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The Attraction of a Higher Way  
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Hymn. 443:1-4

Be gentle, be pure.  
Since Spirit keeps all secure,  
No pain or fear has power.  
Be gentle, be pure;  
Love guards, Love guides this hour.  
Be tranquil, be free.  
Since Life holds both you and me,  
We know what Life has wrought.  
Be tranquil, be free;  
Infirmity is nought.  
Be watchful, be still.  
Then listen for Love's clear will  
Which keeps us safe, at ease.  
Be watchful, be still;  
Assured your God you'll please.  
Be joyful, be calm.  
As Soul's own melodious psalm,  
Each day you're sung anew.  
Be joyful, be calm;  
Know well that God loves you.

Hymn. 169:1-3

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,  
Lead Thou me on;  
The night is dark, and I am far from home,  
Lead Thou me on.  
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me.  
I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou  
Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
Lead Thou me on.  
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,  
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.  
So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
Will lead me on  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone,  
And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Hymn. 566:1-3

Rock of Ages, Truth divine,  
Be Thy strength forever mine;  
Let me rest secure on Thee,  
Safe above life's raging sea.  
Rock of Ages, Truth divine,  
Be Thy strength forever mine.  
Rock of Truth, our fortress strong,

Thou our refuge from all wrong,  
 When from mortal sense I flee,  
 Let me hide myself in Thee.  
 Rock of Ages, Truth divine,  
 Be Thy strength forever mine.  
 Christ, the Truth, foundation sure,  
 On this rock we are secure;  
 Peace is there our life to fill,  
 Cure is there for every ill.  
 Rock of Ages, Truth divine,  
 Be Thy strength forever mine.

Matt. 5:6

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after  
 righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Ps. 51:10

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit  
 within me.

I Chron. 4:10

<sup>10</sup> And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou  
 wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that  
 thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me  
 from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him  
 that which he requested.

Luke 2:25–35

<sup>25</sup> And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was  
 Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for  
 the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.  
<sup>26</sup> And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he  
 should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.  
<sup>27</sup> And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the  
 parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the  
 custom of the law,  
<sup>28</sup> Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,  
<sup>29</sup> Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according  
 to thy word:  
<sup>30</sup> For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
<sup>32</sup> A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people  
 Israel.  
<sup>33</sup> And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which  
 were spoken of him.  
<sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother,  
 Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many  
 in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;  
<sup>35</sup> (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the  
 thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

John 10:27–29

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow  
 me:  
<sup>28</sup> And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish,  
 neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.  
<sup>29</sup> My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no  
 man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

John 5:2, 5-8, 9 (to:), 30-32, 37 (to .)

- 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
- 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
- 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
- 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
- 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked:
- 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.
- 31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.
- 32 ¶ There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.
- 37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me.

Acts 12:5–17 (to 2nd .)

- 5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.
- 6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.
- 7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.
- 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.
- 9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.
- 10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.
- 11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.
- 12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.
- 13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.
- 14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.
- 15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.
- 16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.
- 17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James,

and to the brethren.

John 12:23–32

- 23 ¶ And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.
- 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
- 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.
- 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
- 27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.
- 28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.
- 29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.
- 30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.
- 31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
- 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

SH 60:29-31

- Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind,  
30 and happiness would be more readily attained and would be more secure in our keeping, if sought in Soul.

SH 220:8–10

- Instinct is better than misguided reason, as even nature declares. The violet lifts her blue eye to greet the early spring.

SH 130:20

- Laboring long to shake the adult's  
21 faith in matter and to inculcate a grain of faith in God, — an inkling of the ability of Spirit to make the body harmonious, — the author has often remembered our Master's  
24 love for little children, and understood how truly such as they belong to the heavenly kingdom.

SH 227:24-25

- 24 Citizens of the world, accept the “glorious liberty of the children of God,” and be free!

SH 476:13–22

- Mortals are not fallen children of God. They never had a perfect state of being,  
15 which may subsequently be regained. They were, from the beginning of mortal history, “conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity.” Mortality is finally swallowed  
18 up in immortality. Sin, sickness, and death must disappear to give place to the facts which belong to immortal man.  
21 Learn this, O mortal, and earnestly seek the spiritual status of man, which is outside of all material selfhood.

SH 552:16–19

Mortals must emerge from  
 this notion of material life as all-in-all. They must peck  
 18 open their shells with Christian Science, and look outward  
 and upward.

Emergence  
of mortals

SH 552:22

From a material source flows no remedy for sorrow,  
 sin, and death, for the redeeming power, from the ills  
 24 they occasion, is not in egg nor in dust. The  
 blending tints of leaf and flower show the  
 order of matter to be the order of mortal mind. The  
 27 intermixture of different species, urged to its utmost  
 limits, results in a return to the original species. Thus  
 it is learned that matter is a manifestation of mortal  
 30 mind, and that matter always surrenders its claims when  
 the perfect and eternal Mind is understood.

Persistence  
of species

SH 490:23

The scientifically Christian explanations of the  
 24 nature and origin of man destroy all material sense with  
 immortal testimony. This immortal testimony ushers  
 in the spiritual sense of being, which can be obtained  
 27 in no other way.

SH 16:20, 27,29,31

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.  
 27 Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,  
 Adorable One.  
 Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

SH 17:2-3,5,7,10-11,14-15

Enable us to know, — as in heaven, so on earth, — God is  
 3 omnipotent, supreme.  
 Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;  
 And Love is reflected in love;  
 And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth  
 us from sin, disease, and death.  
 For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love, over  
 15 all, and All.

SH 261:4

Hold thought steadfastly to the endur-  
 ing, the good, and the true, and you will bring these  
 6 into your experience proportionably to their occupancy  
 of your thoughts.

SH 294:25-26

Man's genuine selfhood is recognizable only in what is  
 good and true.

SH 325:2-5

He who has  
 3 the true idea of good loses all sense of evil,  
 and by reason of this is being ushered into the  
 undying realities of Spirit.

Abiding  
in Life

SH 325:10

In Colossians (iii. 4) Paul writes: “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear [be manifested], then shall ye also appear [be manifested] with him in glory.”

Indestructible  
being

When spiritual being is understood in all its perfection, continuity, and might, then shall man be found in God's image. The absolute meaning of the apostolic words is this: Then shall man be found, in His likeness, perfect as the Father, indestructible in Life, “hid with Christ in God,” — with Truth in divine Love, where human sense hath not seen man.

SH 326:3–14

3 If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, it must be in the way of God's appointing. Jesus said, “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also.”

Loving God  
supremely

6 He, who would reach the source and find the divine remedy for every ill, must not try to climb the hill of Science by some other road. All nature teaches God's love to man, but man cannot love God supremely and set his whole affections on spiritual things, while loving the material or trusting in it more than in the spiritual.

12 We must forsake the foundation of material systems, however time-honored, if we would gain the Christ as our only Saviour.

SH 326:16–17 (to 2nd .)

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained now. This point won, you have started as you should.

SH 326:20–21

Working and praying with true motives,  
21 your Father will open the way.

SH 2:11

We can do more for

Deity  
unchangeable

12 ourselves by humble fervent petitions, but the All-loving does not grant them simply on the ground of lip-service, for He already knows all.

SH 492:7–11

Being is holiness, harmony, immortality. It is already proved that a knowledge of this, even in small degree,  
9 will uplift the physical and moral standard of mortals, will increase longevity, will purify and elevate character.

Mind one  
and all

SH 494:15 (only); 495:15

15 The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love.

15 Allow nothing but His likeness to abide in your thought. Let neither fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and

Steadfast and  
calm trust

18 calm trust, that the recognition of life harmonious — as Life eternally is — can destroy any painful sense of, or belief in, that which Life is not. Let Christian Science,  
21 instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence dis-  
24 cord with harmony.

SH 495:28–31

Adhere to the divine Principle of Christian Science and follow the behests of God,  
30 abiding steadfastly in wisdom, Truth, and  
Love.

Rudiments  
and growth

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