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An excerpt from the article “Body”; Attributed to Mary Baker Eddy

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Just know that it is God’s body and that God this moment and every moment is bringing it forth according to His Word, His divine idea. Jesus recognized Lazarus as an undying manifestation of God. You are that undying and perfect manifestation of God.

Come Forth!, by Kate W. Buck

<https://articles.plainfieldcs.com/various-authors/kate-buck/come-forth/>

When Jesus called to Lazarus to “come forth,” Jesus rejected any sense of the reality of what is called death. He was only conscious of Life, and so he could call to Lazarus to come out from the belief in death, from the debris of fear and darkness, into the light of eternal Truth — and Lazarus was obedient to Truth’s call. Mrs. Eddy writes, “Jesus restored Lazarus by the understanding that Lazarus had never died, not by an admission that his body had died and then lived again.” (S&H)

Our Mission in the World Is Individual, by Martha Wilcox; Pray Importunately

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Pray Importunately

Third: Mrs. Eddy requests us to pray importunately; that is, insistently. When our need is very great, when we are sorely perplexed, when our whole heart and being yearn to be uplifted, then we are to pray importunately. Jesus prayed importunately when Lazarus came forth from the grave. To pray importunately does not mean to reach out or up desperately to some power outside our own self. To pray importunately is our own persistent and insistent effort to be that state of truth or understanding or realization that is the Christ, the real man that we already are.

The True Method Of Healing The Sick; From the Christian Science Journal, November 1902, by John Carroll Lathrop

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After excluding from the room the skeptical and malicious, who laughed him to scorn, he commanded the daughter of Jairus, “Damsel, I say unto thee, arise,” and what appeared to the senses to be death, was proved to be, as he had said, but a condition of sleep. (Mark, 5 :41.) The same was true of the son of the widow of Nain, whom he spoke to authoritatively, “Young man, I say unto thee, Arise,” and the dead forthwith awakened. (Luke, 7:14.) Again a third time he raised the dead, and characterized the condition of Lazarus as, a condition of sleep; and said, “He that

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believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.” Even then the relatives and friends did not believe him, and this apparent lack of understanding of his teachings, caused Jesus to “groan in the spirit” and weep, an act then, and now, mistakenly attributed to his love for Lazarus. He thereupon overcame the physical sense of death and awakened in Lazarus a sense of omnipresent Life, commanding him in a loud voice to “come forth” (John, 11:1-46).

Consciousness, From Addresses by Martha Wilcox

<https://books.plainfieldcs.com/martha-wilcox/addresses/consciousness/>

Four days after the decease of Lazarus, Jesus came to the tomb, having excluded from his consciousness the beliefs of death, and time and disintegration. Jesus knew that such experiences were unknown to God or true consciousness, therefore they were unknown to Lazarus. Jesus knew that Lazarus, as idea, had never lived in matter or material body and had never died out of it. Jesus knew that Lazarus had no more consciousness of matter or dying than God had.

So Jesus commanded Lazarus to come forth. He knew that there was nothing in the consciousness of Lazarus that could say, “I am dead, and cannot come forth.” Lazarus and God were one and the same consciousness, and Lazarus came forth, exhibiting that one consciousness, seen to human understanding as the normal appearance of man. Infinite consciousness is never included in anything or in anybody, but consciousness always includes everything and everybody. Consciousness is always all-inclusive, even to the winds, and the waves, and the starry heavens. Anything and everything pertaining to a person or a thing that is real or fundamental, the divine Consciousness includes it.

Love is the Liberator, Protection, September 2016: Stressful Living by Joseph McTaggart

<https://loveistheliberator.com/Love is the Liberator 14.php>

The story of Lazarus (John 11, 1-44) is another example of “time.” Jesus tells his friends about the sickness of Lazarus, and says: “this sickness is not unto death.”

Four days pass, and then Jesus raises him up — not by accepting that he died, but by knowing that God is his life, and that death is not an inevitable reality. Jesus had already said this sickness will not end in death, because it couldn’t end that way. Jesus knew there was no “moment” when Lazarus passed, and he knew that death itself is just as man made as time — time-honored systems that we’ve been taught to accept.

Science and Health, PP. 493-494; Question. — Will you explain sickness and show how it is to be healed?

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If Jesus awakened Lazarus from the dream, illusion, of death, this proved that the Christ could improve on a false sense. Who dares to doubt this consummate test of the power and willingness of divine Mind to hold man forever intact in his perfect state, and to govern man's entire action? Jesus said: "Destroy this temple [body], and in three days I [Mind] will raise it up;" and he did this for tired humanity's reassurance.

Science and Health, P. 75

Jesus said of Lazarus: "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep." Jesus restored Lazarus by the understanding that Lazarus had never died, not by an admission that his body had died and then lived again. Had Jesus believed that Lazarus had lived or died in his body, the Master would have stood on the same plane of belief as those who buried the body, and he could not have resuscitated it.

When you can waken yourself or others out of the belief that all must die, you can then exercise Jesus' spiritual power to reproduce the presence of those who have thought they died, - but not otherwise.

Science and Health, P. 134

Jesus said: "I knew that Thou hearest me always;" and he raised Lazarus from the dead, stilled the tempest, healed the sick, walked on the water. There is divine authority for believing in the superiority of spiritual power over material resistance.

A miracle fulfils God's law, but does not violate that law.

Affirmation, From Addresses by Martha Wilcox

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The real trouble began, not when Adam according to the allegory in Genesis took the apple from Eve and ate it, but when Eve was created, thereby for the first time bringing into the Bible narrative a sense of duality.

We cannot lose our body, for we shall always have, or be, the embodiment of Mind. All that we can lose is the material personal sense of body.

The belief that the body is material is death itself. We can only get out of it by knowing we were never in it.

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Friends tried to bring Lazarus back to a sense of life in matter and failed. However, when the belief of life in matter yielded to Truth, it was made evident to the materialists around as raising the dead.

Wishing to restore life to matter resulted, with few notable exceptions, in failure. Instead, realize more constantly that life has nothing to do with death, or matter. Handle the belief of birth and death as applied to a person. One must not think that about himself, or one will open the door to death for himself. Every disease is a symptom of death. Therefore, disease overcome is a reduction of the belief of death.