

WEDNESDAY READINGS

“QUITTING THE OLD CONSCIOUSNESS”

Leaving The Mortal Dream Behind

(see Misc. Writ. 179:21-23)

Bible

Genesis 1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good.

So God finished the work he had been doing, and the heavens and the earth were complete. 6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. 7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils.

Isaiah 2

22 Cease ye from man whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of? Walk in the light of the LORD. 5 Let us not walk like Philistines, 8 whose land is full of idols. They worship the work of their own hands.

Job 14

1 "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. 2 He springs up like a flower and withers away like a fleeting shadow. Nothing in him endures. 3 Do you fix your eye on such a one? 4 Do you try to bring purity from the impure? No one can.

17 The arrogance of a man will be brought low and the pride of a man humbled. Exalt the LORD your God only, 18 and your idols will totally disappear.

Genesis 11

1-2 At one time, the whole Earth spoke the same language. But it so happened that as they moved out of the east and settled down, 3 they said to one another, "Let's build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches to Heaven. And let's make ourselves secure." 5 But GOD looked over that city and the grandiose tower these people built. 6-9 And He said, "There's no telling what arrogant thing they'll try next. I must teach them. I'll garble their speech so they won't understand each other." So that's what God did, and they had to quit their arrogance and the building of their extravagant city, and God scattered them. That's how it came to be called Babel, because

there GOD found ignorance and arrogance and had to turn their language into "babble."

Luke 11

34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body is full of darkness.

1 Samuel 15

7 Saul attacked the Amalekites and totally destroyed them all, 9 while he spared the best of their sheep and cattle. 10 And the word of the LORD came to Samuel and said: 11 "I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and hasn't carried out my instructions." Samuel was troubled, and he went to Carmel where Saul had set up a monument in his own honor.

13 When Samuel reached Saul, he said to him, "What is this bleating of sheep and lowing of cattle?" 15 Saul said, "They belonged to the Amalekites; we spared the best sheep and cattle to sacrifice to God and totally destroyed the rest."

16 "Stop this!" Samuel said, "do you know what the LORD said to me last night? 17 He said that you were once humble, and that's why He anointed you king. 20 "Wait," Saul said, "I obeyed the LORD. I just ordered the soldiers to take sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD."

22 But Samuel said: "The LORD only delights in you when you strictly obey His voice." 23 "Arrogance" Samuel said, "is like the evil of idolatry. And because you have rejected the LORD's counsel, he has rejected you"

James 4

8 Be not double-minded. There is one Lord and one only. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. 7 Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

1 Corinthians 15

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ are all made alive.

Isaiah 52

1 Therefore, awake, 2 Shake off the dust of earth; and free yourself from the earthly chains on your neck.

John 10

9 I am the door: if any man enter in by me, he shall be saved and find pasture.

10 The thief comes to steal, to kill and destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it abundantly.

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Misc. 16:16-26

God is the only Life; a divine Whole... and Christianity is a divine Science. This newly awakened consciousness is wholly spiritual; it emanates from Soul... and is the new birth begun in Christian Science.

S&H 306:32

The parent of all human discord was the Adam-dream, the deep sleep, in which originated the delusion that life and intelligence proceeded from and passed into matter.

S&H 536: 8-9

The divine understanding reigns, is all, and there is no other consciousness.

S&H 339:7

Since God is All, there is no room for His unlikeness.

S&H 188:11

Mortal existence is a dream of pain and pleasure in matter, a dream of sin, sickness, and death; and it is like the dream we have in sleep, in which every one recognizes his condition to be wholly a state of mind. In both the waking and the sleeping dream, the dreamer thinks that his body is material.

S&H 339:7

He is joining in a conspiracy against himself,--against his own awakening to the awful unreality by which he has been deceived.

S&H 530:26

The dream has no reality, no intelligence, no mind; therefore the dreamer and dream are one... neither is true nor real.

“Blessed are you,” insomuch as the consciousness of good, grace, and peace, comes through affliction rightly understood, as sanctified by the purification it brings to the flesh, — to pride, self-ignorance, self-will, self-

love, self-justification. Sweet, indeed, are these uses of His rod! Well is it that the Shepherd of Israel passes all His flock under His rod into His fold; thereby giving them refuge at last from the elements of earth.

Mis. 179:8-15

Is our consciousness in matter or in God? Have we any other consciousness than that of good? If we think we have, God is saying to us to-day, "Adam, where are you?"

S&H 480:26

God's being is infinity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss.

S&H 385:31

Any supposed information coming from inert matter is an illusion of mortal mind,--one of its dreams.

S&H 196:6

Better the suffering which awakens mortal mind from its fleshly dream, than the false pleasures which tend to perpetuate this dream.

S&H 397:23

Give up the belief that mind is, even temporarily, compressed within the skull, is brain, and you will understand yourself and your Maker better than before.

S&H 397:23

Mortals are no more material in their waking hours than when they act, walk, see, hear, enjoy, or suffer in dreams.

S&H 346:19

And if a dream ceases, it is self-destroyed, and the terror is over.

S&H 86:25

Mortal mind sees what it believes as certainly as it believes what it sees. It feels, hears, and sees its own thoughts. Pictures are mentally formed before the artist can convey them to canvas. So is it with all material conceptions

S&H 71:10

Close your eyes, and you may dream that you see a flower,--that you touch and smell it. Thus you learn that the flower is a... formation of thought rather than of matter. Close your eyes again, and you may see whole landscapes and 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... you learn that neither mortal mind nor matter is the image or likeness of God, and that immortal Mind is not in matter.

Mis. 179:8-23

We can only come into the spiritual resurrection by quitting the old consciousness of Soul in matter. We must lay aside material consciousness, and then we can perceive Truth, and say with Mary, “Rabboni!” — Master!

In 1866, when God revealed to me the risen Christ... I awoke from the dream of consciousness in matter and took only the side of Spirit. When, through this new consciousness, I was delivered from death, my friends were frightened at seeing me restored to health. A lady asked me, “How is it that you are restored to us? Has Christ come again to earth?” I said, “My dear, Christ never left.”

S&H 227:21

The illusion of material sense, not divine law, has bound you... and defaced the tablet of your being.

Mis. 189:21-25

For us to know Life as it is, namely God, eternal good, gives us not merely a sense of existence, but an accompanying consciousness of spiritual power.

S&H 368:2-4

The confidence inspired by Science lies in the fact that Truth is real and error is unreal.

S&H 412:16

This power of Truth must break the dream of the material senses.

S&H 230:1

The 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.

S&H 312:1

What to material sense seems substance, becomes nothingness, as the sense-dream vanishes and reality appears.

Mis. 205:13-22 The

This baptism of Spirit, this final immersion of human consciousness in the infinite ocean of Love, is the last scene in corporeal sense. It drops the

curtain on material man and mortality, and our consciousness reflects only Spirit, good... forever permeated with eternal life, holiness, heaven.

Misc. Writ. 16:16-26

We must learn that God is infinitely more than a person, or any finite form, can contain; that God is a divine *Whole, All* - an all-pervading intelligence and Love, a divine, infinite Principle; and that Christianity is a divine Science.

S&H 222:29-30

Consult matter not at all.

S&H 491:28

For right reasoning there should be but one fact before the thought, namely, spiritual existence. In reality there is no other existence.

Misc. Writ. 16:27 – 17:21

Pause for a moment with me to contemplate this new-born spiritual altitude... You are standing face to face with the laws of infinite Spirit. You hear the thunderings of the spiritual law of Life, the spiritual law of Love, the law of omnipotent harmony and good. You lay aside your... human opinions, you bow before the Christ. This spiritual birth opens to the enraptured understanding a higher and holier conception of the supremacy of Spirit, and of you as His likeness, whereby you reflect the divine power to heal the sick.

S&H 227:21

Citizens of the world, accept the "glorious liberty of the children of God," and be free!