

Subject: Pleased with all that pleases God

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Reader's note: Regarding tonight's topic, I realized that some ready relief from the twin juggernauts of the election and the economy would surely be in order. We'll be handling the "new terrorism" of the economy at our Metaphysical Workshop next Monday night at 7:30. So post-election, I figured some of us would need serious consoling and others, a calming of exuberance – be that natural or unnatural! What we all need now (besides "love, sweet love") is a firmer grasp of God's view of events; this will be our best help as we pick up the pieces and face the stern tasks ahead. As usual, Mrs. Eddy and our Pastor have great thoughts to offer. To get me started, in Miscellany I found a two-paragraph notice MBE published in a 1905 Sentinel. It fairly crackles with inspiration and prepped me to receive what felt like a FedEx from God! I'll read it to you. It's appropriately titled "An Explanation." (*Miscellany* 280:27-14)

"AN EXPLANATION

"In no way nor manner did I request my church to cease praying for the peace of nations, but simply to pause in special prayer for peace. And why this asking? Because a spiritual foresight of the nations' drama presented itself and awakened a wiser want, even to know how to pray other than the daily prayer of my church, — 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.'

"I cited, as our present need, faith in God's disposal of events. Faith full-fledged, soaring to the Horeb height, brings blessings infinite, and the spirit of this orison is the fruit of rightness, — 'on earth peace, good will toward men.' On this basis the brotherhood of all peoples is established; namely, one God, one Mind, and 'Love thy neighbor as thyself,' the basis on which and by which the infinite God, good, the Father-Mother Love, is ours and we are His in divine Science."

The Bible

(King James Version)

Gen 18:25 Shall

25 Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Deut 32:4

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Science and Health

39:25-27 mortals

...mortals must get the true idea and divine Principle of all that really exists and governs the universe harmoniously.

424:5-11

Accidents are unknown to God, or immortal Mind, and we must leave the mortal basis of belief and unite with the one Mind, in order to change the notion of chance to the proper sense of God's unerring direction and thus bring out harmony.

Under divine Providence there can be no accidents, since there is no room for imperfection in perfection.

302:19

The Science of being reveals man as perfect, even as the Father is perfect, because the Soul, or Mind, of the spiritual man is God, the divine Principle of all being, and because this real man is governed by Soul instead of sense, by the law of Spirit, not by the so-called laws of matter.

The Bible

(King James Version)

Ps 115:3 our

3 our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Ps 115:11 (to :)

11 Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord:

Ps 115:12 (to ;)

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us;

Ps 115:13,14

13 He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

14 The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Science and Health

453:7-8 victory

...victory rests on the side of invincible truth.

The Bible

(King James Version)

Isa 42:1 (to 2nd ;)

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth;

Science and Health

455:20-24

God selects for the highest service one who has grown into such a fitness for it as renders any abuse of the mission an impossibility. The All-wise does not bestow His highest trusts upon the unworthy.

The Bible

(King James Version)

I Sam 16:1 the Lord

1 the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

I Sam 16:4 (to .)

4 And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Bethlehem.

I Sam 16:5-7 And he sanctified

5 And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.

7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

I Sam 16:10 Jesse made

10 Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these.

I Sam 16:11 Are,12 (to .)

11 Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in.

I Sam 16:12 And the,13 (to .)

12 And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.

I Sam 18:14

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him.

Science and Health

343:6 (only)

Is not finite mind ignorant of God's method?

393:16-18

Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind governs, and that in Science man reflects God's government.

560:11

The great miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and the grand necessity of existence is to gain the true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of heaven in man. This goal is never reached while we hate our neighbor or entertain a false estimate of anyone whom God has appointed to voice His Word. Again, without a correct sense of its highest visible idea, we can never understand the divine Principle. The botanist must know the genus and species of a plant in order to classify it correctly. As it is with things, so is it with persons.

129:22-24

We must look deep into realism instead of accepting only the outward sense of things.

The Bible

(King James Version)

Isa 55:8,9

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Jer 29:11

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

286:21-24

God's thoughts are perfect and eternal, are substance and Life. Material and temporal thoughts are human, involving error, and since God, Spirit, is the only cause, they lack a divine cause.

Isa 14:24

24 The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

Isa 41:10

10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isa 41:13 I the

13 ...I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Isa 43:2

2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Jer 1:8 for

8 ...for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.

Isa 40:10-11

10 Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Isa 42:16

16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

Science and Health

151:23

The divine Mind that made man maintains His own image and likeness. The human mind is opposed to God and must be put off, as St. Paul declares. All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and follow the leadings of truth.

The Bible

(King James Version)

III John 1:4

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Science and Health

380:5

Truth is the rock of ages, the headstone of the corner, "but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."

11:17-18

Truth bestows no pardon upon error, but wipes it out in the most effectual manner.

118:10

Agnes pass, but this leaven of Truth is ever at work. It must destroy the entire mass of error, and so be eternally glorified in man's spiritual freedom.

371:30

Truth is an alterative in the entire system, and can make it "every whit whole."

380:4 (only)

Truth is always the victor.

The Bible

(King James Version)

I Tim 2:1 (to 2nd ,)

1 I exhort therefore, that,

I Tim 2:1-4 supplications

1 supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.