Jan 6th: Put on the New Man; Progress is the Law of God!



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The Bible

Isaiah 11:1-9 Living Bible

11 The royal line of David[a] will be cut off, chopped down like a tree; but from the stump will grow a Shoot—yes, a new Branch* from the old root. 2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, and might; the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight will be obedience to the Lord. He will not judge by appearance, false evidence, or hearsay, 4 but will defend the poor and the exploited. He will rule against the wicked who oppress them. 5 For he will be clothed with fairness and with truth.

6 In that day the wolf and the lamb will lie down together, and the leopard and goats will be at peace. Calves and fat cattle will be safe among lions, and a little child shall lead them all. 7 The cows will graze among bears; cubs and calves will lie down together, and lions will eat grass like the cows. 8 Babies will crawl safely among poisonous snakes, and a little child who puts his hand in a nest of deadly adders will pull it out unharmed. 9 Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so shall the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

1. Matt. 9:16, 17

- 16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.
- 17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

2. Rev. 21:1–5

- 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
- 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.
- 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
- ⁵ And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

3. Phil. 3:13–15

- ¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- ¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

4. Col. 3:2, 4, 9 seeing, 10

- 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
- 4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
- 9 ... 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:

5. Eph. 4:20–24

- 20 But ye have not so learned Christ;
- 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

- ²² That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
- And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
- And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

6. II Cor. 5:16, 17

- ¹⁶ Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more.
- 17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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1. SH 323:28

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the "still, small voice" of Truth

- 30 uttering itself. We are either turning away from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and
- 1 to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks
- and joy to see them disappear, this disposition helps
 to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification
 of sense and self is a proof of progress. "Blessed are the
- 6 pure in heart: for they shall see God."

2. 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 infi-

18 nite ideas, images, mark the periods of progress.

Childlike receptivity

3. SH 591:23

MORNING. Light; symbol of Truth; revelation and

24 progress.

4. SH 170:22

Spiritual causation is the one question to be considered, for more than all others spiritual causation relates to

- human progress. The age seems ready toapproach this subject, to ponder somewhatthe supremacy of Spirit, and at least to touch the hem
- 27 of Truth's garment.

5. SH 201:7

We cannot build safely on false foundations. Truth makes a new creature, in whom old things pass away

- 9 and "all things are become new." Passions, selfishness, false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirituality, and the superabundance of being is on the side
- 12 of God, good.

6. SH 240:18

- 18 Mortals move onward towards good or evil as time glides on. If mortals are not progressive, past failures will be repeated until all wrong work is ef-
- 21 faced or rectified. If at present satisfied with wrong-doing, we must learn to loathe it. If at present content with idleness, we must become dissatisfied with
- 24 it. Remember that mankind must sooner or later, either by suffering or by Science, be convinced of the error that is to be overcome.

7. SH 22:3

³ Vibrating like a pendulum between sin and the hope of forgiveness, — selfishness and sensuality causing conCausation considered

Progress demanded stant retrogression, — our moral progress will

- 6 be slow. Waking to Christ's demand, mortals experience suffering. This causes them, even as drowning men, to make vigorous efforts to save themselves; and
- 9 through Christ's precious love these efforts are crowned with success.

8. SH 57:1

- Chastity is the cement of civilization and progress.
 Without it there is no stability in society, and without it
- ³ one cannot attain the Science of Life.

9. 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 inspirational, and from the mortal to the immortal. All
- 6 things are created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man.

10. 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
- 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. Sometime 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

Basis of true religion

No material creation

Moral retrogression

hinders our highest selfhood.

11. 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 demands of us only what we can certainly fulfil.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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 ChrisProfession and proof

Mind one and all

Standpoint revealed

tian Science and follow the behests of God,

- abiding steadfastly in wisdom, Truth, andLove. In the Science of Mind, you will soon ascertain
- 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

Hymns

1. Hymn. 82:1–3

God is working His purpose out As year succeeds to year, God is working His purpose out And the time is drawing near; Nearer and nearer draws 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.

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? March we forth in the strength of God With the banner of Christ unfurled, That the light of the glorious Gospel of truth May shine throughout the world; Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, To set their captives free, That the earth may be filled with the glory of God As the waters cover the sea.

2. Hymn. 218:1-4

O Life that maketh all things new, The blooming earth, the thoughts of men; Our pilgrim feet, wet with Thy dew, In gladness hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows, From eye to eye the signals run, From heart to heart the bright hope glows, The seekers of the Light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth, One in the joy of paths untrod, One in the heart's perennial youth, One in the larger thought of God;—

The freer step, the fuller breath, The wide horizon's grander view; The sense of Life that knows no death,— The Life that maketh all things new.

3. Hymn. 66:1–4

From these Thy children gathered in Thy name, From hearts made whole, from lips redeemed from woe, Thy praise, O Father, shall forever flow. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O perfect Life, in Thy completeness held, None can beyond Thy omnipresence stray; Safe in Thy Love, we live and sing alway Alleluia! Alleluia!

O perfect Mind, reveal Thy likeness true, That higher selfhood which we all must prove, Joy and dominion, love reflecting Love. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou, Soul, inspiring—give us vision clear, Break earth-bound fetters, sweep away the veil, Show the new heaven and earth that shall prevail. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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