

# FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

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**SUBJECT: Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force? – December 23rd, 2018**

## **Silencing Material Law and its Order of Generation**

**S&H cit. 3. 29:20-24**

**“The illumination of Mary’s spiritual sense put to silence material law and its order of generation, and brought forth her child by the revelation of Truth, demonstrating God as the Father of men.”**

This sentence is filled with so much!

The phrase “material law and its order of generation” shows how the human mind is constantly trying to assert itself: You need a man and a woman to have a baby; you need to work a job and then take the money you have earned to the store to buy the loaves and fishes, and even then will only have enough to feed a few people; you need to live your life being humanly good and then move forward to a heavenly “afterlife.” There are so many ways the human mind says “This is the way things are done” and “this is the best you can hope for” and yet Christian Science is little-by-little proving to me that is not how God’s reality works.

That Mary was ready to have “material law” silenced through the illumination of her spiritual sense showed her receptivity and gives me more of an idea of all the work she was faithfully doing. She apparently was doing what is spoken of here in Plainfield: Uncovering error and handling animal magnetism – such as old theology, supposed heredity and gender limitations, and other prevalent beliefs – while expecting only good and

understanding God is the only power. I am so grateful to learn a little more every day about how to “silence material law” and listen more intently to what God is telling me. Only Christian Science as is taught here has made this possible. What a wonderful Lesson this is! Thank you! \*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for your post, proving once again that Christian Science is so exciting to contemplate... and live! I could not imagine having to accept old theology... it just makes no sense and leads to no logical conclusions as it is rooted in human mind conjecture. Ruminating in the human mind never brings satisfaction, or answers, but contemplating the wonderful revelation of the Christ Truth brought to us by Mary Baker Eddy, through spiritual sense, taking deep draughts of Truth in the Divine Mind, is so utterly uplifting and healing! There is endless opportunity for new revelations of the Truth, which always lead to healing and progress.

Goodbye material so-called law, hello spiritual regeneration! \*\*\*\*\*

## **The One Question**

This sentence stood out to me while contemplating the Bible Lesson today: “Spiritual causation is the one question to be considered, for more than all others spiritual causation relates to human progress.” (S&H cit. 5, 170:22-24)

Wow! The ONE question! No wonder I felt like I was in a hamster cage for so long, going round and round, feeling like I was never making any progress. I wasn’t considering the one question, spiritual causation, but trying to apply Christian Science to problems that I couldn’t see my way out of, since I was not truly considering how I was

perceiving things—and basically, not being honest with myself. It took a few years of teaching and “tough love” here at Plainfield for me to begin to see my way out of the hole I had made for myself by not obeying God... which meant really listening to Him and getting myself out of the way.

I can understand things now as I never could before. What a wonderful spiritual adventure Christian Science provides! \*\*\*\*\*

Thank you! The citation you picked ends with –  
“The age seems ready to approach this subject, to ponder somewhat the supremacy of Spirit, and at least to touch the hem of Truth’s garment.”  
“170:24”

I, too, love this citation and we know just to touch the hem of Truth’s garment brings spiritual growth and healing. \*\*\*\*\*

### **"This Little Group of Metaphysicians"**

From “The Virgin Mary” by Martha Wilcox –

“...sacred history tells us that in this province of Galilee, and among the common people, was a little group of metaphysical thinkers. Right in the midst of this dense materialistic thinking of the upper class, was this little group, this remnant of Israel who practiced pure and undefiled religion. They taught and practiced the most beautiful moral precepts. In fact, they were full of light in that black night of materialism....

“This little remnant of Israel was undiscouraged for Israel’s deliverance. Their faith in God was unshaken by the blood ravages of Rome. They worshipped the true God of all the religions of that day; none approached the Hebrew religion in purity of doctrine or cleanness of life as shown forth by this little group of metaphysicians.”

The important point here is that this remnant was working and watching from a place of victory, not victimhood. As they grew spiritually, their sense

of *victory having already been achieved* became more real to them than the wretchedness of their physical circumstances. Thus, they gradually removed themselves from the place of emotionally binging on how bad things were, the place of powerless complaining and crying out to God. Over time, they were filled with genuine gratitude and appreciation — and even breathless expectancy — for the new outpouring of Light coming upon the earth, calling those “things which be not as though they were.” (Romans 4:17.)

They filled themselves with an ever-increasing sense of “Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be [against us].” (2 Kings 6:16.) They overwhelmed their doubts by storming them with the promises of God, such as Psalm 27, Psalm 91, and all the songs of the prophets proclaiming the kingdom of God. They watched and prayed from the perspective of glory, not discouragement. This was spiritual warfare waged from the mindset of “It-is-finished: the battle is the Lord’s and it’s already won,” not a far-off victory, but here and now, accepted as a foregone conclusion. (1 Samuel 17:47, 2 Chronicles 20:17.) As Rebecca Greenwood has said, “We pray not *for* victory, but *from* victory.” This is how a little remnant changed history, brought the Light of Christmas to a darkened world. \*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for this very inspiring post! It makes me very grateful for this Independent Church, whose dedicated members work to advance Mary Baker Eddy’s pure revelation of Christian Science, following her only so far as she followed Christ (to paraphrase her own words), and following Christ Jesus in his protestations of Truth, not working up to God, but out from God. \*\*\*\*\*

### **Emmanuel!!**

#### **Emmanuel: GOD WITH US**

I cannot be grateful enough for how this Truth, GOD WITH US, practiced consistently has helped change my life. I know that these three words had to

be repeated so many times in many fearfully appearing situations, and non fearful times, until I felt the Truth in them; and the effect is so beautifully summed up by Kimball in his letter on Body:

*“It is God with us that supplies all wisdom, strength, power and need, silences grief and exterminates all evils, and knowing this — is to be spiritually minded — is to know the Truth and to demonstrate it. When man does not know this he is simply dead.”*

May all at least accept “God With Us” and have faith in it. \*\*\*\*\*

## **SUBJECT: Christian Science – December 30th, 2018**

### **Give You Another Comforter**

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever,” John 14:16”

#### **Pulpit Commentary**

“The greatest Gift – the other Advocate. ... that he may be with you for evermore. ... translate this word “Comforter,” “one called in,” or “called to the side of another” for the purpose of helping him in any way, ... the rabbinic writers adopt the Greek word פִּרְקָלִיט, in opposition to ‘accuser.’ ... the only meaning here that is adequate is that of one who pleads, convinces, who strengthens on the one hand, and defends on the other. Christ, as the Advocate, pleads the believer’s cause with the Father against the accuser... The Advocate who is to be with the disciples forever, arguing down opposition and silencing cavil, is the Spirit of truth. ... the whole of this passage would read, “He will give you another Helper or Advocate, that he may be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot seize (or take from you), because it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye

are learning to know him, because he, according to the eternal laws of his being, dwelleth with you, and will be in you, and be altogether beyond the malice of the world.”

“In the words of St. John: ‘He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.’ This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science.” *Science and Health* p. 55 \*\*\*\*\*

#### **COMFORT (Webster’s 1828)**

“To strengthen; to invigorate; to cheer or enliven, to console; to give new vigor to the spirits; to relieve from depression, or trouble. The title of the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name—he shall teach you all things. John 14:16.”

Before Plainfield, I thought this Comforter was going to bring me a sense of ease, absence of difficulty or effort, no problems. I did not realize that this was impossible because I was seeking ease in sin. It turned out that I needed to face evil; not hide, avoid or run away from it as I was trying to do. This requires understanding how evil operates, how to handle it (prove its nothingness) and keeping a spiritually active thought. In fact, by ignoring evil, I was allowing it to continue. This has been proven each time when I practice the practical Christian Science taught here, where I am finding that even when it seems hard to face evil, there is a strength, peace, and comfort when evil is uncovered and destroyed.

“This spirit of God is made manifest in the flesh, healing and saving men, — it is the Christ, Comforter, ‘which taketh away the sin of the world;’ and yet Christ is rejected of men! The evil in human nature foams at the touch of good; it crieth out, ‘Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, . . . ? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.’ The Holy Spirit takes of the things of God and showeth them unto the creature; and these things being spiritual, they disturb the carnal and destroy it; they are revolutionary, reformatory, and —now, as aforetime — they cast out evils and heal the sick. ... for the spirit giveth him liberty: ‘Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’ ” By Mary Baker Eddy, *Message for 1901* pp.9-10 \*\*\*\*\*

## Faith/Fear Scale

*Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not.* (Isaiah 35: 4)

### Zero Faith

“Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.” (Matthew 17:17. See also Mark 9:19, Luke 9:41)

“And he said unto them, Where is your faith?” (Luke 8:25.)

### Little Faith

“And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?” (Matthew 8:26; fear and faith cannot exist together as equals)

“O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?” (Matthew 14:31.)

### Average Faith

“... according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.” (Romans 12:3 – it’s my responsibility to increase this measure as I mature in spirituality: “For if these things be in you and abound [i.e., If you possess these qualities in increasing measure], they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:8.)

### Great Faith

“I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.” (Matthew 8:10.)

“Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.” (Matthew 15:28.)

### Full of Faith

“For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.” (Acts 11:24.)

### All Faith

” ...though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains ...” (1 Corinthians 13:2.)

## The God Kind of Faith

“Have faith in God [more accurately translated ‘have the faith of God’]. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.” (Mark 11:22-23.)  
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## Will Manifest Myself to Him

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and **will manifest myself to him.**(Emphasis added).

So many times we hear about the emphasis on LOVE and how imperative it is to obey that second commandment. The part about the manifestation in the above citation gives me pause to ponder to what extent I **was** not obeying the commandment to Love and yet was repeating the Scientific Statement of Being (All is Infinite Mind and its Infinite Manifestation) wondering how long a claim would persist, or why I was not seeing the evidence of my prayerful work?

If and when we wonder how long, we can also ask: Am I loving God **supremely** and my neighbor as myself? Mr Kimball’s article, The Attitude of Love: <https://articles.plainfieldcs.com/early-workers/edward-kimball/the-attitude-of-love-by-edward-a-kimball/> has much in there to help us.

How can I be that manifestation without what allows the transparency for the manifestation? Love, the Comforter, is ever at hand, but remains obscured without the vision or the Attitude of Love! Happy Loving, Everyone!