

June 24th - Progress is the law of God!



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The Bible

1. Ps. 67:5, 6

- 5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

2. Prov. 1:5

- 5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

3. Ps. 71:20, 21

- 20 Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
- 21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

4. Isa. 7:14, 15

- 14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
- 15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

5. Isa. 9:6, 7

- 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

6. Heb. 11:1, 5

- 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

7. John 14:10–12

- 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
- 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.
- 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

8. Luke 13:11–17

- 11 ¶ And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.
- 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.
- 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.
- 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.
- 15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?
- 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?
- 17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

9. I Cor. 3:5–8

- 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?
- 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.
- 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.
- 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

10. Col. 3:1–4, 8–15

- 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
- 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
- 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
- 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
- 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

- 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.
- 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
- 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
- 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

11. I Thess. 3:11, 12

- 11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.
- 12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

Science & Health

1. SH 495:25–8

Question. — How can I progress most rapidly in the understanding of Christian Science?

- 27 Answer. — Study thoroughly the letter and imbibe the spirit. Adhere to the divine Principle of Christian Science and follow the behests of God,
- 30 abiding steadfastly in wisdom, Truth, and Love. In the Science of Mind, you will soon ascertain
- 1 that error cannot destroy error. You will also learn that in Science there is no transfer of evil suggestions
- 3 from one mortal to another, for there is but one Mind, and this ever-present omnipotent Mind is reflected by man and governs the entire universe. You will learn
- 6 that in Christian Science the first duty is to obey God, to have one Mind, and to love another as yourself.

Rudiments
and growth

2. SH 256:1

- 1 Progress takes off human shackles. The finite must yield to the infinite. Advancing to a higher plane of ac-
- 3 tion, thought rises from the material sense to the spiritual, from the scholastic to the in-
- 6 spirational, and from the mortal to the immortal. All things are created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and

No material
creation

Mother of the universe, including man.

3. SH 506:8–14

Genesis i. 8. And God called the firmament Heaven.
9 And the evening and the morning were the second day.
Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony. The calm and exalted
12 thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace.
Thus the dawn of ideas goes on, forming each successive stage of progress.

Exalted
thought

4. SH 591:23

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

5. SH 511:15–18

15 Genesis i. 19. And the evening and the morning were
the fourth day.
The changing glow and full effulgence of God's infinite ideas, images, mark the periods of progress.
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6. SH 170:22

Spiritual causation is the one question to be considered,
for more than all others spiritual causation relates to
24 human progress. The age seems ready to
approach this subject, to ponder somewhat
the supremacy of Spirit, and at least to touch the hem
27 of Truth's garment.

Causation
considered

7. SH 94:17

The progress of truth confirms its claims, and our
18 Master confirmed his words by his works. His healing-
power evoked denial, ingratitude, and betrayal, arising from sensuality. Of the ten
21 lepers whom Jesus healed, but one returned to give God
thanks, — that is, to acknowledge the divine Principle
which had healed him.

Ingratitude
and denial

8. SH 67:30

30 Systems of religion and medicine treat of physical pains
and pleasures, but Jesus rebuked the suffering from any
such cause or effect. The epoch approaches when the

1 understanding of the truth of being will be the basis of
true religion. At present mortals progress slowly for
3 fear of being thought ridiculous. They are
slaves to fashion, pride, and sense. Some-
time we shall learn how Spirit, the great architect, has
6 created men and women in Science. We ought to weary
of the fleeting and false and to cherish nothing which
hinders our highest selfhood.

Basis of true
religion

9. SH 548:18–21

18 Speaking of the origin of mortals, a famous naturalist
says: “It is very possible that many general statements
now current, about birth and generation, will
21 be changed with the progress of information.”

Prediction of
a naturalist

10. SH 22:3

3 Vibrating like a pendulum between sin and the hope
of forgiveness, — selfishness and sensuality causing con-
stant retrogression, — our moral progress will
6 be slow. Waking to Christ's demand, mortals
experience suffering. This causes them, even as drown-
ing men, to make vigorous efforts to save themselves; and
9 through Christ's precious love these efforts are crowned
with success.

Moral
retrogression

11. SH 239:16

To ascertain our progress, we must learn where our
affections are placed and whom we acknowledge and
18 obey as God. If divine Love is becoming
nearer, dearer, and more real to us, matter is
then submitting to Spirit. The objects we pursue and
21 the spirit we manifest reveal our standpoint, and show
what we are winning.

Standpoint
revealed

12. SH 232:32

There is neither place nor opportunity in Science for error
1 of any sort. Every day makes its demands upon us for
higher proofs rather than professions of Christian power.
3 These proofs consist solely in the destruction
of sin, sickness, and death by the power of
Spirit, as Jesus destroyed them. This is an element of
6 progress, and progress is the law of God, whose law de-
mands of us only what we can certainly fulfil.

Profession
and proof

13. 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

Hymns

1. Hymn. 269:3

O loving Father, well we know
That words alone are vain,
That those who seek Thy will to do,
The true communion gain.
Then may our deeds our pure desire
For growth in grace express,
That we may know how Love divine
Forever waits to bless.

2. Hymn. 82:2

What can we do to work God's work,
To prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind,
The reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with
the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea?

3. Hymn. 157:3

Day by day the understanding
Of our oneness shall increase,
Till among all men and nations
Warfare shall forever cease,
So God's children all shall dwell
in joy and peace.

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