

April 22nd readings: The light of spiritual understanding!

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The Bible

1. Isa. 9:2

- 2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

2. Ps. 119:105

- 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

3. Gen. 1:1–4

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

4. Ps. 89:15

- 15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

5. Ex. 14:13, 19, 20

- 13 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to-day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.
- 19 ¶ And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:
- 20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

6. Prov. 4:18

- 18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

7. Matt. 4:16

- 16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

8. Luke 1:78, 79

78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,
79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

9. Matt. 5:14–16

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

10. Acts 9:1–9

1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.
9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

11. Rom. 13:12

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

12. Rev. 22:5

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

13. I Pet. 2:9

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

14. I John 1:5

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1. SH 503:12–15

12 Divine Science, the Word of
God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, “God
is All-in-all,” and the light of ever-present Love illumines
15 the universe.

Spiritual
harmony

2. SH xi:9–14

9 The physical healing of Christian Science results
now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine
Principle, before which sin and disease lose their real-
12 ity in human consciousness and disappear as naturally
and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and
sin to reformation.

3. SH 461:11

Only by the illumination of the spiritual sense, can
12 the light of understanding be thrown upon this Science,
because Science reverses the evidence before the material
senses and furnishes the eternal interpretation of God and
15 man.

4. SH 503:18; 504:3–15

18 Genesis i. 3. And God said, Let there be light: and
there was light.

3 Genesis i. 5. And God called the light Day, and the
darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morn-
ing were the first day.

6 All questions as to the divine creation being both
spiritual and material are answered in this passage, for
though solar beams are not yet included in
9 the record of creation, still there is light. This
light is not from the sun nor from volcanic flames, but it
is the revelation of Truth and of spiritual ideas. This
12 also shows that there is no place where God's light is not
seen, since Truth, Life, and Love fill immensity and are
ever-present. Was not this a revelation instead of a
15 creation?

Light preced-
ing the sun

5. SH 584:1–8

1 **DAY.** The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea
of Truth and Love.

3 “And the evening and the morning were the first day.”
(Genesis i. 5.) The objects of time and sense disappear
in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind
6 measures time according to the good that is unfolded.
This unfolding is God's day, and “there shall be no night
there.”

6. SH 474:31

Truth destroys falsity and error, for light and
darkness cannot dwell together. Light extinguishes the
1 darkness, and the Scripture declares that there is “no
night there.” To Truth there is no error, — all is Truth.
3 To infinite Spirit there is no matter, — all is Spirit, divine
Principle and its idea.

7. SH 591:23

MORNING. Light; symbol of Truth; revelation and
24 progress.

8. SH 479:27–5

27 We admit that black is not a color, because it reflects
no light. So evil should be denied identity or power,
because it has none of the divine hues. Paul
30 says: “For the invisible things of Him, from
the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being under-
stood by the things that are made.” (Romans i. 20.)
1 When the substance of Spirit appears in Christian Sci-
ence, the nothingness of matter is recognized. Where
3 the spirit of God is, and there is no place where God is
not, evil becomes nothing, — the opposite of the some-
thing of Spirit.

Spiritual
reflection

9. SH 452:7–12

Walking in the light, we are accustomed to the light
and require it; we cannot see in darkness. But eyes ac-
9 customed to darkness are pained by the light.
When outgrowing the old, you should not fear
to put on the new. Your advancing course may pro-
12 voke envy, but it will also attract respect.

Egotistic
darkness

10. SH 117:24

24 Evidence drawn from the five physical senses relates
solely to human reason; and because of opaci-
ty to the true light, human reason dimly re-
27 flects and feebly transmits Jesus' works and words. Truth
is a revelation.

Opacity of
the senses

11. SH 108:19

When apparently near the confines of mortal existence,
standing already within the shadow of the death-valley,
21 I learned these truths in divine Science: that
all real being is in God, the divine Mind, and
that Life, Truth, and Love are all-powerful and ever-
24 present; that the opposite of Truth, — called error, sin,
sickness, disease, death, — is the false testimony of false
material sense, of mind in matter; that this false sense
27 evolves, in belief, a subjective state of mortal mind which
this same so-called mind names *matter*, thereby shutting
out the true sense of Spirit.

Light shining
in darkness

12. SH 46:30–8

30 His students then received the Holy Ghost. By this is
meant, that by all they had witnessed and suffered, they
were roused to an enlarged understanding of divine Sci-
1 ence, even to the spiritual interpretation and discernment
of Jesus' teachings and demonstrations, which gave them
3 a faint conception of the Life which is God.
They no longer measured man by material
sense. After gaining the true idea of their glorified Master,
6 they became better healers, leaning no longer on matter,
but on the divine Principle of their work. The influx of
light was sudden.

Pentecostal
power

13. SH 458:32–1

Christianity causes men to turn naturally from matter
1 to Spirit, as the flower turns from darkness to light.

14. SH 255:3–6

3 “Let there be light,”
is the perpetual demand of Truth and Love,
changing chaos into order and discord into the
6 music of the spheres.

Inadequate
theories of
creation

15. SH 492:7–12

Being is holiness, harmony, immortality. It is already
proved that a knowledge of this, even in small degree,
9 will uplift the physical and moral standard
of mortals, will increase longevity, will purify
and elevate character. Thus progress will finally destroy
12 all error, and bring immortality to light.

Mind one
and all

1. Hymn. 2:1

A glorious day is dawning,
And o'er the waking earth
The heralds of the morning
Are springing into birth.
In dark and hidden places
There shines the blessed light;
The beam of Truth displaces
The darkness of the night.

2. Hymn. 144

In atmosphere of Love divine,
We live, and move, and breathe;
Though mortal eyes may see it not,
'Tis sense that would deceive.

The mortal sense we must destroy,
If we would bring to light
The wonders of eternal Mind,
Where sense is lost in sight.

For God, immortal Principle,
Is with us everywhere;
He holds us perfect in His love,
And we His image bear.

3. Hymn. 513

It matters not what be thy lot,
So Love doth guide;
For storm or shine, pure peace is thine,
Whate'er betide.

And of these stones, or tyrants' thrones,
God able is
To raise up seed—in thought and deed—
To faithful His.

Aye, darkling sense, arise, go hence!
Our God is good.
False fears are foes—truth tatters those,
When understood.

Love looseth thee, and lifteth me,

Ayont hate's thrall:
There Life is light, and wisdom might,
And God is All.

The centuries break, the earth-bound wake,
God's glorified!
Who doth His will—His likeness still—
Is satisfied.

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