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Higher Ways

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Hymn 73

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**BASED ON THE DUTCH OF
ABRAHAM RUTGERS**

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GRATITUDE

CANZUNS SPIRITUELAS, CELERINA, 1765

Glory, honor, praise and pure oblations
Unto God the Lord belong;
Come into His presence with thanksgiving,
Come before Him with a song.
In His hand is all the power of nations,
Sing to Him, ye joyous congregations,
Psalms of gratitude and praise
Unto God the Father raise.

God is Mind and holy thought is sending;
Man, His image, hears His voice.
Every heart may understand His message,
In His kindness may rejoice.
Lo, He speaks, all condemnation ending,
Every true desire with Love's will blending;
Losing self, in Him we find
Joy, health, hope, for all mankind.

Hymn 257

Hymn 253–257

CHRIST MY REFUGE
MARY BAKER EDDY

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PLEASANT STREET

WILLIAM LYMAN JOHNSON

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NORTON

LYMAN BRACKETT

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REFUGE

PERCY C. BUCK

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OLDOWN

BASIL HARWOOD

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OBLATION

PERCY WHITLOCK

O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind
There sweeps a strain,
Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind
The power of pain,

And wake a white-winged angel throng
Of thoughts, illumed
By faith, and breathed in raptured song,
With love perfumed.

Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show
Life's burdens light.
I kiss the cross, and wake to know
A world more bright.

And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea
I see Christ walk,
And come to me, and tenderly,
Divinely talk.

Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock,
Upon Life's shore,
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock,
Oh, nevermore!

From tired joy and grief afar,
And nearer Thee,—
Father, where Thine own children are,
I love to be.

My prayer, some daily good to do
To Thine, for Thee;
An offering pure of Love, whereto
God leadeth me.

Hymn 42

Hymn 42

JONATHAN EVANS*

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REGENT SQUARE

HENRY SMART

Come, Thou all-transforming Spirit,
Bless the sower and the seed;
Let each heart Thy grace inherit;
Raise the weak, the hungry feed;
From the Gospel, from the Gospel
Now supply Thy people's need.

O, may all enjoy the blessing
Which Thy holy word doth give;
Let us all, Thy love possessing,
Joyfully Thy truth receive;
And forever, and forever
To Thy praise and glory live.

Isa. 55:9

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

Gen. 1:1, 3, 4 (to :), 26 (to :), 27 (to :), 31 (to 1st .)

- 1 IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good:
26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him;
31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good.

Matt. 4:23 (to 3rd ,)

- 23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom,

Matt. 5:2

- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Luke 12:32

- 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Matt. 6:9, 10

- 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
- 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Job 5:8-11

- 8 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:
- 9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without
number:
- 10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:
- 11 To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be
exalted to safety.

Job 5:17

- 17 Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not
thou the chastening of the Almighty:

Job 3:25

- 25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I
was afraid of is come unto me.

Job 4:17

- 17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than
his maker?

Job 7:1-4

- 1 *Is there* not an appointed time to man upon earth? *are not* his days also
like the days of an hireling?
- 2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh
for *the reward of* his work:
- 3 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are
appointed to me.
- 4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I
am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

Job 11:7, 8

- 7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty
unto perfection?
- 8 *It is* as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst
thou know?

Job 33:1, 4, 8-10, 12-14, 27-30

- 1 WHEREFORE, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my
words.

The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

- 4
8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy* words, *saying*,
- 9 I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me.
- 10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy,
- 12 Behold, *in* this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.
- 13 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.
- 14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, *yet man* perceiveth it not.
- 27 He looketh upon men, and *if any* say, I have sinned, and perverted *that which was* right, and it profited me not;
- 28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.
- 29 Lo, all these *things* worketh God oftentimes with man,
- 30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

Job 40:1, 2 (to 1st ?)

- 1 MOREOVER the LORD answered Job, and said,
- 2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct *him*?

Rom. 13:1

- 1 LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

II Cor. 6:16-18 ye

- 16 ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,
- 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

II Cor. 3:17

- 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

SH 304:14-15

The perfect man — governed

15 by God, his perfect Principle — is sinless and eternal.

SH 242:9

9 There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ
in divine Science shows us this way. It is to know no
other reality — to have no other conscious-
12 ness of life — than good, God and His reflec-
tion, and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure
of the senses.

The one only
way

SH 249:8

6 Let us re-
9 joice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.”
Such is the true Science of being. Any other theory of
Life, or God, is delusive and mythological.

SH 227:18

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is lib-
erty.” Love and Truth make free, but evil and error
lead into captivity.

SH 447:30

30 A sinner is afraid to cast the first stone. He may
say, as a subterfuge, that evil is unreal, but to know it,
he must demonstrate his statement. To assume that
448:1 there are no claims of evil and yet to indulge them, is
a moral offence. Blindness and self-righteousness cling
3 fast to iniquity. When the Publican’s wail
went out to the great heart of Love, it won his
humble desire. Evil which obtains in the bodily senses,
6 but which the heart condemns, has no foundation; but if
evil is uncondemned, it is undenied and nurtured. Under
such circumstances, to say that there is no evil, is an evil
9 in itself. When needed tell the truth concerning the lie.
Evasion of Truth cripples integrity, and casts thee down
from the pinnacle.

Wicked evasions

SH 238:6

6 To obey the Scriptural command, “Come out from
among them, and be ye separate,” is to incur society’s
frown; but this frown, more than flatteries, enables one
9 to be Christian. Losing her crucifix, the Roman Catholic
girl said, “I have nothing left but Christ.” “If God be
for us, who can be against us?”

SH 406:20-25 We

We can, and ultimately
21 shall, so rise as to avail ourselves in every direc-
tion of the supremacy of Truth over error, Life
over death, and good over evil, and this growth will go

Resist to the end

24 on until we arrive at the fulness of God's idea, and no
more fear that we shall be sick and die.

SH 444:16-19

Let us be faithful in pointing
the way through Christ, as we understand it,
18 but let us also be careful always to "judge righteous judg-
ment," and never to condemn rashly.

SH 273:1

273:1 Matter and its claims of sin, sickness, and death are
contrary to God, and cannot emanate from Him. There
3 is no *material* truth. The physical senses can take no
cognizance of God and spiritual Truth. Human belief
has sought out many inventions, but not one of them
6 can solve the problem of being without the divine Prin-
ciple of divine Science. Deductions from material hy-
potheses are not scientific. They differ from real Science
9 because they are not based on the divine law.

SH 62:27-1, 5 (only)

27 The higher nature of man is not governed by the lower;
if it were, the order of wisdom would be reversed.
Our false views of life hide eternal harmony,
30 and produce the ills of which we complain.
Because mortals believe in material laws and reject the
Science of Mind, this does not make materiality first and
63:1 the superior law of Soul last.
In Science man is the offspring of Spirit.

Superior law of
Soul

SH 262:9

9 We cannot fathom the nature and quality of God's
creation by diving into the shallows of mortal belief. We
must reverse our feeble flutterings — our efforts to find
12 life and truth in matter — and rise above the testimony
of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal
idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the God-
like man to reach the absolute centre and circumference
15 of his being.

SH 263:32-31

264:1 The fading forms of matter, the mortal body and ma-
terial earth, are the fleeting concepts of the human mind.
They have their day before the permanent facts and their
3 perfection in Spirit appear. The crude crea-
tions of mortal thought must finally give place
to the glorious forms which we sometimes behold in the
6 camera of divine Mind, when the mental picture is spir-

Mind's true
camera

itual and eternal. Mortals must look beyond fading,
finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things.
9 Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm
of Mind? We must look where we would walk, and we
must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we
12 have our being.

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man,
multitudinous objects of creation, which before were
15 invisible, will become visible. When we
realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of
matter, this understanding will expand into self-com-
18 pleteness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other
consciousness.

Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being.
21 Matter disappears under the microscope of Spirit. Sin
is unsustainable by Truth, and sickness and
death were overcome by Jesus, who proved
24 them to be forms of error. Spiritual living
and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can
recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace
27 which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love.

When we learn the way in Christian Science and rec-
ognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and under-
stand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven
and man.

SH 568:24-28 (np)

24 For victory over a single sin, we give thanks and mag-
nify the Lord of Hosts. What shall we say of the mighty
conquest over all sin? A louder song, sweeter
27 than has ever before reached high heaven,
now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ;
for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her
30 primal and everlasting strain. Self-abnegation, by which
we lay down all for Truth, or Christ, in our warfare against
error, is a rule in Christian Science. This rule clearly
569:1 interprets God as divine Principle, — as Life, represented
by the Father; as Truth, represented by the Son; as Love,
3 represented by the Mother. Every mortal at some period,
here or hereafter, must grapple with and overcome the
mortal belief in a power opposed to God.

6 The Scripture, "Thou hast been faithful over a few
things, I will make thee ruler over many," is literally ful-
filled, when we are conscious of the supremacy
9 of Truth, by which the nothingness of error
is seen; and we know that the nothingness of error is in
proportion to its wickedness. He that touches the hem
12 of Christ's robe and masters his mortal beliefs, animality,
and hate, rejoices in the proof of healing, — in a sweet
and certain sense that God is Love. Alas for those who

Self-
completeness

Spiritual proofs
of existence

Pæan of jubilee

The robe of
Science

15 break faith with divine Science and fail to strangle the
serpent of sin as well as of sickness! They are dwellers
still in the deep darkness of belief. They are in the surg-
18 ing sea of error, not struggling to lift their heads above the
drowning wave.

What must the end be? They must eventually expi-
21 ate their sin through suffering. The sin, which one has
made his bosom companion, comes back to him
at last with accelerated force, for the devil
24 knoweth his time is short. Here the Scriptures declare
that evil is temporal, not eternal. The dragon is at last
stung to death by his own malice; but how many periods
27 of torture it may take to remove all sin, must depend upon
sin's obduracy.

Expiation by
suffering

SH 570:26

When God heals the sick or the sinning, they should
27 know the great benefit which Mind has wrought. They
should also know the great delusion of mortal
mind, when it makes them sick or sinful.
30 Many are willing to open the eyes of the people to the
power of good resident in divine Mind, but they are
571:1 not so willing to point out the evil in human thought,
and expose evil's hidden mental ways of accomplishing
3 iniquity.

Hidden ways of
iniquity

SH 8:28-24

We should examine ourselves and learn what is the
affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way
30 only can we learn what we honestly are. If a
friend informs us of a fault, do we listen pa-
tiently to the rebuke and credit what is said? Do we not
9:1 rather give thanks that we are "not as other men"?
During many years the author has been most grateful
3 for merited rebuke. The wrong lies in unmerited cen-
sure, — in the falsehood which does no one any good.

Searching
the heart

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these
6 questions: Do we love our neighbor better because of
this asking? Do we pursue the old selfish-
ness, satisfied with having prayed for some-
9 thing better, though we give no evidence of the sin-
cerity of our requests by living consistently with our
prayer? If selfishness has given place to kindness,
12 we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless
them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great
duty simply by asking that it may be done. There is
15 a cross to be taken up before we can enjoy the fruition
of our hope and faith.

Summit of
aspiration

Dost thou "love the Lord thy God with all thy
18 heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind"?
This command includes much, even the sur-
render of all merely material sensation, affec-
21 tion, and worship. This is the El Dorado of Christianity.
It involves the Science of Life, and recognizes only the

Practical
religion

divine control of Spirit, in which Soul is our master,
24 and material sense and human will have no place.

SH 16:20

Only as we rise above all material sensuousness and
21 sin, can we reach the heaven-born aspiration and spir-
itual consciousness, which is indicated in the Lord's
Prayer and which instantaneously heals the sick.

SH 16:26-3

Our Father which art in heaven,
27 *Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,*

Hallowed be Thy name.
Adorable One.

30 Thy kingdom come.
Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

17:1 Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Enable us to know, — as in heaven, so on earth, — God is
3 *omnipotent, supreme.*

SH 263:7-10

When mortal man blends his thoughts of existence
with the spiritual and works only as God works,
9 he will no longer grope in the dark and cling
to earth because he has not tasted heaven.

Mortal man a
mis-creator

SH 60:2-3

Science inevitably lifts one's being higher in the scale of
3 harmony and happiness.

SH 192:4

We are Christian Scientists, only as we quit our reliance
upon that which is false and grasp the true. We are not
6 Christian Scientists until we leave all for Christ. Human
opinions are not spiritual. They come from the hearing
of the ear, from corporeality instead of from Principle,
9 and from the mortal instead of from the immortal. Spirit
is not separate from God. Spirit *is* God.

SH 192:17-24 (to 1st .), 27-29

Moral and spiritual might belong to Spirit, who holds
18 the "wind in His fists;" and this teaching accords with
Science and harmony. In Science, you can
have no power opposed to God, and the physi-
21 cal senses must give up their false testimony. Your in-
fluence for good depends upon the weight you throw into
the right scale. The good you do and embody gives you
24 the only power obtainable.

The one real
power

27 We walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by following the example of our Master in the understanding of divine metaphysics.

SH 156:29-32

In metaphysics,
30 matter disappears from the remedy entirely,
and Mind takes its rightful and supreme
place.

A stately
advance

SH 224:22-25

A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrating justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness
24 and in health, stands at the door of this age, knocking
for admission.

SH 256:1 The

256:1 The finite must
yield to the infinite. Advancing to a higher plane of action, thought rises from the material sense to
3 the spiritual, from the scholastic to the inspirational, and from the mortal to the immortal. All
6 things are created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man.

No material
creation