

260812 Readings - Dealing with Death

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🗨 Hymns 479, 469, 135

🗨 The Bible

1. II Kings 20:1–5 (to 1st :)

- 1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.
- 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,
- 3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which* is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
- 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,
- 5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: ...

2. Num. 17:13 2nd shall

- 13 ... shall we be consumed with dying?

3. Acts 9:32 as, 36–42

- 32 ... as Peter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.
- 36 ¶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.
- 37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.
- 38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.
- 39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.
- 40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.
- 41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.
- 42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

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

2. SH 13:25–29

If a Christian Scientist had said, while you were labor-
 27 ing under the influence of the belief of grief, "Your sor-
 row is without cause," you would not have
 understood him, although the correctness of
 30 the assertion might afterwards be proved to you. So,
 when our friends pass from our sight and we lament,
 that lamentation is needless and causeless. We shall
 1 perceive this to be true when we grow into the under-
 standing of Life, and know that there is no death.

2. SH 13:25–29

Because of human ignorance of the divine Principle, Love, the Father of all is represented as a corporeal
 27 creator; hence men recognize themselves as merely physical, and are ignorant of man as God's image or reflection and of man's eternal incorporeal existence.

30 Mat-

ter, with its mortality, cannot be substantial
if Spirit is substantial and eternal. Which ought to
1 be substance to us, — the erring, changing, and dying,
the mutable and mortal, or the unerring, immutable,
3 and immortal?

4. SH 379:9

9 A felon, on whom certain English students experi-
mented, fancied himself bleeding to death, and died be-
cause of that belief, when only a stream of
12 warm water was trickling over his arm. Had
he known his sense of bleeding was an illusion, he would
have risen above the false belief. Let the despairing in-
valid, inspecting the hue of her blood on a cambric hand-
15 kerchief, think of the experiment of those Oxford boys,

Power of imagination

who caused the death of a man, when not a drop of his
18 blood was shed. Then let her learn the opposite state-
ment of Life as taught in Christian Science, and she will
understand that she is not dying on account of the state of
21 her blood, but is suffering from her belief that blood is
destroying her life. The so-called vital current does not
affect the invalid's health, but her belief produces the
24 very results she dreads.

5. SH 122:27

27 Temporal life is a false sense of
 existence.

6. SH 251:8–27

In the illusion of death, mortals wake to the knowledge of two facts: (1) that they are not dead; (2) that they have but passed the portals of a new belief. Truth works out the nothingness of error in just these ways. Sickness, as well as sin, is an error that Christ, Truth, alone can destroy.

Illusion of death

15 We must learn how mankind govern the body, —
whether through faith in hygiene, in drugs, or in will-
power. We should learn whether they govern
18 the body through a belief in the necessity of
sickness and death, sin and pardon, or govern
it from the higher understanding that the divine Mind
21 makes perfect, acts upon the so-called human mind
through truth, leads the human mind to relinquish all
error, to find the divine Mind to be the only Mind,
24 and the healer of sin, disease, death. This process of
higher spiritual understanding improves mankind until
error disappears, and nothing is left which deserves to
27 perish or to be punished.

Mortal
mind's
disappearance

7. SH 259:6–11 The

The
divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who
threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted
their lives higher than their poor thought-models would
allow, — thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick,
sinning, and dying.

8. SH 75:12-24

12 Jesus said of Lazarus: “Our friend Lazarus sleepeth;
but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.” Jesus

restored Lazarus by the understanding that
15 Lazarus had never died, not by an admis-
sion that his body had died and then lived again. Had
Jesus believed that Lazarus had lived or died in his
18 body, the Master would have stood on the same plane of
belief as those who buried the body, and he could not have
resuscitated it.

Raising
the dead

21 When you can waken yourself or others out of the belief
that all must die, you can then exercise Jesus' spiritual
power to reproduce the presence of those who have thought
24 they died, — but not otherwise.

9. SH 429:31–3

Jesus said (John viii. 51), "If a man keep my saying,
he shall never see death." That statement is not con-
1 fined to spiritual life, but includes all the phenomena of
existence. Jesus demonstrated this, healing the dying
3 and raising the dead.

10. SH 428:30–32

30 The author has healed hopeless organic disease, and
raised the dying to life and health through the under-
standing of God as the only Life.

11. SH 126:22–4

I have set forth Christian Science and its application
to the treatment of disease just as I have discovered them.
24 I have demonstrated through Mind the effects
of Truth on the health, longevity, and morals
of men; and I have found nothing in ancient or in modern
27 systems on which to found my own, except the teachings
and demonstrations of our great Master and the lives of
prophets and apostles. The Bible has been my only au-
30 thority. I have had no other guide in "the straight and
narrow way" of Truth.

Biblical
basis

If Christendom resists the author's application of the
1 word Science to Christianity, or questions her use of the
word Science, she will not therefore lose faith in Chris-
3 tianity, nor will Christianity lose its hold upon
her.

Science and
Christianity

12. SH 192:29–4; 193:7–14 (to 2nd .), 17–18 (to 2nd .)

Christianity is the basis of true heal-
30 ing. Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed
love, receives directly the divine power.

I was called to visit Mr. Clark in Lynn, who had been

1 confined to his bed six months with hip-disease, caused by
a fall upon a wooden spike when quite a boy. On enter-
3 ing the house I met his physician, who said that
the patient was dying.

Mind cures
hip-disease

The
doctor went out. Mr. Clark lay with his eyes fixed and
9 sightless. The dew of death was on his brow. I went to
his bedside. In a few moments his face changed; its
death-pallor gave place to a natural hue. The eyelids
12 closed gently and the breathing became natural; he was
asleep. In about ten minutes he opened his eyes and
said: "I feel like a new man. My suffering is all gone."

I told him to rise, dress himself, and take supper with
18 his family. He did so.

13. SH 292:10

A sin-
ful, sick, and dying mortal is not the likeness of God, the
12 perfect and eternal.

Primitive
error

14. SH 348:26-32

I have never supposed the world would immediately
27 witness the full fruitage of Christian Science, or that sin,
disease, and death would not be believed for
an indefinite time; but this I do aver, that,
30 as a result of teaching Christian Science, ethics and
temperance have received an impulse, health has been
restored, and longevity increased.

Full fruitage
yet to come

15. SH 556:10-16 2nd Mortal

Mortal
belief dies to live again in renewed forms, only to go out
12 at last forever; for life everlasting is not to be
gained by dying. Christian Science may ab-
sorb the attention of sage and philosopher, but
15 the Christian alone can fathom it. It is made known
most fully to him who understands best the divine Life.

The
Christian's
privilege

16. SH 223:31

God will over-
turn, until "He come whose right it is." Longevity
1 is increasing and the power of sin diminishing, for the
world feels the alterative effect of truth through every
3 pore.

17. SH 557:18

Divine

Science rolls back the clouds of error with the light of Truth, and lifts the curtain on man as never born and as
never dying, but as coexistent with his creator.

18. SH 114:27-29

27 In divine
Science, the universe, including man, is spiritual, harmoni-
ous, and eternal.

19. SH 69:13

Spiritually to understand that there is but one creator, God, unfolds all creation, confirms the Scrip-
15 tures, brings the sweet assurance of no parting, no pain,
and of man deathless and perfect and eternal.

20. SH 258:25-6

Mortals have a very imperfect sense of the spiritual man and of the infinite range of his thought. To him
27 belongs eternal Life. Never born and
never dying, it were impossible for man, under
the government of God in eternal Science, to fall from his
30 high estate.

Individual
permanency

Through spiritual sense you can discern the heart of divinity, and thus begin to comprehend in Science the generic term *man*. Man is not absorbed in Deity, and man cannot lose his individuality, for he reflects eternal Life; nor is he an isolated, solitary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all substance.

God's man
discerned

6 In divine Science, man is the true image of God.

21. SH 29:30–32

30 Man as the offspring of God, as the idea of Spirit,
is the immortal evidence that Spirit is harmonious and
man eternal.