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JOHN

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because It knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

God is love; and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

(I John 3: 1-3 & 4:16.)

We live in an age of Love's divine adventure to be All-in-all.

(Mary Baker Eddy, *Miscellany*, p.158:9-10.)

Christ Jesus was the masculine representative of the fatherhood of God. In this age, Mary Baker Eddy is the feminine representative of the motherhood of God. In the hush of silence of spiritual communion with God, the source of being, our Father-Mother Life and Love, the great anthem of immortality, attuned to the chord of Christ, silences all fear, and resounds, like the eternal thunders of the deep, this truth,--- God and man is one and inseparable; therefore man is Immortal.

(Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D.) *Sermons and Other Writings on Christian Science*, pp. 320, 328)

The greatest name recorded in Holy Scripture, next to that of Christ Jesus, is the name, JOHN, the name of the beloved disciple, the Revelator. This is "the disciple whom Jesus loved," he who leaned upon Jesus' bosom, at supper. This is the one and only disciple who wrote the immortal sentence, "God is Love." This same John, as the Revelator, beheld and recorded the vision of the 'new heaven and new earth,' which is to be revealed and established at the second appearing of Christ. Like Elisha of old, who "saw" Elijah, his master and teacher, when he ascended to heaven in a chariot of fire, John, the beloved disciple, continued to see his Lord and Master,

Christ, through and beyond the experience of so-called death; and, because of the marvellous inspiration which his exquisite spiritual nature enabled him to receive from his great Teacher, Christ Jesus, he projected his vision of the Christ to the time of the second appearing of Christ, and the revelation at that period of the Kingdom of God, "on earth as it is in heaven."

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me. Fear not; I am the first and the last:

I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.

(Revelation 1:17-19.)

Every earnest student of the Holy Bible, will recall the significant words of Christ Jesus, addressed to Peter, after the resurrection, and recorded in the last Chapter of John's Gospel:

Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following;. . .

Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry, till I come, what is that to thee?

(John 21:20 - 22.)

John was immersed in boiling oil, but he did not succumb; and there is no record whatever to indicate that he died at all. He was familiar with the saying of his Master and Teacher, Christ Jesus: "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." (John 8:51.) Added to this, was the implied command of Christ Jesus, that he should "tarry till I come," and the obvious inference, that his Teacher and Wayshower, Christ, would show him how to accomplish this stupendous work.

Throughout the entire series of lectures on the general topic, AMERICANISM, I have adhered closely to the text of St. John's Book of Revelation. The reason for this is, that the fulfillment of the Apocalypse of St. John — which fulfillment is both inevitable and imminent — will begin in America, like the dawn of a new day, whose effulgence will eventually cover the whole earth, as the waters cover the sea.

Let us, in the spirit of love and reverence of the beloved disciple, examine, study and analyze this marvellous writing, known as "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show him things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John." (Revelation 1:1.)

The Apocalypse of St. John prophesies and reveals a "new heaven and a new earth." This vision, the beloved disciple distinctly tells us, is "the Revelation of Jesus Christ," the eternal son of God. The theme of this marvellous Book, is a great battle — the Battle of Armageddon; the combatants are Christ and the dragon; the issue of the battle is the destruction of hell and of death, and the ushering in of a new heaven and a new earth, wherein sorrow and sighing, death and pain, and all tears, are unknown. Americans, do you realize that these words are "true and faithful," as John himself writes of them? Do you recognize the tremendous fact, that the war in universal consciousness today, is wholly mental, and that there is but one outcome of it, namely, the destruction of the devil, the dragon, and all his so-called angels, and his works, which John designates as "hell and death", and the dawn of a new spiritual era? This spiritual era was foreshadowed in the birth of the American Republic, with its "new constellation," its marvellous Seal with the Pyramid, symbolizing eternal man in the image of God and bearing the motto, "A new order of ages begin;" its Eagle, symbolical of eternal life, and keen spiritual vision which gazes fearlessly into the very Sun of Righteousness; and its beautiful Flag, the stripes of which typify our separation from worldly nations and systems, and the stars which joyously proclaim the spiritual fact eternal in the heavens, that "The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. (Revelation 11:15.)

Throughout the ministry of Christ Jesus, John, the beloved disciple, walked very closely and intimately with his revered Master and Teacher, Christ Jesus. His Gospel is recognized by all commentators and scholars, as the most spiritual of the four gospels, and the one which portrays vividly the spiritual nature of Christ Jesus, and the spiritual import of his great work.

John was an earnest witness of the dazzling brightness of the life of Christ Jesus, his Master and Teacher. Not an event of that marvellous career escaped John's notice, not a lesson in the mighty and permanent spiritual import of Jesus' works was lost upon John. John discerned that the actor in the events which transpired before his very eyes, and which caused an upheaval in the world of his day, such as was never known before, — John knew that the actor in these happenings, in his human character, was to be visible to man but for a brief period of time, but that the works which he did, and which evidenced his eternal, spiritual character as the Christ, the Son of God, were to inaugurate a mighty struggle in universal consciousness, and would usher in a "new heaven and a new earth," wherein dwelleth righteousness, and wherein sin and death are unknown. John discerned the work of the Master, Christ Jesus in revealing the Fatherhood of God; and he knew that the same Christ must again appear, in the fulness of time, to reveal the Motherhood of God. That Christ Jesus was convinced of the necessity and inevitability of his second appearing, as the Christ, is axiomatic; but Jesus discerned also, that John must escape the ordeal of death, and remain to testify to the second appearing of Christ, as the Motherhood of God. Knowing his beloved disciple, and the indissoluble link which bound him to his Teacher, Christ, Christ Jesus said, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?" Prophesying that John must testify to the final work of Christ, in revealing the Motherhood of God, Christ Jesus addressing his beloved disciple John,

from the cross, said significantly, "Behold thy Mother!" This saying, materially interpreted, seemed to refer to Mary; but taken in its spiritual signification, it had no reference to Mary, but was both injunction and promise to John, that he was chosen to "tarry till I (Christ) come," and to testify to the revealing of the Motherhood of God, as the climax and finality of the Messianic work of Christ, the Son-Daughter of God, or the ideal man In the image and likeness of God, Spirit, Mind, eternal Life and Love.

It is a generally accepted historical fact, that, while all the other disciples of Jesus, including Paul, who was not his disciple, passed through the experience of death, John escaped this experience, although immersed in boiling oil. John was banished to Patmos, in the Aegean Sea, and at a ripe old age, he wrote the Vision of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, called the Apocalypse. The outstanding figure in that Apocalypse is the symbol of the Woman clothed with the Sun, symbolical of the Motherhood of God; the spiritual feminine idea, or the reflection of divine Love, replete with the fulness of spiritual Light, the spiritual understanding of God, as the only Creator of Man, which John symbolized by the sun. This Woman, or Motherhood of God, was "with child," the First-born of Spirit, or the complete revelation of man in the image and likeness of God, wholly absolved from flesh and death, eternally reflecting the Fatherhood and Motherhood of God. Against these two — the Woman and her "child," — the dragon made war; and this is the Battle of Armageddon. We have made clear in our talks, what the identity of the "dragon" is. John says it is "the beast", which deceiveth the whole world." It is the universal tyranny of priestcraft, through which is projected into human consciousness, the hypnotic belief, that man is created through man, and not by God, Spirit; that man is flesh, blood and bones, and not spiritual. This teaching Jesus denounced as "a liar", and the father of it, (the lie); and John prophesied the inevitable doom of the dragon, and all his works. America is the chosen place, for the inauguration of this Battle of Armageddon; America is the "virgin" soil, that is, the one nation in all the earth which has eschewed a marriage covenant with the worldly system of kings and priests. America will be the first spot on earth, therefore, to witness the dawn of the new spiritual era, as foretold in her marvellous symbols, when Christ, the spiritual Idea of God, will "reign for ever and ever."

I quote from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy:

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. . .

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.

(*Science and Health*, p. 573:3-9, 19-23.)

I also quote from *Reminiscences, Sermons and Correspondence*, by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., Mrs. Eddy's student:

Mary Baker Eddy will surely appear to the spiritually awakened, clothed in immortal substance. Who will recognize the ideal generic man of God's creating? Only those who are followers of Christ, and demonstrators of divine Love. . .

When we possess the Mind of Christ, we shall see and hear through spiritual sense; we shall feel the substance of Mind, and see in all form, color, beauty, and harmony, creative Love and the infinite manifestations of Her, Love's, universe. (pp.754,755.)

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