

Vision (Part I of 2: Perception, Discernment, Insight, Faith) [DKeeler, 2119 1/4/12]

Wed Svc [Hymns 241, 121, 85]

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SECTION I

1 | **Prov 29:18(to :)**

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish:

2 | **Matt. 5:8**

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

3 | **Isa. 64:4**

4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

4 | **II Kings 6:8-17 the**

8 the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13 ¶And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

5 | **Dan. 5:11-13(to 1st), 14-17**

11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father

light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;

- 12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.
- 13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel,
- 14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.
- 15 And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing:
- 16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.
- 17 ¶ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

6 | Dan. 2:20 Blessed, 21-23

- 20 Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:
- 21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:
- 22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.
- 23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

7 | Dan. 6:3

- 3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

8 | II Cor. 4:18 we

- 18 we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

9 | Heb. 5:12-14 for

- 12 for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.
- 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
- 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

10 | I Cor. 2:7-16 we

- 7 we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
- 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have

crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

11 | **Prov. 29:18**

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

1 | **SH 387:27**

27 The history of Christianity furnishes sublime proofs
of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed
on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent **Christian**
30 Mind, who gives man faith and understanding **history**
whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but
from bodily suffering.

2 | **SH 510:4**

To discern the rhythm of Spirit
and to be holy, thought must be purely spiritual.

3 | **SH 531:8**

It is well that the upper portions of the brain represent
9 the higher moral sentiments, as if hope were ever prophe-
sying thus: The human mind will sometime **Higher**
rise above all material and physical sense, ex- **hope**
12 changing it for spiritual perception, and exchanging hu-
man concepts for the divine consciousness. Then man
will recognize his God-given dominion and being.

4 | **SH 488:20**

The corporeal senses can take no
21 cognizance of spiritual reality and immortality. Nerves
have no more sensation, apart from what belief be-
stows upon them, than the fibres of a plant. Mind alone

24 possesses all faculties, perception, and comprehension.
 Therefore mental endowments are not at the mercy of
 organization and decomposition, — otherwise the very
 27 worms could unfashion man. If it were possible for the
 real senses of man to be injured, Soul could reproduce
 them in all their perfection; but they cannot be dis-
 30 turbed nor destroyed, since they exist in immortal Mind,
 not in matter.

5 | SH 215:11

Spiritual vision is not subordinate to geometric alti-
 12 tudes. Whatever is governed by God, is never for an
 instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence
 and Life.

6 | SH 547:28

Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and
 mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and
 30 immortal.

7 | SH 84:28-85:12

All we correctly know of Spirit comes from God, divine
 Principle, and is learned through Christ and Christian
 30 Science. If this Science has been thoroughly **Scientific**
 learned and properly digested, we can know **foreknowing**
 the truth more accurately than the astronomer can read
 85:1 the stars or calculate an eclipse. This Mind-reading
 is the opposite of clairvoyance. It is the illumination of
 3 the spiritual understanding which demonstrates the ca-
 pacity of Soul, not of material sense. This Soul-sense
 comes to the human mind when the latter yields to the
 6 divine Mind.

Such intuitions reveal whatever constitutes and per-
 petuates harmony, enabling one to do good, but not
 9 evil. You will reach the perfect Science of **Value of**
 healing when you are able to read the human **intuition**
 mind after this manner and discern the error you would
 12 destroy.

8 | SH 561:20

In divine revelation, material and corporeal self-
 21 hood disappear, and the spiritual idea is understood.

9 | SH 98:4

The prophet of to-day beholds in the mental horizon
 the signs of these times, the reappearance of the Chris-
 6 tianity which heals the sick and destroys error, **Spiritual**
 and no other sign shall be given. Body can- **foreshadowings**
 not be saved except through Mind. The Science of Chris-
 9 tianity is misinterpreted by a material age, for it is the
 healing influence of Spirit (not *spirits*) which the material
 senses cannot comprehend, — which can only be spiritu-

12 ally discerned. Creeds, doctrines, and human hypotheses
do not express Christian Science; much less can they
demonstrate it.

10 | SH 297:20-298:15

Faith is higher and more spiritual than belief. It is
21 a chrysalis state of human thought, in which spiritual
evidence, contradicting the testimony of mate- **Faith higher**
rial sense, begins to appear, and Truth, the **than belief**
24 ever-present, is becoming understood. Human thoughts
have their degrees of comparison. Some thoughts are
better than others. A belief in Truth is better than a
27 belief in error, but no mortal testimony is founded on the
divine rock. Mortal testimony can be shaken. Until
belief becomes faith, and faith becomes spiritual under-
30 standing, human thought has little relation to the actual
or divine.

A mortal belief fulfils its own conditions. Sickness,
298:1 sin, and death are the vague realities of human conclu-
sions. Life, Truth, and Love are the realities of divine
3 Science. They dawn in faith and glow full-orbed in
spiritual understanding. As a cloud hides the sun it
cannot extinguish, so false belief silences for a while the
6 voice of immutable harmony, but false belief cannot de-
stroy Science armed with faith, hope, and fruition.

What is termed material sense can report only a mor-
9 tal temporary sense of things, whereas spiritual sense can
bear witness only to Truth. To material sense, **Truth's**
the unreal is the real until this sense is corrected **witness**
12 by Christian Science.

Spiritual sense, contradicting the material senses, in-
volves intuition, hope, faith, understanding, fruition, real-
15 ity.

11 | SH 593:4

PROPHET. A spiritual seer; disappearance of mate-
rial sense before the conscious facts of spiritual Truth.

12 | SH 95:5-18

Paul
6 said, "To be spiritually minded is life." We approach
God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidel-
ity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all
9 human need and are able to discern the thought of the
sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them.
Error of any kind cannot hide from the law of God.
12 Whoever reaches this point of moral culture and good-
ness cannot injure others, and must do them good. The
greater or lesser ability of a Christian Scientist to discern
15 thought scientifically, depends upon his genuine spirit-

uality. This kind of mind-reading is not clairvoyance,
but it is important to success in healing, and is one of the
18 special characteristics thereof.

13 | SH 128:14

A knowl-
15 edge of the Science of being develops the latent abilities
and possibilities of man. It extends the atmosphere of
thought, giving mortals access to broader and higher
18 realms. It raises the thinker into his native air of insight
and perspicacity.

14 | SH 241:23

One's aim, a point beyond faith, should be to find the
24 footsteps of Truth, the way to health and holiness. We
should strive to reach the Horeb height where God is re-
vealed; and the corner-stone of all spiritual building is
27 purity. The baptism of Spirit, washing the body of all
the impurities of flesh, signifies that the pure in heart
see God and are approaching spiritual Life and its
30 demonstration.

15 | SH 203:13

Spiritual perception brings
out the possibilities of being, destroys reliance on aught
15 but God, and so makes man the image of his Maker in
deed and in truth.