

# FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

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**SUBJECT: Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force? – June 17th, 2018**

## A Real Atom is Spiritual?

“The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it.” *Science and Health*, p. 508:5-6.

I am learning that all real atoms are composed of Spirit, God, Good. Material atoms are not made of real substance; Spirit, God, Good. God doesn't make a material atom that can decay.

So, material atoms are images and not the real substance of what Life is.

“Jesus of Nazareth was the most scientific man that ever trod the globe. He plunged beneath the material surface of things, and found the spiritual cause.” *Science and Health*, p. 313:23-26

I am getting a better understanding that I need to consistently look through the material appearance, good or bad, and keep finding the Truth behind what seems to be. Moral courage is helping me to do this; to be honest and pure and see others that way, too. \*\*\*\*\*

This is a very important subject, and one with which we need to be very careful. This is all about how one “sees” things. To see God at work in everything that we “see” is to see everything in its true nature. It's not that there are two kinds of atoms, a “material” atom and a “spiritual” atom. The atoms that we “see”, that appear to us as material, do have a real substance, and that substance is Spirit, God. To recognize this, and not to be fooled into thinking that there is any life, truth, intelligence, or substance that is material, is the challenge facing each of us. Albert Einstein caught a glimpse of this, which explains why he recognized Christian Science as the “ultimate”

science. He, and other nuclear physicists, recognize that the building blocks of atoms are not material at all, but are ‘forces.’ Mrs. Eddy wrote about this many years earlier in *Science and Health*: “We tread on forces. Withdraw them and creation must collapse. Human knowledge calls them forces of matter; but divine Science declares that they belong wholly to Mind, are inherent in this Mind, and so restores them to their rightful home and classification.”

Mrs. Eddy also realized that this was one of the points that was most difficult for the human mind to accept, and warned her students not to venture into explanations of this phenomenon, but rather work to demonstrate it. I find that this gives me plenty of challenging work to do every day. As written on a previous blog, it's good to be reminded that God is All. \*\*\*\*\*

## A "Grand Lesson"

“Suns and planets teach grand lessons.” *Science and Health*, p. 240.

Joshua commanded the sun to stand still in order that he might continue fighting the Amorites (Joshua 10:11-12); the sun did so, and great victory was achieved. For success in spiritual warfare, one of the principle requirements is: stillness.

“Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord.”

“Be still, and know that I AM God.”

This stillness means that I am to remain in the presence of God, to stand on His word without wavering, without giving way to what the so-called physical senses may or may not be telling me.

Christian Science teaches that the sun is not what it appears to be, a material ball of hydrogen atoms, but that it represents God, or Soul, outside the body. Therefore, “Be still, and know that I am God” means to be absent from the body and present with Soul outside the body.

God is Light. God, as Soul, abides forever, unchanging and unchangeable. When I am present with Soul, I cannot help but to reflect Soul’s eternal stillness, stability: the absolute, undeviating, unswerving, unshakableness of the Light of Soul that annihilates everything unlike itself. When I am immovably present with Soul, I cannot help but to dispel darkness.

In commanding the sun to be still, Joshua commanded his consciousness of God’s Light to be still, to remain fixed upon the triumphant majesty and grandeur of the goodness of God that overcomes all things opposed to it, and thus he became one with the Light, routing the Amorites: “As they fled before Israel...the LORD cast down on them large hailstones from the sky, and more of them were killed by the hailstones than by the swords of the Israelites.” Such is the power of stillness that allows the unflickering light of God to shine on any problem I may face, hastening its solution! \*\*\*\*\*

## **"Up into a Mountain to Pray"**

### **6. Luke 9**

**28 ...[Jesus] took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.**

### **9. Psalm 24**

**3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?**

**4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.**

**5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

In making sure I am ready to go “up into a mountain to pray,” I have been thinking about my own interpretation of the four parts of Psalm 24:4.

**He that hath clean hands,** – I can’t have spent the day trying to build up idols, or attempting to break down the works of God, or even spent time holding my hands up with indifference to the needs of my fellow man.

**and a pure heart;** – Only right motives will enable me to find the trail that leads up to the holy place.

**who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,** – I can’t seek the summit simply because I might look “righteous” to others.

**nor sworn deceitfully.** – And I definitely cannot be saying “I am here to do God’s will” and then fill my day with hate, fear, lies, and other ungodly traits.

This all reminded me of the following from “Fidelity” in *Miscellaneous Writings* by Mary Baker Eddy, page 343, which has been mentioned in recent Roundtables:

**Too soon we cannot turn from disease in the body to find disease in the mortal mind, and its cure, in working for God. Thought must be made better, and human life more fruitful, for the divine energy to move it onward and upward.**

I am grateful that these lessons all build upon each other to provide more understanding on how to climb that upward path to “receive the blessing from the Lord.” Thank you!

Regarding Ps. 24: 4, “He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully”, here are some excerpts from Matthew Henry’s Commentary that I found helpful:

“We make nothing of our religion if we do not make heart-work of it. It is not enough that our hands be clean before men, but we must also wash our hearts from wickedness, and not allow ourselves in any secret heart-impurities, which are open before the eye of God. ...

That is a pure heart which is sincere and without guile in covenanting with God, which is carefully guarded, that the wicked one, the unclean spirit, touch it not, which is purified by faith, and conformed to the image and will of God; ...

They are such as deal honestly both with God and man. In their covenant with God, and their contracts with men, they have not sworn deceitfully, nor broken their promises, violated their engagements, nor taken any false oath.”

### **Awful Deception, Watch!**

God is All. He made all and sustains all. Do I know this well enough not to be fooled by the awful deception of the whispering liar? GOD IS ALL. Yes, I have heard it over and over but until I really know it, keep the reminders coming. The lesson tells us that God’s glorious creation is forever appearing. (*Science and Health*, p.507) Creation is ever appearing, and must ever continue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source. **Mortal sense inverts this appearing and calls ideas material.** (Emphasis added).

We can never have enough warning about this, and if we read the “Alertness To Duty” that Mrs. Eddy gave us and pay attention to it, we will not be taken in by the aches and pains in the morning, the reckless driving we may see on the way to work, nor the amount of work waiting for us when we get to work.

Omnipotence and Omnipresence always... and our Master said, “Lo I am with you alway.” \*\*\*\*\*

**SUBJECT: Christian Science – June 24th, 2018**

### **Sermon on the Mount**

“The Sermon on the Mount is the essence of this Science, and the eternal life, not the death of Jesus, is its outcome.” *Science and Health* p. 271

The following are the Tenets in the early (1880’s) and the first ever in print of the Church of Christ, Scientist:

“TENETS AND COVENANT

... 2nd-We rest our hope and faith on God, the only Life, Truth and Love, depending for salvation not on the person of God, but on the understanding of the Principle or Spirit that is God, and the demonstration of this Spirit or Principle according to those commands of our Master.

‘Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel, heal the sick, and these signs shall follow them that believe (understand). They shall lay their hands on the sick and they shall recover.’

3rd-And we solemnly covenant to faithfully obey the Ten Commandments; to walk worthy of our high calling, to deal justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God; to abhor a lie, to love truth, to do good to man, to have but one God, and to strive habitually to reach that higher understanding of Christian Science contained in the Sermon on the Mount, whereby to cast out error and heal the sick....”

Reminiscences of Mary Baker Eddy by Miss Julia S. Bartlett p. 173 from MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS RELATING TO CHRISTIAN SCIENCE compiled by Gilbert Carpenter

The final 1910 revision of the 6 Tenets can be found in *Science and Health*, p.497, the last which is below.

“6. And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure.”

Mrs. Eddy writes in Message For 1901, “To my sense the Sermon on the Mount, read each Sunday without comment and obeyed throughout the week, would be enough for Christian practice. The Word of God is a powerful preacher, and it is not too spiritual to be practical, nor too transcendental to be heard and understood.” \*\*\*\*

## Tossed with Tempest?

“O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted...” (Isaiah) Have you ever had a night like that? Tossing and turning – nothing seems to quiet thought? These verses from Isaiah are a perfect comfort and address all the unruliness that appears to be flying around.

1. Your home (windows of agates and gates of carbuncles, borders of pleasant stones!)
2. Your children (all your children shall be taught of the Lord – and great shall be the peace of thy children!)
3. Your work (you will be established in righteousness!)
4. Oppression – (oppressive people, oppressive thoughts, shall be far from you!)
5. Fear and terror (it shall not come near thee!)

What wonderful promises and remember as we love and obey God – His promises are kept! Time to focus on the “enduring, the good, and the true,” (*Science and Health*) and have a good night’s rest. \*\*\*\*\*

Thanks for this timely post! I was having trouble getting to sleep when an angel thought prompted me to get up and go to the computer. Our A/C is on the fritz, but the house is cool. So when I read about tossing and turning...I had a good laugh. Seems I’m at the right place at the right time. Now, with deep gratitude that all things work together for good, I will be ready for a good night’s rest with this wonderful remedy in mind. \*\*\*\*\*

## "Equal to Every Emergency"

“The Bible contains the recipe for all healing. ‘The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.’ Sin and sickness are both healed by the same Principle. The tree is typical of man’s divine Principle, which is equal to every emergency, offering full salvation from sin, sickness, and death.” (*Science and Health*, p. 406:1-6.)

Ezekiel 47:12 – “And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all

trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.”

Revelation 22:2 – “In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

The material world handles emergencies by supplying material shelter, clothing, food, medicine; Christian Science continually turns me to Christ’s Sermon on the Mount to explain how all such needs are added to me as I seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness first, above all (Matthew 6:33). And all of these necessities have their spiritual counterparts, for example:

Shelter – we are “clothed upon with our house which is in heaven” (2 Corinthians 5:2).

Clothing – “The Robe of Science”- paragraph heading of *Science and Health*, p.569:6-17.

Food – the fruit of the tree of life in limitless supply (Rev. 22:2, Ezekiel 47:12).

Medicine – the leaves of the tree of life in limitless supply (Rev. 22:2, Ezekiel 47:12).

“Bless the Lord, O my soul and **forget not all** His benefits!” (Psalm 103:2.) \*\*\*\*\*

## Being Delivered

Psalm 107 : 20

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

At our Wednesday Testimony Meeting this week (6\20\18), a testifier explained how using prayer brought solutions to her personal life and workplace. The following is a loose quote of something she said that is helping me to understand God’s deliverance–

“Living with God  
Calling on Him  
Trusting in God  
Working for God  
Thanking God”

I find this to be an excellent guide that is uplifting and easy to remember. Our Wednesday meetings mean a great deal to me and I know that God’s Word is going out far beyond the walls of our beautiful Church.

### Thy Maker is Thine Husband

Isa. 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Here is a beautiful commentary from Spurgeon: Oh, what a blessing that is! This is a wide-spread mercy: “The God of the whole earth shall he be called.” My soul, come and hide beneath the shadow of these earth-covering wings, for there is room for thee beneath their welcome shelter; and, once there, thou shalt not be banished from that sacred spot, for it is written, “Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” “Thy Maker is thine husband,” **united to thee in eternal wedlock**; therefore, be of good comfort.(emphasis added).

This is comforting indeed; the forever unity affords a beautiful sense of security in an unfailing source!

### A Sound Counsel From Spurgeon

In Luke 9 we read Jesus’ encounter with the “devil” after the Transfiguration. This is part of verses 28-42 from last week’s Bible study, from Spurgeon’s commentary on that chapter. What is being revealed when Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him up to the Mountain? (Luke 9: 28-42) Jesus’ sonship .... His honor.

Spurgeon: Our Lord had been on the mountain, and had been transfigured; and when he came down, the first person that he met was the devil, with whom he had to come in contact.

Whenever you or I get up on the mountain-top, and have a very happy and delightful experience, we may expect to be in a battle before long. Our joy is, however, a preparation for the conflict; it nerves our spirit, and makes us strong to meet the great enemy of our souls.

This tells us to watch when we have had a beautiful revealing of the Truth. We must cherish it, understand its source, build more faith and understanding from the power of that Truth and grow stronger in our conviction of what is true, this way we are not thrown off if error rears its ugly head but with understanding can see its nothingness! \*\*\*\*\*

Hold in yourselves the true sense of harmony, and this sense will harmonize, unify, and unself you.

**Mess. '00 . 11:3-5**