

Dissolving Barriers

The Healing Work of Christian Science --John L. Morgan

Summary Of These Laws

If the **first** warp thread, or law, involved the step from the physical to the mental, that is because God is Mind and demands that we put on the Mind of Christ in order to think creatively and intelligently.

Then the **second** thread, or law, was that this mental state is in fact spiritual. We find that something bigger than ourselves takes over. This happens because God is Spirit, and we start to distinguish between our mortal concept of ourselves and what we actually are in God.

Then the **third** thread was the regeneration of our sense of self. We find a new selfhood coming into our experience, just as Jacob and Esau found that the Israel-self transcended the old private sense of self that each of them had held. That is because God is Soul, the source of our real identity.

The **fourth** thread, or law, was the principle of right relationship, where the divine Principle, which is God, is found to be in us and is our I, our ego, so that it, as far as we allow it, takes the responsibility in our lives - the responsibility for right and for authority and for will.

The **fifth** law was that because God is Life, life is abundant, without beginning or end. We are the living of that inexhaustible source and are therefore constantly being renewed.

The **sixth** law was wholeness. "Behold thou art made whole." God is Truth and man is God's image and likeness, therefore man experiences this in health and in restoration.

Finally, the **seventh** law was loving the fact that perfection is already here. We learn to accept our divine worth and to experience the completeness and satisfaction of ever-present divine Love.

The operation of these laws is God's nature in expression. As the likeness of God we reflect all the God-qualities. So, if for any reason, we have turned away from the face of God and seem to experience sickness or an unhappy situation, we can return as surely and naturally as the earth turns to face the sun. For, like the sun that is always shining, these laws are always available. It is our recognition of them that brings them into our experience. This then enables us to say in the words of the Psalm: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" (17:15).

I would like to finish with a little story of a man who was a minister of a church. He was busy preparing his sermon for Sunday and his small daughter came in and said, 'Daddy, give me something to do.' He said, 'I can't now, darling, I'm too busy.' Like any little daughter she persisted, and said 'Daddy, give me something to do.' So he said, 'All right,' and he went to his wastepaper basket and pulled out a large piece of paper on which was a map of the world. He tore it up into little pieces and mixed them up together and said, 'There you are, put them together.' Then he went back to writing his sermon. In a very short time she said, 'Daddy, I've done it.' 'Good heavens,' he said, 'Do you mean to say you've put the world right in a few minutes and we've been working at it for two thousand years? How did you do it?' 'Oh,' she said, 'it was quite simple. On the back of the map there was a picture of a man, and I knew if I got the man right, the world would come right.'

Summary (cont.)

What we have been talking about together has been trying to get the man right. If in some small degree we can work like that from the divine view of man and see him as the very selfhood of God in living expression, then surely our world will respond.

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