

## 4 Wednesday Readings Sept 26 2018 God-Centered Being

### Hymns

#### HYMN 337

Theories, which thousands cherish, Pass like clouds that sweep the sky;  
Creeds and dogmas all may perish; Truth Herself can never die.  
Worldlings blindly may refuse Her, Close their eyes and call it night;  
Learned scoffers may abuse Her, But they cannot quench Her light.  
Thrones may totter, empires crumble, All their glories cease to be;  
While She, Christlike, crowns the humble, And from bondage sets them free.

#### Hymn 392

With love and peace and joy supreme We hail the new appearing;  
From out the darkness and the dream, The haven of rest is nearing.  
With gifts of healing in his wings To light the Christ now guides us,  
The heart that knows him burns and sings, For endless joy betides us.  
His touch the door of Life unseals And bids us freely enter,  
His word the heaven of heavens reveals With Love its bound and center.  
For God is all, and Christ the way; Our meek and bold defender  
Has cleft the night and lo, the day Bursts forth in mighty splendor.

#### Hymn 422

Grace for today, O Love divine, Thee to obey and love alone;  
Losing the mortal will in Thine, Find we a joy before unknown.  
Grace for today, Thou Love divine, Famishing hearts and hopes to feed;  
Blot out all fear, let Thy light shine With tender warmth on all our need.  
Grace for today, Thou Love divine, Patient of heart his way to trace  
Whose pure affections Thee define In tender love and perfect grace.

### Holy Bible

#### 1. Romans 12:9 The Message (MSG)

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

#### 2. I Cor. 2:9 Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

3. Prov. 16:22-24 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it... The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
4. Prov 18:4 The words of a man's mouth *are* as deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.
5. II Cor 1:12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.
6. James 3:1 (to masters),2-5,7,8,10-13,17 -18
- 1MY brethren, be not many masters,  
2For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.  
3Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.  
4Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.  
5Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
- 7For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:  
8But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
- 10Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.  
11Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?  
12Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.  
13Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.  
17But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

**18**And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

7. Job 31:6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.
8. Prov 11:1\_A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight.
9. Prov 16:11\_A just weight and balance are the Lord's: all the weights of the bag are his work.
10. I Cor 12:4-6, 11-14, 27 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.  
And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we *be* Jews or Gentiles, whether we *be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

For the body is not one member, but many.

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

11. Prov 16:1-3 THE preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD.  
Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.
12. Col 3:8-15 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.  
Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;  
And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:  
Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do ye*. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

### Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

1. SH 170:8-10 Christian ideas certainly present what human theories exclude — the Principle of man's harmony.
2. SH 189:5 Science (in this instance named natural) raises the human thought above the cruder theories of the human mind, and casts out a fear.
3. SH 40:8-10 Divine Science adjusts the balance as Jesus adjusted it.
4. SH 265:3-5 Man understands spiritual existence in proportion as his treasures of Truth and Love are enlarged.
5. SH 96: As material knowledge diminishes and spiritual understanding increases, real objects will be apprehended mentally instead of materially.
6. SH 124:2-13 Physical science (so-called) is human knowledge, — a law of mortal mind, a blind belief, a Samson shorn of his strength. When this human belief lacks organizations to support it, its foundations are its own, this belief mistakes effect for cause and seeks to find life and intelligence in matter, thus limiting Life and holding fast to discord and death. In a word, human belief is a blind conclusion from material reasoning. This is a mortal, finite sense of things, which immortal Spirit silences forever.
7. SH 192:21 Your influence for good depends upon the weight you throw into the right scale. The good you do and embody gives you the only power obtainable. Evil is not power. It is a mockery of strength, which ere long betrays its weakness and falls, never to rise.
8. SH 580:28-30 ADVERSARY. An adversary is one who opposes, denies, disputes, not one who constructs and sustains reality and Truth.

9. **SH 449:7-11** The wrong done another reacts most heavily against one's self. Right adjusts the balance sooner or later. Think it "easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle," than for you to benefit yourself by injuring others.
10. **SH 356:7** Discord can never establish the facts of harmony. Matter is not the vestibule of Spirit.
11. **SH 304:** Harmony in man is as beautiful as in music, and discord is unnatural, unreal.
12. **SH 197:16 (only)** We should master fear, instead of cultivating it.
13. **SH 393:16-18** Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind governs, and that in Science man reflects God's government.
14. **SH 192:4-13** We are Christian Scientists, only as we quit our reliance upon that which is false and grasp the true. ... Human opinions are not spiritual. They come from the hearing of the ear, from corporeality instead of from Principle, and from the mortal instead of from the immortal. Spirit is not separate from God. Spirit *is* God. Erring power is a material belief, a blind miscalled force, the offspring of will and not of wisdom, of the mortal mind and not of the immortal.
15. **SH 340:23** One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in 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.
16. **SH 134:21-26** The true Logos is demonstrably Christian Science, the natural law of harmony which overcomes discord, — not because this Science is supernatural or preternatural, nor because it is an infraction of divine law, but because it is the immutable law of God, good.

17. SH 403:16-20 Mortal mind is constantly producing on mortal body the results of false opinions; and it will continue to do so, until mortal error is deprived of its imaginary powers by Truth, which sweeps away the gossamer web of mortal illusion.
18. SH 233:29 The utterance of truth is designed to rebuke and destroy error.
19. SH 97:13-17 The nearer a false belief approaches truth without passing the boundary where, having been destroyed by divine Love, it ceases to be even an illusion, the riper it becomes for destruction.
20. SH 222:31-2 We must destroy the false belief that life and intelligence are in matter, and plant ourselves upon what is pure and perfect.
21. SH 71:2 Evil Evil has no reality. It is neither person, place, nor thing, but is simply a belief, an illusion of material sense.
22. SH 2:15-16 Prayer cannot change the Science of being, but it tends to bring us into harmony with it.
23. SH viii:4 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.
24. SH 447:5-9 In mental practice you must not forget that erring human opinions, conflicting selfish motives, and ignorant attempts to do good may render you incapable of knowing or judging accurately the need of your fellow-men.
25. SH 262:9 We cannot fathom the nature and quality of God's creation by diving into the shallows of mortal belief. We must reverse our feeble flutterings — our efforts to find life and truth in matter — and rise above the testimony of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the God-like man to reach the absolute centre and circumference of his being.
26. SH 203:32-1 God is at once the centre and circumference of being.

27. SH 390:29-4 Rise in the conscious strength of the spirit of Truth to overthrow the plea of mortal mind, *alias* matter, arrayed against the supremacy of Spirit. Blot out the images of mortal thought and its beliefs in sickness and sin.
28. SH 392:5 Fear, which is an element of all disease, must be cast out to readjust the balance for God. Casting out evil and fear enables truth to outweigh error. The only course is to take antagonistic grounds against all that is opposed to the health, holiness, and harmony of man, God's image.
29. SH 234:4-24 Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table, feeding the hungry and giving living waters to the thirsty.  
We should become more familiar with good than with evil, and guard against false beliefs as watchfully as we bar our doors against the approach of thieves and murderers. We should love our enemies and help them on the basis of the Golden Rule; but avoid casting pearls before those who trample them under foot, thereby robbing both themselves and others.  
If mortals would keep proper ward over mortal mind, the brood of evils which infest it would be cleared out. We must begin with this so-called mind and empty it of sin and sickness, or sin and sickness will never cease. The present codes of human systems disappoint the weary searcher after a divine theology, adequate to the right education of human thought.
30. SH 17:5 (only) Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;
31. SH 67:23-24 Grace and Truth are potent beyond all other means and methods.