Christ Jesus: our model of spirituality overcoming materiality

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John 3:16 God (to 2nd ,), 17 that
16 God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
17 that the world through him might be saved.

I John 3:1 (to :)
1 BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:

II Cor. 6:18 ye
18 ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

John 9:1-3 as, 6, 7, 14, 16
1 as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.
2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.
14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.
16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

John 10:22-25, 30
22 ¶ And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.
23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon’s porch.
24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.
25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father’s name, they bear witness of me.
30 I and my Father are one.

John 5:18, 19, 30 (to 1st :)

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Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had
broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself
equal with God.

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,
The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for
what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

I can of mine own self do nothing:

John 14:8, 9, 10
Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou
not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how
sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?
the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe
me for the very works’ sake.

Mark 14:32, 35
And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to
his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.
And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it
were possible, the hour might pass from him.

Luke 22:42, 43
Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless
not my will, but thine, be done.
And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

I Cor. 15:57 thanks
thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus
Christ.

SH 18:3-5
Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated
man’s oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him
endless homage.

SH 51:23, 28 His
He was inspired by God, by
Truth and Love, in all that he said and did. The motives
of his persecutors were pride, envy, cruelty, and vengeance,
inflicted on the physical Jesus, but aimed at the divine Prin-
ciple, Love, which rebuked their sensuality.
His spirituality separated him
from sensuousness, and caused the selfish materialist
to hate him; but it was this spirituality which enabled Jesus to heal the sick, cast out evil, and raise the dead.

SH 136:5-6  
He claimed no intelligence, action, nor life separate from God.

SH 33:18-21  
When the human element in him struggled with the divine, our great Teacher said: “Not my will, but Thine, be done!” — that is, Let not the flesh, but the Spirit, be represented in me.

SH 26:10-14  
The Christ was the Spirit which Jesus implied in his own statements: “I am the way, the truth, and the life;” “I and my Father are one.” This Christ, or divinity of the man Jesus, was his divine nature, the godliness which animated him.

SH 482:20-23  
He was inseparable from Christ, the Messiah, — the divine idea of God outside the flesh. This enabled Jesus to demonstrate his control over matter.

SH 137:1-7  
His students saw this power of Truth heal the sick, cast out evil, raise the dead; but the ultimate of this wonderful work was not spiritually discerned, even by them, until after the crucifixion, when their immaculate Teacher stood before them, the victor over sickness, sin, disease, death, and the grave.

SH 51:6-18  
Jesus could have withdrawn himself from his enemies. He had power to lay down a human sense of life for his spiritual identity in the likeness of the divine; but he allowed men to attempt the destruction of the mortal body in order that he might furnish the proof of immortal life. Nothing could kill this Life of man. Jesus could give his temporal life into his enemies’ hands; but when his earth-mission was accomplished, his spiritual life, indestructible and eternal, was found forever the same. He knew that matter had no life and that real Life is God; therefore he could no
more be separated from his spiritual Life than God could
be extinguished.

SH 41:6-7
Like our Master, we must depart from material sense
into the spiritual sense of being.

SH 192:30-31
Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed
love, receives directly the divine power.

SH 242:15
Self-love is more opaque than a solid body. In pa-
tient obedience to a patient God, let us labor to dis-
solve with the universal solvent of Love the adamant
of error, — self-will, self-justification, and self-love, —
which wars against spirituality and is the law of sin
and death.

SH 201:9-12
Passions, selfishness,
false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirit-
uality, and the superabundance of being is on the side
of God, good.

SH 345:28-30
This thought of human, material nothingness, which
Science inculcates, enranges the carnal mind and is the
main cause of the carnal mind’s antagonism.

SH 22:6-10
Waking to Christ’s demand, mortals
experience suffering. This causes them, even as drown-
ing men, to make vigorous efforts to save themselves; and
through Christ’s precious love these efforts are crowned
with success.

SH 43:27-31
The divine must overcome the human at every point.
The Science Jesus taught and lived must triumph over
all material beliefs about life, substance, and intelli-
gence, and the multitudinous errors growing from such
beliefs.

SH 600:1-9
Thousands of letters could be presented in testi-
mony of the healing efficacy of Christian Science and
particularly concerning the vast number of people who
have been reformed and healed through the perusal or
study of this book.
For the assurance and encouragement of the reader, a
few of these letters are here republished from THE CHRIS-
TIAN SCIENCE JOURNAL and CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTI~
SH 668:12-20 a, 32-4, 8-18, 23 (only)

a dear friend left Science and Health upon my
piano one day, saying that I would gain much good by
reading it.
   Glad to get away from my own poor thoughts, I
opened the “little book” and began to read. I had
read only a short time when such a wonderful trans-
formation took place! I was renewed; born again.
Mere words cannot tell the story of the mighty up-
lifting that carried me to the very gates of heaven.
   For a long time I was always looking back to see if
the error had gone, until one day when I realized
that to catch a glimpse of what spiritual sense means
I must put corporeal sense behind me. I then set to
work in earnest to find the true way. I saw that I must get the right understanding of God!
I closed the book and with head bowed in prayer I
waited with longing intensity for some answer. How
long I waited I do not know, but suddenly, like a won-
derful burst of sunlight after a storm, came clearly
this thought, “Be still, and know that I am God.” I
held my breath — deep into my hungering thought
sank the infinite meaning of that “I.” All self-
conceit, egotism, selfishness, everything that constitutes
the mortal “I,” sank abashed out of sight. I trod, as it were, on holy ground.

SH 91:16

Absorbed in material selfhood we discern and reflect
but faintly the substance of Life or Mind. The denial of
material selfhood aids the discernment of man’s spirit-
ual and eternal individuality, and destroys the erroneous
knowledge gained from matter or through what are termed
the material senses.

SH 283:1

As mortals begin to understand Spirit,
they give up the belief that there is any true existence
apart from God.

SH 39:1-6

Meekly our Master met the mockery of his unrecog-
nized grandeur. Such indignities as he received, his fol-
lowers will endure until Christianity’s last
triumph. He won eternal honors. He over-
came the world, the flesh, and all error, thus proving
their nothingness.

SH 25:22-24, 28-31
Though demonstrating his control over sin and disease, the great Teacher by no means relieved others from giving the requisite proofs of their own piety. We must go and do likewise, else we are not improving the great blessings which our Master worked and suffered to bestow upon us.

SH 54:8 Who (only)

Who is ready to follow his teaching and example?

SH 21:9-14

If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striving to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the start, and gain a little each day in the right direction, till at last he finishes his course with joy.

SH 18:10-12

Jesus acted boldly, against the accredited evidence of the senses, against Pharisical creeds and practices, and he refuted all opponents with his healing power.

SH 254:12-15

Imperfect mortals grasp the ultimate of spiritual perfection slowly; but to begin aright and to continue the strife of demonstrating the great problem of being, is doing much.