

Will the real man please stand up

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Hymn. 382:1–4

What is thy birthright, man,
Child of the perfect One;
What is thy Father's plan
For His beloved son?

Thou art Truth's honest child,
Of pure and sinless heart;
Thou treadest undefiled
In Christly paths apart.

Vain dreams shall disappear
As Truth dawns on the sight;
The phantoms of thy fear
Shall flee before the light.

Take then the sacred rod;
Thou art not error's thrall;
Thou hast the gift of God—
Dominion over all.

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Hymn. 467

Eternal Mind the Potter is,
And thought th' eternal clay:
The hand that fashions is divine,
His works pass not away.
Man is the noblest work of God,
His beauty, power and grace,
Immortal; perfect as his Mind
Reflected face to face.

God could not make imperfect man
His model infinite;

Unhallowed thought He could not plan,
Love's work and Love must fit.
Life, Truth and Love the pattern make,
Christ is the perfect heir;
The clouds of sense roll back, and show
The form divinely fair.

God's will is done; His kingdom come;
The Potter's work is plain.
The longing to be good and true
Has brought the light again.
And man does stand as God's own child,
The image of His love.
Let gladness ring from every tongue,
And heaven and earth approve.

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Gen. 1:26 God, 27, 31 (to 1st .)

- 26 ... 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.
- 27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. ...

John 11:1–8, 11 2nd he, 12, 14, 15, 17–22, 30–36, 38–45

- 1 Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
- 2 (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
- 3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.
- 4 When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.
- 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
- 6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where

he was.

- 7 Then after that saith he to *his* disciples, Let us go into Judæa again.
- 8 *His* disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?
- 11 ... he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.
- 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.
- 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
- 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.
- 17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.
- 18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:
- 19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.
- 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house.
- 21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
- 22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.
- 30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.
- 31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.
- 32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
- 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,
- 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.
- 35 Jesus wept.
- 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!
- 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.
- 39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.
- 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?
- 41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
- 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.
- 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.
- 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.
- 45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

SH 134:21–32

21 The true Logos is demonstrably Christian Science, the natural law of harmony which overcomes discord, — not because this Science is supernatural or pre-
24 ternatural, nor because it is an infraction of divine law, but because it is the immutable law of God, good. Jesus said: “I knew that Thou hearest me al-
27 ways;” 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
30 spiritual power over material resistance.

Basis of
miracles

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

SH 75:12

12 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
15 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
18 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.

Raising
the dead

SH 493:24–26, 28

24 That man is material, and that matter suffers, — these propositions can only seem real and natural in illusion.

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

SH 475:5–22

Question. — What is man?

6 *Answer.* — Man is not matter; he is not made up of
brain, blood, bones, and other material elements. The
Scriptures inform us that man is made in
9 the image and likeness of God. Matter is
not that likeness. The likeness of Spirit cannot be so
unlike Spirit. Man is spiritual and perfect; and be-
12 cause he is spiritual and perfect, he must be so under-
stood in Christian Science. Man is idea, the image, of
Love; he is not physique. He is the compound idea of
15 God, including all right ideas; the generic term for
all that reflects God's image and likeness; the conscious
identity of being as found in Science, in which man is
18 the reflection of God, or Mind, and therefore is eternal;
that which has no separate mind from God; that which
has not a single quality underived from Deity; that which
21 possesses no life, intelligence, nor creative power of his
own, but reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker.

Fleshly
factors unreal

SH 317:16–20

The individuality of man is no less tangible because
it is spiritual and because his life is not at the mercy of
18 matter. The understanding of his spiritual individuality
makes man more real, more formidable in truth, and en-
ables him to conquer sin, disease, and death.

SH 151:20

Every function of the

Man governed
by Mind

21 real man is governed by the divine Mind. The human
mind has no power to kill or to cure, and it has no con-
trol over God's man. The divine Mind that made man
24 maintains His own image and likeness. The human
mind is opposed to God and must be put off, as St. Paul
declares. All that really exists is the divine Mind and
27 its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found har-
monious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to
see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and
30 follow the leadings of truth.

SH 209:16

The compounded minerals or aggregated substances composing the earth, the relations which constituent
18 masses hold to each other, the magnitudes, distances, and revolutions of the celestial bodies, are of no real importance, when we remember
21 that they all must give place to the spiritual fact by the translation of man and the universe back into Spirit. In proportion as this is done, man and the universe will be
24 found harmonious and eternal.

Spiritual
translation

SH 302:14

Continuing our definition of *man*, let us remember that
15 harmonious and immortal man has existed forever, and is always beyond and above the mortal illusion of any life, substance, and intelligence
18 as existent in matter. This statement is based on fact, not fable. The Science of being reveals man as perfect, even as the Father is perfect, because the Soul, or Mind, 21 of the spiritual man is God, the divine Principle of all being, and because this real man is governed by Soul instead of sense, by the law of Spirit, not by the so-called 24 laws of matter.

Definition
of man

SH 476:4

In divine Science, God and the real man are inseparable as divine Principle and idea.

SH 316:3–7

3 The
real man being linked by Science to his Maker,
mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal
6 selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to
God, and to recognize the divine sonship.

Jesus as
mediator

SH 276:9

9 Man and his Maker
are correlated in divine Science, and real consciousness
is cognizant only of the things of God.

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