

Wednesday Readings
Rewrite Your History
Bible (ESV unless noted)

Isaiah 42:10 (to ,)
Sing to the LORD a new song,...

Isaiah 65:13 this (to :), 17 (ERV)
...this is what the Lord GOD says: "I am creating a new heaven and a new earth. The troubles of the past will be forgotten. No one will remember them.

Isaiah 65:18 be, 23 ^{2nd} *they* (RSV)
...be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ...they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their children with them.

Isaiah 43:22-23, 24 (But)
you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel!
You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense.

But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.

Genesis 27:1, 3 (to :), 4, 6 (to .), 9, 18-19, 23-24, 27 *Finally*, 30-33 (to ?), 41, When Isaac had become an old man and was nearly blind, he called his eldest son, Esau, and said, "My son." "Yes, Father?" Do me a favor... fix me a hearty meal, the kind that you know I like, and bring it to me to eat so that I can give you my personal blessing before I die."

Rebekah spoke to her son Jacob. Go to the flock and get me two young goats. Pick the best; I'll prepare them into a hearty meal, the kind that your father loves.

He went to his father and said, "My father!" "Yes?" he said. "Which son are you?" Jacob answered his father, "I'm your firstborn son Esau. I did what you told me. Come now; sit up and eat of my game so you can give me your

personal blessing.”

But as he was about to bless him he pressed him, "You're sure? You are my son Esau?" "Yes. I am."

Finally, he blessed him...

And then right after Isaac had blessed Jacob and Jacob had left, Esau showed up from the hunt. He also had prepared a hearty meal. He came to his father and said, "Let my father get up and eat of his son's game, that he may give me his personal blessing." His father Isaac said, "And who are you?" "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau."

Isaac started to tremble, shaking violently. He said, "Then who hunted game and brought it to me?"

"Your brother," he said, "came here falsely and took your blessing."

Esau seethed in anger against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him; he brooded, "The time for mourning my father's death is close. And then I'll kill my brother Jacob."

Genesis 32:3, 6, 9-10 (to .), 13 (to .), 24-29 *and*, (MSG)

Then Jacob sent messengers on ahead to his brother Esau in the land of Seir in Edom.

The messengers came back to Jacob and said, "We talked to your brother Esau and he's on his way to meet you. But he has four hundred men with him." Jacob was scared. Very scared.

And then Jacob prayed, "God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, GOD who told me, 'Go back to your parents' homeland and I'll treat you well.' I don't deserve all the love and loyalty you've shown me.

He slept the night there. ...and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he couldn't get the best of Jacob as they wrestled, he deliberately threw Jacob's hip out of joint. The man said, "Let me go; it's daybreak." Jacob said, "I'm not letting you go 'til you bless me." The man said, "What's your name?" He answered, "Jacob." The man said, "Your name is no longer Jacob. From now on it's Israel; you've wrestled with God

and you've come through." And then, right then and there, he blessed him.

Genesis 33:1 (to 1st .), 3-4 (MSG)

Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his four hundred men. He led the way and, as he approached his brother, bowed seven times, honoring his brother. But Esau ran up and embraced him, held him tight and kissed him. And they both wept.

I Corinthians 15:50-51 (to mystery) *We're, 54 everything* (MSG)

I need to emphasize, friends, that our natural, earthy lives don't in themselves lead us by their very nature into the kingdom of God. Their very "nature" is to die, so how could they "naturally" end up in the Life kingdom?

But let me tell you something wonderful, a mystery... We're not all going to die—*but* we are all going to be changed. ... everything perishable taken off the shelves and replaced by the imperishable, this mortal replaced by the immortal.

I Corinthians 15:53 (NKJV)

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

Isaiah 43:1 *now*

...now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

2 Chron 29:10

I have decided to make a covenant with the God of Israel and turn history around...

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Psalms 51:6 *you*, 10, 12

...you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Ecclesiastes 1:11

There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.

Revelation 21:3-5

...I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Philippians 3:12, 13-16 *one*

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

...one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Isaiah 52:11 *Don't* (to back) (MSG)

Don't look back.

2 Corinthians 1:6 *face* (to unflinching) (MSG)

...face forward, unflinching.

John 9:1-3, 6-7 (MSG)

Walking down the street, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned: this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?" Jesus said, "You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do.

He said this and then spit in the dust, made a clay paste, rubbed the paste on the blind man's eyes, and said, "Go, wash at the Pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "Sent"). The man went and washed—and saw.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (MSG) *we*

...we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it!

Colossians 3:9-11 *put*

...put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Isaiah 43:16, 18-19 (to ?)

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,...

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 42:10 (to song)

Sing to the LORD a new song...

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures
by Mary Baker Eddy

494:25

Which of these two theories concerning man are you ready to accept? One is the mortal testimony, changing, dying, unreal. The other is the eternal and

real evidence, bearing Truth's signet, its lap piled high with immortal fruits.

476:1 only, 13-17, 21-22

Mortals are the counterfeits of immortals.

Mortals are not fallen children of God. They never had a perfect state of being, which may subsequently be regained. They were, from the beginning of mortal history, "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity."

Learn this, O mortal, and earnestly seek the spiritual status man, which is outside of all material selfhood.

308:16-32

Jacob was alone, wrestling with error, — struggling with a mortal sense of life, substance, and intelligence as existent in matter with its false pleasures and pains, — when an angel, a message from Truth and Love, appeared to him and smote the sinew, or strength, of his error, till he saw its unreality; and Truth, being thereby understood, gave him spiritual strength in this Peniel of divine Science. Then said the spiritual evangel: "Let me go, for the day breaketh;" that is, the light of Truth and Love dawns upon thee. But the patriarch, perceiving his error and his need of help, did not loosen his hold upon this glorious light until his nature was transformed. When Jacob was asked, "What is thy name?" he straightway answered; and then his name was changed to Israel, for "as a prince" had he prevailed and had "power with God and with men."

309:7-23 *He*

He had conquered material error with the understanding of Spirit and of spiritual power. This changed the man. He was no longer called Jacob, but Israel, — a prince of God, or a soldier of God, who had fought a good fight. He was to become the father of those, who through earnest striving followed his demonstration of the power of Spirit over the material senses; and the children of earth who followed his example were to be called the children of Israel, until the Messiah should rename them. If these children should go astray, and forget that Life is God, good, and that good is not in elements which are not spiritual, — thus losing the divine power which heals the sick and sinning, — they were to be brought back through great tribulation, to be renamed in Christian Science and led to deny material sense, or mind in matter, even as the gospel teaches.

569:3

Every mortal at some period, here or hereafter, must grapple with and overcome the mortal belief in a power opposed to God.

355:32

Strangely enough, we ask for material theories in support of spiritual and eternal truths, when the two are so antagonistic that the material thought must become spiritualized before the spiritual fact is attained. So-called material existence affords no evidence of spiritual existence and immortality. Sin, sickness, and death do not prove man's entity or immortality. Discord can never establish the facts of harmony. Matter is not the vestibule of Spirit.

530:26-6 (to intelligence)

The history of error is a dream-narrative. The dream has no reality, no intelligence, no mind; therefore the dreamer and dream are one, for neither is true nor real. *First*, this narrative supposes that something springs from nothing, that matter precedes mind. *Second*, it supposes that mind enters matter, and matter becomes living, substantial, and intelligent. The order of this allegory - the belief that everything springs from dust instead of from Deity - has been maintained in all the subsequent forms of belief. This is the error, - that mortal man starts materially, that non-intelligence becomes intelligence,...

204:3-5 (to ;)

All forms of error support the false conclusions that there is more than one Life; that material history is as real and living as spiritual history;

521:29

The history of error or matter, if veritable, would set aside the omnipotence of Spirit; but it is the false history in contradistinction to the true.

525:17

In the Gospel of John, it is declared that all things were made through the Word of God, "and without Him [the *logos*, or *word*] was not anything made that was made." Everything good or worthy, God made. Whatever is valueless or baneful, He did not make, - hence its unreality. In the Science of Genesis we read that He saw everything which He had made, "and, behold, it was very good." The corporeal senses declare otherwise; and if we give the same heed to the history of error as to the records of truth, the Scriptural record of sin and death favors the false conclusion of the material senses.

Sin, sickness, and death must be deemed as devoid of reality as they are of good, God.

557:22

Popular theology takes up the history of man as if he began materially right, but immediately fell into mental sin; whereas revealed religion proclaims the Science of Mind and its formations as being in accordance with the first chapter of the Old Testament, when God, Mind, spake and it was done.

216:28-1

When you say, "Man's body is material," I say with Paul: Be "willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." Give up your material belief of mind in matter, and have but one Mind, even God; for this Mind forms its own likeness.

547:25

The true theory of the universe, including man, is not in material history but in spiritual development. Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and immortal.

66:14

Each successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love.

539:10

God could never impart an element of evil, and man possesses nothing which he has not derived from God. How then has man a basis for wrongdoing? Whence does he obtain the propensity or power to do evil? Has Spirit resigned to matter the government of the universe?

377:29

Without this ignorant human belief, any circumstance is of itself powerless to produce suffering.

378:4-6

Unwittingly you sentence yourself to suffer. The understanding of this will enable you to commute this self-sentence, and meet every circumstance with truth.

264:3-10

The crude creations of mortal thought must finally give place to the glorious

forms which we sometimes behold in the camera of divine Mind, when the mental picture is spiritual and eternal. Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things. Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm of Mind?

429:8

We look before our feet, and if we are wise, we look beyond a single step in the line of spiritual advancement.

492:3

For right reasoning there should be but one fact before the thought, namely, spiritual existence. In reality there is no other existence, since Life cannot be united to its unlikeness, mortality.

392:24-27 *Stand*

Stand porter at the door of thought. Admitting only such conclusions as you wish realized in bodily results, you will control yourself harmoniously.

521:12

The harmony and immortality of man are intact. We should look away from the opposite supposition that man is created materially, and turn our gaze to the spiritual record of creation, to that which should be engraved on the understanding and heart "with the point of a diamond" and the pen of an angel.

248:26-4

We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives. Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love--the kingdom of heaven--reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.