"Spirit names and blesses all." Wednesday 3/18/20

1. Hymn. 204:1-3

O Father, Thy kingdom is come upon earth,
Thou rulest in all Thy creation;
Thou sendest Thy witnesses, telling Thy worth,
To call and entreat every nation,
With news of Thy mighty salvation.

They lift up a light amid shadows of fear,
And Love is Thy banner above them;
No trouble shall touch them, no foes that appear
Shall e'er from their loyalty move them;
'Tis Thou dost uphold and approve them.

They go in Thy strength, and they speak in Thy name, With power of Thy promise forth faring, And during the battle the victory claim,—
Their trust in Thy truth is their daring,
Salvation to all men declaring.

1. Gen. 1:21, 25, 26, 31 (to 1st .); 2:6, 7, 19

- And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his

- kind: and God saw that it was good.
- ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. ...
- 6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
- 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
- And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

2. Ps. 34:3, 4

- 3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

3. I Sam. 12:22, 24

- For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people.
- Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things he hath done for you.

4. Isa. 40:10 (to :), 11, 18, 21, 26

- Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: ...
- 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.
- ¶ To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?
- Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

5. Luke 9:46-50

- ¶ Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.
- 47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,
- And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.
- 49 ¶ And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us.
- And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

6. Mark 5:1–15

- And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.
- 2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
- Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

- 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.
- 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.
- 6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,
- And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.
- 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.
- 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.
- And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.
- Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.
- 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.
- And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.
- And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.
- And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

7. Acts 3:1 (to temple), 2 (to 1st temple), 4, 6–8 In; 4:6–8 (to 3rd ,), 10–12

- Now Peter and John went up together into the temple ...
- 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple ...
- 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on

us.

- 6 ... In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
- 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
- 8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.
- 6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.
- And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?
- 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, ...
- Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
- 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.
- Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

8. Col. 3:17 whatsoever

17 ... whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

1. SH 196:31-7

The press unwittingly sends forth many sorrows and diseases among the human family. It does this by giv-

- ing names to diseases and by printing long descriptions which mirror images of disease distinctly in thought. A
- new name for an ailment affects people like a Parisian name for a novel garment. Every one hastens to get it. A minutely described dis-

Pangs caused by the press

ease costs many a man his earthly days of comfort. What a price for human knowledge!

2. SH 391:18

When the body is supposed to say, "I am sick," never plead guilty. Since matter cannot talk, it must be mortal mind

Contradict error

- which speaks; therefore meet the intimation with a protest. If you say, "I am sick," you plead guilty. Then your adversary will deliver you to the judge (mortal
- mind), and the judge will sentence you. Disease has no intelligence to declare itself something and announce its name. Mortal mind alone sentences itself. Therefore
- make your own terms with sickness, and be just to yourself and to others.

3. SH 396:1-10

One should never hold in mind the thought of disease, but should efface from

images of disease

thought all forms and types of disease, both for one's own sake and for that of the patient.

Avoid talking illness to the patient. Make no unnecessary inquiries relative to feelings or disease. Never startle with a discouraging remark about recovery, nor draw attention to certain symp-

Avoid talking disease

Effacing

toms as unfavorable, avoid speaking aloud the name of the disease.

4. SH 398:1-7, 9-10

- Sometimes Jesus called a disease by name, as when he said to the epileptic boy, "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I
- 3 charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him." It is added that "the spirit

Naming maladies

[error] cried, and rent him sore and came out of him, and he was as one dead," — clear evidence that the malady was not material.

Often he gave no name to the distemper he cured.

5. SH 411:3-19

My first discovery in the student's practice was this: If the student silently called the disease by name, when he argued against it, as a general rule the body

Naming diseases

- 6 would respond more quickly, just as a person replies more readily when his name is spoken; but this was because the student was not perfectly attuned to
- divine Science, and needed the arguments of truth for reminders. If Spirit or the power of divine Love bear witness to the truth, this is the ultimatum, the scientific
 way, and the healing is instantaneous.

It is recorded that once Jesus asked the name of a disease, — a disease which moderns would call *dementia*.

The demon, or evil, replied that his name was Legion. Thereupon Jesus cast out the evil, and the insane man was changed and straightway became whole. The Scripture seems to import that Jesus caused the evil to be self-seen and so destroyed.

Evils cast out

6. SH 412:10-13

You may call the disease by name when you mentally deny it; but by naming it audibly, you are liable under some circumstances to impress it upon the thought.

Eloquent silence

7. SH 453:24-28

You should treat sickness mentally just as you would sin, except that you must not tell the patient that he is sick nor give names to diseases, for such a

Metaphysical treatment

course increases fear, the foundation of disease, and impresses more deeply the wrong mind-picture.

8. SH 79:1

The act of describing disease — its symptoms, locality, and fatality — is not scientific. Warning people against

death is an error that tends to frighten into

death those who are ignorant of Life as God.

Thousands of instances could be cited of health restored

6 by changing the patient's thoughts regarding death.

9. SH 371:7-14 (to 1st.), 26-30

By those uninstructed in Christian
Science, nothing is really understood of material
existence. Mortals are believed to be here without their
consent and to be removed as involuntarily, not knowing
why nor when. As frightened children look everywhere
for the imaginary ghost, so sick humanity sees danger in
every direction, and looks for relief in all ways except the
right one.

Mankind will improve through Science and Christianity. The necessity for uplifting the race is father to the fact that Mind can do it; for Mind can impart purity instead of impurity, strength instead of weak-

ness, and health instead of disease.

10. SH 379:25-5 The

The quickened pulse, coated tongue, febrile heat, dry skin, pain in the

Ghost-stories inducing fear

Fevers the effect of fear

head and limbs, are pictures drawn on the body by a mortal mind. The images, held in this disturbed mind, frighten conscious thought. Unless the fever-picture, drawn by millions of mortals and imaged on the body through the belief that mind is in matter and discord is as real as harmony, is destroyed through Science, it may rest at length on some receptive thought, and become a fever case, which ends in a belief called death, which belief must be finally conquered by eternal Life. Truth is always the victor. Sickness and sin fall by their own weight.

11. SH 460:14-18

Sickness is neither imaginary nor unreal, — that is, to the frightened, false sense of the patient. Sickness is more than fancy; it is solid conviction. It is therefore to be dealt with through right ap-

Mischievous imagination

prehension of the truth of being.

12. SH 506:27–1; 507:6–7

27 Adam devolved the pleasurable task of finding names for all material things, but Adam has not yet appeared in the narrative.

Upon

Spirit names and blesses

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13. SH 177:15

In the Scriptural allegory of the material creation, 15 Adam or error, which represents the erroneous theory of life and intelligence in matter, had the naming of all that was material. These names

The effect of names

indicated matter's properties, qualities, and forms. But a lie, the opposite of Truth, cannot name the qualities and effects of what is termed matter, and create the so-called laws of the flesh, nor can a lie hold the preponderance of power in any direction against God, Spirit and Truth.

14. SH 512:25

Mortal mind inverts the true likeness, and confers animal names and natures upon its own misconceptions. Ignorant of the origin and operations of mortal mind, — that is, ignorant of itself, — this so-called mind puts forth its own qualities, and claims God as their author; albeit God is ignorant of the existence of both this mortal mentality, so-called, and its claim, for the claim usurps the deific prerogatives and is an attempted infringement on infinity.

15. SH 512:20-25

Spirit blesses the multiplication of its own pure and perfect ideas. From the infinite elements of the one Mind emanate all form, color, quality, and quantity, and these are mental, both primarily

Multiplication of pure ideas

and secondarily. Their spiritual nature is discerned only through the spiritual senses.

2. Hymn. 543

O Jesus, our dear Master, Your works, now understood, Reveal their full effulgence Through love and brotherhood. Today Christ's precious Science Your healing power makes plain:

With joy may all obey you And cast out sin and pain.

The Christ, eternal manhood,
As God's own Son beloved,
A tender ever-presence
Within each heart is proved.
O God, our Father-Mother,
Your name we see expressed
By man, who in Your Science
Is perfect, holy, blessed.

O Science, God-sent message
To tired humanity,
You are Love's revelation
Of Truth that makes us free. Your
kingdom, God, within us Shows
forth Love's sweet control. God's
idea, man, rejoices;
We know the reign of Soul.

3. Hymn. 96:1, 2

He stood of old, the holy Christ,
Amid the suffering throng,
With whom his lightest touch sufficed
To make the weakest strong.
That healing gift God gives to them
Who use it in His name;
The power that filled the garment's hem
Is evermore the same.

So shalt thou be with power endued Like him who went about The Syrian hillsides doing good And casting demons out.

The Great Physician liveth yet
Thy friend and guide to be;
The Healer by Gennesaret
Shall walk the rounds with thee.