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Hymn 136

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VIOLET HAY

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HEAVENWARD

IRISH MELODY

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I love Thy way of freedom, Lord,
To serve Thee is my choice,
In Thy clear light of Truth I rise
And, listening for Thy voice,
I hear Thy promise old and new,
That bids all fear to cease:
My presence still shall go with thee
And I will give thee peace.

Though storm or discord cross my path
Thy power is still my stay,
Though human will and woe would check
My upward-soaring way;
All unafraid I wait, the while
Thy angels bring release,
For still Thy presence is with me,
And Thou dost give me peace.

I climb, with joy, the heights of Mind,
To soar o'er time and space;
I yet shall know as I am known
And see Thee face to face.
Till time and space and fear are naught
My quest shall never cease,
Thy presence ever goes with me
And Thou dost give me peace.

Hymn 64

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GEORGE DYSON

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From sense to Soul my pathway lies before me,
 From mist and shadow into Truth's clear day;
 The dawn of all things real is breaking o'er me,
 My heart is singing: I have found the way.

I reach Mind's open door, and at its portal
 I know that where I stand is holy ground;
 I feel the calm and joy of things immortal,
 The loveliness of Love is all around.

The way leads upward and its goal draws nearer,
 Thought soars enraptured, fetterless and free;
 The vision infinite to me grows clearer,
 I touch the fringes of eternity.

Hymn 175

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VIOLET HAY

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Lo, He sent His Word and healed them,
 Still that Word of God is here.
 Still its tender healing message
 Speaks to every listening ear.
 Truth divine, that overcometh
 All the ills that seem to be,
 In our hearts Thy Word abiding,
 We may know Thee and be free.

Love divine, that faileth never,
 Still Thy presence and Thy power
 Mighty are to save and heal us,
 Guard and guide us every hour.
 Life divine, Thy Word proclaimeth
 All true being one with Thee.
 Sinless, fearless, whole, rejoicing,
 Now and through eternity.

John 11:25 I, 26

- 25 I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
- 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Rev. 22:12-14 behold

- 12 behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
- 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
- 14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Ps. 119:160

- 160 Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

Prov. 8:1-35 (to ,)

- 1 DOTH not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?
- 2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.
- 3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
- 4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of man.
- 5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
- 6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.
- 7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.
- 8 All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them.
- 9 They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.
- 10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
- 11 For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
- 12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.
- 13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.
- 14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength.
- 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
- 16 By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.
- 17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.
- 18 Riches and honour *are* with me; *yea*, durable riches and righteousness.

- 19 My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
- 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
- 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.
- 22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.
- 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.
- 24 When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water.
- 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:
- 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
- 27 When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:
- 28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
- 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:
- 30 Then I was by him, *as* one brought up *with him*: and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him;
- 31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights *were* with the sons of men.
- 32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways.
- 33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.
- 34 Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
- 35 For whoso findeth me findeth life,

I John 1:1-9

- 1 THAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
- 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
- 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
- 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.
- 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

- 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
- 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

II John 1:6

- 6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Matt. 28:1-8

- 1 IN the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
- 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
- 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.
- 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
- 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
- 7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.
- 8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

SH 43:11-45:7

- Jesus' last proof was the highest, the most convincing,
- 12 the most profitable to his students. The malignity of brutal persecutors, the treason and suicide of his betrayer, were overruled by divine Love to
 - 15 the glorification of the man and of the true idea of God, which Jesus' persecutors had mocked and tried to slay. The final demonstration of the truth which Jesus taught,
 - 18 and for which he was crucified, opened a new era for the world. Those who slew him to stay his influence perpetuated and extended it.

Convincing
evidence

21 Jesus rose higher in demonstration because of the cup
of bitterness he drank. Human law had condemned
him, but he was demonstrating divine Science.

Divine victory

24 Out of reach of the barbarity of his enemies,
he was acting under spiritual law in defiance of mat-
ter and mortality, and that spiritual law sustained him.

27 The divine must overcome the human at every point.
The Science Jesus taught and lived must triumph over
all material beliefs about life, substance, and intelli-
30 gence, and the multitudinous errors growing from such
beliefs.

Love must triumph over hate. Truth and Life must
44:1 seal the victory over error and death, before the thorns
can be laid aside for a crown, the benediction follow,
3 “Well done, good and faithful servant,” and the suprem-
acy of Spirit be demonstrated.

The lonely precincts of the tomb gave Jesus a refuge
6 from his foes, a place in which to solve the great
problem of being. His three days’ work in
the sepulchre set the seal of eternity on time.

Jesus in the tomb

9 He proved Life to be deathless and Love to be the mas-
ter of hate. He met and mastered on the basis of Chris-
tian Science, the power of Mind over matter, all the claims
12 of medicine, surgery, and hygiene.

He took no drugs to allay inflammation. He did not
depend upon food or pure air to resuscitate wasted
15 energies. He did not require the skill of a surgeon to
heal the torn palms and bind up the wounded side and
lacerated feet, that he might use those hands to remove
18 the napkin and winding-sheet, and that he might employ
his feet as before.

Could it be called supernatural for the God of nature
21 to sustain Jesus in his proof of man’s truly derived power?
It was a method of surgery beyond material
art, but it was not a supernatural act. On
24 the contrary, it was a divinely natural act, whereby divinity
brought to humanity the understanding of the Christ-
healing and revealed a method infinitely above that of
27 human invention.

The deific
naturalism

His disciples believed Jesus to be dead while he was
hidden in the sepulchre, whereas he was alive, demon-
30 strating within the narrow tomb the power
of Spirit to overrule mortal, material sense.

Obstacles
overcome

There were rock-ribbed walls in the way, and a great
45:1 stone must be rolled from the cave’s mouth; but Jesus
vanquished every material obstacle, overcame every law

3 of matter, and stepped forth from his gloomy resting-place,
crowned with the glory of a sublime success, an everlasting
victory.

6 Our Master fully and finally demonstrated divine Sci-
ence in his victory over death and the grave.

SH 410:4

“This is life eternal,” says Jesus, — *is*, not *shall be*;
and then he defines everlasting life as a present knowledge
6 of his Father and of himself, — the knowledge
of Love, Truth, and Life. “This is life eter-
nal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and
9 Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” The Scriptures
say, “Man shall not live by bread *alone*, but by every
word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,” show-
12 ing that Truth is the actual life of man; but mankind
objects to making this teaching practical.

Life eternal and
present

SH 284:28

According to Christian Science, the only real senses
of man are spiritual, emanating from divine Mind.
30 Thought passes from God to man, but neither sensation
nor report goes from material body to Mind. The in-
tercommunication is always from God to His idea, man.
285:1 Matter is not sentient and cannot be cognizant of good
or of evil, of pleasure or of pain. Man’s individu-
3 ality is not material. This Science of being obtains not
alone hereafter in what men call Paradise, but here
and now; it is the great fact of being for time and
6 eternity.

SH 468:27

27 Life is without beginning and without end.
Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of
Life, and time is no part of eternity. One ceases in
30 proportion as the other is recognized. Time is finite;
469:1 eternity is forever infinite. Life is neither in nor of mat-
ter. What is termed matter is unknown to Spirit, which
3 includes in itself all substance and is Life eternal. Mat-
ter is a human concept. Life is divine Mind. Life is not
limited. Death and finiteness are unknown to Life. If
6 Life ever had a beginning, it would also have an ending.

SH 3:12-16

12 The Divine Being must be reflected by man, — else
man is not the image and likeness of the patient,
tender, and true, the One “altogether lovely;” but to

15 understand God is the work of eternity, and demands
absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire.

SH 333:16-30 1st The (np)

The advent of Jesus of Nazareth marked the
first century of the Christian era, but the Christ is
18 without beginning of years or end of days.
Throughout all generations both before and
after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spirit-
21 ual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some
measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive
Christ, Truth. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets
24 caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which
baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of
Love. The divine image, idea, or Christ was, is, and
27 ever will be inseparable from the divine Principle, God.
Jesus referred to this unity of his spiritual identity thus:
“Before Abraham was, I am;” “I and my Father are
30 one;” “My Father is greater than I.” The one Spirit
includes all identities.

The divine
Principle and
idea

XIV. By these sayings Jesus meant, not that the hu-
334:1 man Jesus was or is eternal, but that the divine idea or
Christ was and is so and therefore antedated Abraham;
3 not that the corporeal Jesus was one with the
Father, but that the spiritual idea, Christ,
dwells forever in the bosom of the Father, God, from
6 which it illumines heaven and earth; not that the Father
is greater than Spirit, which is God, but greater, infinitely
greater, than the fleshly Jesus, whose earthly career was
9 brief.

Spiritual oneness

XV. The invisible Christ was imperceptible to the
so-called personal senses, whereas Jesus appeared as a
12 bodily existence. This dual personality of the
unseen and the seen, the spiritual and mate-
rial, the eternal Christ and the corporeal Jesus manifest
15 in flesh, continued until the Master’s ascension, when
the human, material concept, or Jesus, disappeared,
while the spiritual self, or Christ, continues to exist in
18 the eternal order of divine Science, taking away the sins
of the world, as the Christ has always done, even before
the human Jesus was incarnate to mortal eyes.

The Son’s
duality

XVI. This was “the Lamb slain from the foundation
of the world,” — slain, that is, according to the testi-
mony of the corporeal senses, but undying in
24 the deific Mind. The Revelator represents the
Son of man as saying (Revelation i. 17, 18): “I am the
first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead

Eternity of the
Christ

27 [not understood]; and, behold, I am alive for evermore,
 [Science has explained me].” This is a mystical state-
 ment of the eternity of the Christ, and is also a reference
 30 to the human sense of Jesus crucified.

SH 518:27-3

27 The divine Principle, or Spirit, comprehends and ex-
 presses all, and all must therefore be as perfect as the
 divine Principle is perfect. Nothing is new to Spirit.

519:1 Nothing can be novel to eternal Mind, the author of all
 things, who from all eternity knoweth His own ideas.

3 Deity was satisfied with His work.

Perfection of
 creation

SH 519:11

9 Hu-

12 man capacity is slow to discern and to grasp
 God’s creation and the divine power and presence which
 go with it, demonstrating its spiritual origin. Mortals
 15 can never know the infinite, until they throw off the old
 man and reach the spiritual image and likeness. What
 can fathom infinity! How shall we declare Him, till,
 18 in the language of the apostle, “we all come in the unity
 of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto
 a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the ful-
 21 ness of Christ”?

SH 520:7

The absolute ideal, man, is no more seen nor
 comprehended by mortals, than is his infinite Principle,
 9 Love. Principle and its idea, man, are coexistent and
 eternal. The numerals of infinity, called *seven days*, can
 never be reckoned according to the calendar of time.
 12 These days will appear as mortality disappears, and they
 will reveal eternity, newness of Life, in which all sense of
 error forever disappears and thought accepts the divine
 15 infinite calculus.

SH 598:23

One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual
 24 understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity.
 This exalted view, obtained and retained when the Sci-
 ence of being is understood, would bridge over with life
 27 discerned spiritually the interval of death, and man
 would be in the full consciousness of his immortality and
 eternal harmony, where sin, sickness, and death are un-
 30 known. Time is a mortal thought, the divisor of which
 599:1 is the solar year. Eternity is God’s measurement of Soul-
 filled years.

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