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SUBJECT: Reality – September 29th, 2019

Spiritual and Immortal Reality

I do wonder, sometimes, how people first accepted that the world was NOT flat, but round? The reaction to the Truth of Being as spiritual, immortal, must be the same, and probably worse.

It is radical, revolutionary. And we have all grown up with this perpetuating lie of material self-hood for years. The infinite blessings that do come to anyone who “admits, claims, declares and understands” spiritual immortal being, makes us all yearn that people may come to our website empty, hungering for what they’ve probably spent years seeking and find the Truth at last.

Science and Health, p. 335: Spirit, God, has created all in and of Himself. “Himself” is **Spirit**, hence I cannot be anything but spiritual. Sounds elementary? Yet that is the one thing I better be knowing for myself and all continually in order to feel the all-harmonious of my true being! (“*Our Father which art in heaven, Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious*”). S&H 6: 26-2

As I start to “get” this, I start to see how **IMPOSSIBLE** the lies and the law of the lies are and have been. As Mrs. Eddy says in the Redbook pg. 80, “I don’t care what **mortal sense** has done; I don’t care how it has beat me, and worked me, and insulted me, wronged me and lied to me, and tortured me. It is all past and it is a dream. I have found Love at last. I can lie down in the Father’s arms and be at peace. I love God supremely.”

We are awake on our immortal, spiritual journey... “**Onward, Upward, Heavenward, Outward.**” Can’t be fooled NOW!!*****

Thank you. This post reminds me of watch #122 where Carpenter says “There is no false testimony more persistent than that the sun moves in relation to the earth; yet that constant evidence has not the slightest power to force enlightened people to accept it’s true. If persistence gave false testimony power, then that daily illusion would surely have power over us. Yet it has none. We should adopt this same attitude toward error, namely, that the continuation of its false claims and testimony has no power whatsoever to make us believe in it, once we have learned its illusive nature.” Thank God!! *****

"In The Beginning Was The Word..."

St. John says “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Eustace says in his book page 402 on the bottom numbering, “The metaphysician’s conversation is in heaven. He insists upon finding every word to be of *heavenly origin*, in spite of any distorted meaning. His first and essential duty is to translate every word back to its origin which is God.” This tells me that everything that appears outside of myself, person, place or thing, must be another name for God, despite how it is appearing, pleasing, or not so pleasing.

Therefore, it is not out there somewhere, but here with God and is God and God knows all there is to know about it and is all the substance to it. Eustace again says, “...whether good appears positively or negatively, the metaphysician, like Jesus, knows he is dealing with God.” That assures me that all power is with God and is God and all I need to know about anything is what God says about it.*****

Three words tell us what IS: **I AM ALL**. Infinite All meaning, if not good, it is the counterfeit appearing of what is.

GOD IS, EVIL IS NOT

God is All; there is no evil.
All is harmony; there is no discord.
All is health; there is no sickness.
All is Spirit; there is no matter.
All is joy; there is no sorrow.
All is Truth; there is no falsehood.
All is faith; there is no fear.
All is Life; there is no death.
All is Love; there is no hate. Bluebook pg. 282

Thanks for your post, wonderful reminder!!

Bible Inspiration and Spiritual Laws

Science and Health, p. 319: 21-23
“The divine Science taught in the original language of the Bible came through inspiration, and needs inspiration to be understood.”
I found this in *Mary Baker Eddy: Her Spiritual Footsteps* by Gilbert Carpenter:

“On the surface, the Bible seems to be personal and to refer merely to the incidents significant and insignificant in the lives of those who lived many hundreds of years ago. Yet, because the histories of these patriarchs, prophets and saints can be shown to have embodied universal spiritual rules. The first step in understanding the Bible must be to begin discovering these universal laws buried beneath what seem to be experiences of individuals. The Bible is like the light from some distant star which seems small. Astronomers, however, are able, through that light, to calculate the distance and also the composition of that star. **Similarly, it is possible to discover, exemplified through every incident in the Bible, some universal spiritual law that is infinite in its implication and application.**” *****

Thank you!

II Timothy 3: 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The Bible Studies here at Plainfield teach us the deeper meaning of the Bible and lead us to a better understanding of what the Bible is telling us. When I looked up the Biblical meaning of reproof, it said that the rebuke is not always harsh, and that is exactly what I have experienced from my practitioner, too. This love is meant to guide us and guard us as God directs. We actually are the good soil that God created and our teachers keep us humble and fresh to receive the Word or seed.

"Thy Law Had Been My Delights..."

“Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.” Psalm 119

(Websters Dictionary 1828)

Delight: A high degree of pleasure, or satisfaction of mind; joy; not dependent on sudden excitement.
Perish: To lose life in any manner; to wither and decay;
Affliction: The cause of continued pain of body or mind, as sickness, losses, calamity, adversity, persecution.

This line from this week's Lesson stood out to me today. I saw how love for and obedience to God's word is life and protection. God is Life. During a class at Plainfield church, a participant remarked something to the effect that taking time to spend time with the word of God, prayer, communing with God, is as breathing, and we do not neglect nor forget to breathe. If I feel my joy waning or withering, it is a red flag reminding me to keep my oil replenished. I ask, “How can I be obedient to something I do not know or practice? How can I delight in something without taking time to care for it?” Or perhaps I find out what I love by what I am cherishing, trusting, or spending time with.

I am so grateful to be learning practical tools and the many materials on our website to help us make God's law our delight. *****

SUBJECT: Unreality – October 6th, 2019

Awake From Unreality!!

Science and Health, p. 516 : “God fashions all things, after His own likeness.” What a glorious health-assuring statement! I should take this and sing it in my heart, that God fashioned all things, including me, in His own likeness! I should be consistently grateful for this and joyfully praise His Holy name for this.

Would such a mental attitude not prove this next citation?: *Science and Health*, p. 218 : 32-2
“When we wake to the truth of being, all disease, pain, weakness, weariness, sorrow, sin, death, will be unknown, and the mortal dream will forever cease.”

We cannot be grateful enough for what *Science and Health* explains about God and man! *****

Awake, Awake

GOLDEN TEXT: EPHESIANS 5 : 14

“Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”

In the Lesson this week, from John 11, both Mary and Martha, sisters of Lazarus, both loved Jesus but even they did not understand what he had been saying to them and he groaned in himself. Then he lifted his eyes, gave thanks, and called Lazarus from death. My prayer for myself and others is to Awake. Awake listen and obey. Mrs. Eddy has given us the Little Book to guide us with the Bible .. more we cannot ask .. it is right here just as it was with Jesus if we pay attention. **

“Awake, listen, and obey. ... Mrs. Eddy has given us the Little Book to guide us with the Bible .. more we cannot ask ... it is right here just as it was with Jesus if we pay attention.”
– Thank you for this reminder and your post.

Websters 1828 Dictionary

Awake: To bestir, revive or rouse from a state of inaction; to be invigorated with new life; as, the mind awakes from its stupidity. To rouse from spiritual sleep.(Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Ephesians 5:14.) (Awake to righteousness. 1 Corinthians 15:34.)

“...awakening from this mortal dream, or illusion, will bring us into health, holiness, and immortality. This awakening is the forever coming of Christ, the advanced appearing of Truth, which casts out error and heals the sick.”

– Citation 4 from Lesson, by Mary Baker Eddy, page 230.

Thank you to the Lesson writer.

"According to the dream..."

“A mortal may be weary or pained, enjoy or suffer, according to the dream he entertains in sleep.”
(cit. #12 p. 250 in *Science and Health*)

When I read this, I asked myself, “what dream(s) am I entertaining? Am I entertaining the dream of age, thinking that aches and pains and decrepitude are in my body – my hips, knees or joints, – rather than in a “dream of age” that I’m entertaining? To entertain means to welcome in and host a guest, or to amuse a captive audience.

Am I “entertaining” and welcoming in this unwanted “guest” called age (or any other false belief) into my home – my consciousness? If I do, it’s going to wreak havoc in my “home.” I refuse to be a captive audience to error’s lies.

Thank you, Lesson writer, and Plainfield Church, for the “peals” that help us awake from these slumbering dreams.

(Webster 1828 defines *peal* as “usually a succession of loud sounds, as of bells, thunder, cannon, shouts of a multitude, etc.”) *****

Keep distinctly in thought...

“Keep distinctly in thought that man is the offspring of God, not of man; that man is spiritual, not material; that Soul is Spirit, outside of matter, never in it, never giving the body life and sensation.” (S&H, cit.#10, p. 396)

This morning, I was stopped at the word “distinctly.” One definition in Webster’s 1828 dictionary is: without blending of one part with another. So I must not blend the truth that I am a child of God with the belief that I am a child of material parents, nor blend the truth that I am spiritual, with the belief that I am also material, nor blend the truth that Soul is Spirit (God) with the belief that there is also a soul within my body. I am not two “mans”—a spiritual *and* a material man — but only one, an offspring of God! Such a wonderful God-given thought from Mrs. Eddy!

Heavens of Thought

This morning, I came across a beautiful passage from **Prose Works**, (*The Way*). I’d jotted it down years ago on the backside of a CS pamphlet on spiritual sight. Rereading it again, Mrs. Eddy’s powerfully inspiring words stir such a sense of expansive wonder and awe at God’s infinite Goodness and Love.

“Hold thy gaze to the light, and the iris of faith, more beautiful than the rainbow seen from my window at the close of a balmy autumnal day, will span thy heavens of thought.” (p. 355)

How perfect for this week’s Bible Lesson. “Close your eyes again, and you may see landscapes, men, and women. Thus, you learn that these also are images, which mortal mind holds and evolves and which simulate mind, life, and intelligence. From dreams also you learn that neither mortal mind nor

matter is the image or likeness of God, and that immortal Mind is not in matter.” *****

Thank you so much for this Rae. I love this quote by Mrs. Eddy and do think of it often now that the hand of God is beginning to transform all the summer greens into autumn’s blazing colors. What a tremendous gift we have in Mrs. Eddy’s words and in her works. *****

Christian Scientist’s Prayer

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST’S PRAYER –
There is no matter and no mortal mind. God is All-in-all. All is harmony, health, holiness. This is the prayer ‘unceasing’ to be used on all occasions and at all times. It lays the axe at the root of unreality, materiality (that forbidden tree) and cuts it down. Preserve a sacred silence on this subject of prayer. (Signed, Author of S. & H.) Bluebook pg. 63

Unreal The Ages Long Lament Hymn 391

Why search the future and the past?
Why do ye look with tearful eyes
And seek far off for paradise?
Before your feet Life's pearl is cast.

As deathless as `Love's` spirit free,
The Perfect lives and works today
As in the ancient prophets' lay,
Where there's an open eye to see.

Of all that was and is to come
The present holds the Mind and Cause;
For God lives in eternal laws,
And here today upholds `Love's` throne.

Then rise and greet the signs that prove
Unreal the ages' long lament;
The "one far-off divine event"
Is now, and that event is Love.