

New Heaven and New Earth

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Hymns

1. Hymn. 256

O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind / There sweeps a strain, / Low, sad, and sweet, whose
measures bind / The power of pain,

And wake a white-winged angel throng / Of thoughts, illumed / By faith, and breathed in
raptured song, / With love perfumed.

Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show / Life's burdens light. / I kiss the cross, and wake to
know / A world more bright.

And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea / I see Christ walk, / And come to me, and tenderly, /
Divinely talk.

Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock, / Upon Life's shore, / 'Gainst which the winds and
waves can shock, / Oh, nevermore!

From tired joy and grief afar, / And nearer Thee,— / Father, where Thine own children are, / I
love to be.

My prayer, some daily good to do / To Thine, for Thee; / An offering pure of Love, whereto /
God leadeth me.

Words: MARY BAKER EDDY

Music: Basil Harwood

2. Hymn. 478

From these Your children gathered in Your name, / From hearts made whole, from lips
redeemed from woe, / Your praise, Almighty, shall forever flow. / Alleluia! Alleluia!

O perfect Life, in Your completeness held, / None can beyond Your omnipresence stray; / Safe
in Your Love, we live and sing away / Alleluia! Alleluia!

O perfect Mind, reveal Your likeness true, / That higher selfhood which we all must prove, /
Joy and dominion, love reflecting Love. / Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Soul, inspiring—give us vision clear, / Break earth-bound fetters, sweep away the veil, /
Show the new heaven and earth that shall prevail. / Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: VIOLET HAY, ALT.

Music: Andrew Sentinella

3. Hymn. 474

Father, we Your loving children / Lift our hearts in joy today, / Knowing well that You will
keep us / Ever in Your blessed way. / You are Love and You are wisdom, / You are Life and
You are All; / In Your Spirit living, moving, / We shall neither faint nor fall.

Come we daily then, dear Father, / Open hearts and willing hands, / Eager ears, expectant,
joyful, / Ready for Your right commands. / We would hear no other voices, / We would heed no
other call; / You alone are good and gracious, / You our Mind and You our All.

In Your house securely dwelling, / Where Your children live to bless, / Seeing only Your
creation, / We can share Your happiness, / Share Your joy and spend it freely. / Loyal hearts can
feel no fear; / We Your children know You, Father, / Love and Life forever near.

Father, we Your loving children / Lift our hearts in joy today, / Knowing well that You will
keep us / Ever in Your blessed way.

Words: ELIZABETH C. ADAMS, ALT.

Music: Joy Tessman and Scott Martin; transc. Robert Wyckoff, alt.

1. Rev. 21:1–7

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed
away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down
from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great
voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with
them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God. And
God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,
nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he
that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for
these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the
beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life
freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my
son.

2. Rev. 22:1–5

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 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. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

3. Ps. 36:7–9

How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

4. Matt. 4:16, 17

The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. ¶ From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

5. Matt. 13:1–10, 13, 16, 18–23

The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? ...

Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. ...

But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. ...

... ¶ Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth

because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it*; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

6. Luke 5:36–38

¶ And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was *taken* out of the new agreeth not with the old. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

7. Luke 21:9–11 when, 32, 33

... when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end *is* not by and by. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. ...

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

8. Col. 3:1–4, 9, 10, 12–15

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. ...

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: ...

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

9. Rev. 2:17

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*.

10. Phil. 3:13, 14

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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by Mary Baker Eddy

SH 91:1

The Revelator tells us of “a new heaven and a new earth.” Have you ever pictured this heaven and earth, inhabited by beings under the control of supreme wisdom?

1. SH 572:23

The Revelator had not yet passed the transitional stage in human experience called death, but he already saw a new heaven and a new earth. Through what sense came this vision to St. John? Not through the material visual organs for seeing, for optics are inadequate to take in so wonderful a scene. Were this new heaven and new earth terrestrial or celestial, material or spiritual? They could not be the former, for the human sense of space is unable to grasp such a view. The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see, — that which is invisible to the uninspired thought. This testimony of Holy Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the unillumined human mind, the vision is material. This shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages of consciousness.

Man's present possibilities

2. SH 573:19

Because St. John's corporeal sense of the heavens and earth had vanished, and in place of this false sense was the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could see the new heaven and new earth, which involve the spiritual idea and consciousness of reality. This is Scriptural authority for concluding that such a recognition of being is, and has been, possible to men in this present state of existence, — that we can become conscious, here and now, of a cessation of death, sorrow, and pain. This is indeed a foretaste of absolute Christian Science. Take heart, dear sufferer, for this reality of being will surely appear sometime and in some way. There will be no more pain, and all tears will be wiped away. When you read this, remember Jesus' words, “The kingdom of God is within you.” This spiritual consciousness is therefore a present possibility.

3. SH 585:5–8

EARTH. A sphere; a type of eternity and immortality, which are likewise without beginning or end.

To material sense, earth is matter; to spiritual sense, it is a compound idea.

4. SH 587:25

HEAVEN. Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government by divine Principle; spirituality; bliss; the atmosphere of Soul.

5. SH 17:1

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. / *Enable us to know, — as in heaven, so on earth, — God is / omnipotent, supreme.*

6. SH 560:10–19

Heaven represents harmony, and divine Science interprets the Principle of heavenly harmony.

The great miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and the grand necessity of existence is to gain the true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of heaven in man. This goal is never reached while we hate our neighbor or entertain a false estimate of anyone whom God has appointed to voice His Word. Again, without a correct sense of its highest visible idea, we can never understand the divine Principle.

True estimate
of God's
messenger

7. SH 556:3–13

Vertebrata, articulata, mollusca, and radiata are mortal and material concepts classified, and are supposed to possess life and mind. These false beliefs will disappear, when the radiation of Spirit destroys forever all belief in intelligent matter. Then will the new heaven and new earth appear, for the former things will have passed away.

Genera
classified

Mortal belief infolds the conditions of sin. Mortal belief dies to live again in renewed forms, only to go out at last forever; for life everlasting is not to be gained by dying.

The
Christian's
privilege

8. SH 263:7–10

When mortal man blends his thoughts of existence with the spiritual and works only as God works, he will no longer grope in the dark and cling to earth because he has not tasted heaven.

Mortal man
a mis-creator

9. SH 586:13 (only, to .), 13 affliction

FIRE. ... affliction purifying and elevating man.

10. SH 297:20–24

Faith is higher and more spiritual than belief. It is a chrysalis state of human thought, in which spiritual evidence, contradicting the testimony of material sense, begins to appear, and Truth, the ever-present, is becoming understood.

Faith higher
than belief

11. SH 510:9

Truth and Love enlighten the understanding, in whose “light shall we see light;” and this illumination is reflected spiritually by all who walk in the light and turn away from a false material sense.

12. SH 249:6–9

Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy. Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.”

Renewed
selfhood

13. SH 466:13

Truth is immortal; error is mortal. Truth is limitless; error is limited. Truth is intelligent; error is non-intelligent. Moreover, Truth is real, and error is unreal. This last statement contains the point you will most reluctantly admit, although first and last it is the most important to understand.

14. SH 91:5

Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and Love. Here is the great point of departure for all true spiritual growth.