substance, and intelligence in matter, electricity, animal nature, and organic life, who will deny that these are the errors which Truth must and will annihilate? Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate.

SH vii:13

The time for thinkers has come

SUPPLEMENTAL READING
"The Scientific Statement of Being"
By Duncan Sinclair
Christian Science Sentinel, April 1937

... "The scientific statement of being" is of paramount importance to humanity, since the truth about God and man is stated therein, concisely and comprehensively. Definitions are valuable because as a rule they serve to crystallize or formulate thought—precisely what this statement does. One can return to it repeatedly and by contemplation of its truths have one's understanding refreshed on the nature of God and man, and his conviction strengthened regarding the allness of Spirit and the unreality of matter. It is like a well in an oasis in the desert, whence flows perpetually a stream of refreshing water.

The experience of many students of Christian Science is that when a difficulty has suddenly presented itself to them, and right thinking at the moment seemed difficult, "the scientific statement of being" came to memory to aid them. It may have been only a sentence or two, but it was adequate to bring back to their consciousness the truth of God's allness, His omnipresence and omnipotence, and matter's nothingness... Or "the scientific statement of being," coming to memory, may serve to bring the truth of man's unity with God vividly to one's consciousness, thereby giving the assurance of one's inseparability from Love or Life, and of one's entirely spiritual nature... Further, the truth contained in "the scientific statement of being" may bring a clear realization of true substance, spiritual substance, as opposed to the false sense of material substance... "the scientific statement of being" serves to keep before us the ideal or real man.

Our beloved Leader says (Science and Health, p. 300), "So far as the scientific statement as to man is understood, it can be proved and will bring to light the true reflection of God—the real man, or the new man (as St. Paul has it)." Is not the desire of every genuine Christian Scientist to demonstrate the "new man," his real spiritual selfhood, which is the image or reflection of God? And to do so it is necessary continually to keep before him those fundamental truths which the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science has so concisely stated.