

Wednesday Readings
Where Are You From?

Bible (MSG unless noted)

Genesis 29:4 *Where* (to ?)
Where are you from?

Genesis 29:4 *We're*
...We're from Haran.

2 Samuel 1:13 *I'm*
I'm from an immigrant family—an Amalekite.

Judges 17:9 *I'm* (to 1st .)
...I'm a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah.

1 Samuel 30:13 *I'm* (to ,)
...I'm an Egyptian slave of an Amalekite,...

1 Samuel 18:18 *I'm* (to !)
I'm from a family of nobodies!

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John 1:37 *where*
...where are you staying?

Isaiah 51:1 *Ponder*
Ponder the rock from which you were cut, the quarry from which you were dug.

Deut 32:7 *understand*
...understand your roots.

John 1:1-5
The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word. The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one. Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing!—came into being without him. What

came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.

John 1:9-13 (AMP)

There it was--the true Light [was then] coming into the world [the genuine, perfect, steadfast Light] that illumines every person. He came into the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him [did not know Him]. He came to that which belonged to Him [to His own--His domain, creation, things, world], and they who were His own did not receive Him and did not welcome Him.

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name--Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]

Luke 2:41-45, 48-49, 51 *His*

Every year Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up as they always did for the Feast. When it was over and they left for home, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents didn't know it. Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbors. When they didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for him.

The next day they found him in the Temple seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were all quite taken with him, impressed with the sharpness of his answers. But his parents were not impressed; they were upset and hurt.

His mother said, "Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you." He said, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?"

His mother held these things dearly, deep within herself.

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John 5:2-5, 8-9 (to .), 16-17 *because* (NIV)

Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

...Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

...because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

John 7:1-2, 14-16, 28 (to 1st .) *My* (to me)

Later Jesus was going about his business in Galilee. He didn't want to travel in Judea because the Jews there were looking for a chance to kill him. It was near the time of Tabernacles, a feast observed annually by the Jews.

With the Feast already half over, Jesus showed up in the Temple, teaching. The Jews were impressed, but puzzled: "How does he know so much without being schooled?" Jesus said, “I didn't make this up. What I teach comes from the One who sent me.

That's when some of the people of Jerusalem said, Isn't this the one they were out to kill? And here he is out in the open, saying whatever he pleases, and no one is stopping him. Could it be that the rulers know that he is, in fact, the Messiah? And yet we know where this man came from. The Messiah is going to come out of nowhere. Nobody is going to know where he comes from.

That provoked Jesus, who was teaching in the Temple, to cry out, Yes, you think you know me and where I'm from, but that's not where I'm from. My true origin is in the One who sent me...

John 14:1-4

Don't let this throw you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If that weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to get your room ready, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I

live. And you already know the road I'm taking.

John 15:4 (to 2nd .)

Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you.

Matthew 7:24-25

These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

John 1:37 *where*

...where are you staying?

Acts 17:22-23 *Paul, 27-28*

Paul took his stand in the open space at the Areopagus and laid it out for them. "It is plain to see that you Athenians take your religion seriously. When I arrived here the other day, I was fascinated with all the shrines I came across. And then I found one inscribed, to the god nobody knows. I'm here to introduce you to this God so you can worship intelligently, know who you're dealing with.

He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's near. We live and move in him, can't get away from him! One of your poets said it well: We're the God-created.

Psalms 139:5, 7-10

I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too—your reassuring presence, coming and going.

Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit? to be out of your sight? If I climb to the sky, you're there! If I go underground, you're there! If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon, You'd find me in a minute—you're already there waiting!

Ephesians 3:18-19

Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

Psalm 132: 14

This will always be my home; this is what I want, and I'm here for good.

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Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures

307:32-1

Consciousness, where art thou?

475:13

Man is idea, the image, of Love; he is not physique. He is the compound idea of God, including all right ideas; the conscious identity of being as found in Science, in which man is the reflection of God, or Mind, and therefore is eternal; that which has no separate mind from God; that which has not a single quality underived from Deity; that which possesses no life, intelligence, nor creative power of his own, but reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker.

257:22

Finite mind manifests all sorts of errors, and thus proves the material theory of mind in matter to be the antipode of Mind. Who hath found finite life or love sufficient to meet the demands of human want and woe,--to still the desires, to satisfy the aspirations? Infinite Mind cannot be limited to a finite form, or Mind would lose its infinite character as inexhaustible Love, eternal Life, omnipotent Truth.

63:5

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

555:16-22

Searching for the origin of man, who is the reflection of God, is like inquiring into the origin of God, the self-existent and eternal. Only impotent error would seek to unite Spirit with matter, good with evil, immortality with mortality, and call this sham unity man, as if man were the offspring of both Mind and matter, of both Deity and humanity.

307:31-1

Above error's awful din, blackness, and chaos, the voice of Truth still calls: "Adam, where art thou? Consciousness, where art thou?"

14:12-15

Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual,--neither in nor of matter,--and the body will then utter no complaints.

300:26-28

The theory that soul, spirit, intelligence, inhabits matter is taught by the schools. This theory is unscientific.

532:22 only (to 2nd ?)

Where art thou, man? Is Mind in matter?

476:9-11

God is the Principle of man, and man is the idea of God. Hence man is not mortal nor material.

352:8

To Jesus, not materiality, but spirituality, was the reality of man's existence, while to the rabbis the spiritual was the intangible and uncertain, if not the unreal.

315:3-4, 6-9 (to ;), 11-12, 14-16, 21-26, 29-32

That saying of our Master, "I and my Father are one," separated him from the scholastic theology of the rabbis.

He knew of but one Mind and laid no claim to any other. He knew that the Ego was Mind instead of body and that matter, sin, and evil were not Mind;

The opposite and false views of the people hid from their sense Christ's

sonship with God.

Their thoughts were filled with mortal error, instead of with God's spiritual idea as presented by Christ Jesus.

Jesus' spiritual origin and understanding enabled him to demonstrate the facts of being,--to prove irrefutably how spiritual Truth destroys material error, heals sickness, and overcomes death. The divine conception of Jesus pointed to this truth and presented an illustration of creation.

Wearing in part a human form (that is, as it seemed to mortal view), being conceived by a human mother, Jesus was the mediator between Spirit and the flesh, between Truth and error.

316:3-7

The real man being linked by Science to his Maker, mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to God, and to recognize the divine sonship.

311:14-19

Through false estimates of soul as dwelling in sense and of mind as dwelling in matter, belief strays into a sense of temporary loss or absence of soul, spiritual truth. This state of error is the mortal dream of life and substance as existent in matter, and is directly opposite to the immortal reality of being.

262:27-28

The foundation of mortal discord is a false sense of man's origin. To begin rightly is to end rightly.

308:1-4

Art thou dwelling in the belief that mind is in matter, and that evil is mind, or art thou in the living faith that there is and can be but one God, and keeping His commandment?"

89:25-27

Matter is neither intelligent nor creative. The tree is not the author of itself. Sound is not the originator of music, and man is not the father of man.

308:5

Until the lesson is learned that God is the only Mind governing man, mortal

belief will be afraid as it was in the beginning, and will hide from the demand, "Where art thou?" This awful demand, "Adam, where art thou?" is met by the admission from the head, heart, stomach, blood, nerves, etc.: "Lo, here I am, looking for happiness and life in the body, but finding only an illusion, a blending of false claims, false pleasure, pain, sin, sickness, and death."

212:29-1

The realities of being, its normal action, and the origin of all things are unseen to mortal sense; whereas the unreal and imitative movements of mortal belief, which would reverse the immortal modus and action, are styled the real.

213:3

Of a man it has been said, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he;" hence as a man spiritually understandeth, so is he in truth.

21:9-12

If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striving to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things of Spirit.

208:5-6

The Scriptures say, "In Him we live, and move, and have our being.

578:17 *and*

...and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [LOVE] for ever.

307:32 *where* (to ?)

...where art thou?