

**August 9th - Subject: Soul**

**DEAR FRIENDS:** Mary Baker Eddy gave her students 26 subjects for weekly Bible Lessons, to be covered twice yearly. Flowing through the year in her order of the subjects, we hereby present fresh views of each one by outstanding Christian Scientists. In this way, we hope to partake with you of new unfoldments of her infinite revelation.

Our selection this week is TALKS GIVEN BY JOHN W. DOORLY on THE SCIENCE OF THE BIBLE VOLUME ONE. Biographies on our contributing authors can be found [here](#).

**Soul as Mind**

Next we come to the third day of Soul, in which the dry land appeared. The second day ended with Spirit as Soul, the tone of order and development, and now as you come to Soul as Mind, that development becomes definition. Things become clear, and that defining comes to us as what we call spiritual understanding, which Mrs. Eddy says is “the reality of all things brought to light” (S. & H. 505:27-28). Defining is “the reality of all things brought to light.”

**Soul as Spirit**

As you get spiritual understanding and all things are brought to light and defined, you get a sense of Soul as Spirit, which names, and that naming comes to you and me as blessing. The minute we begin to be named by Soul, we take on the divine name and nature, and that comes as a blessing.

Take the first two periods of the third thousand years of the Scriptures: Soul as Mind defined Abram as Abraham, which means “father of a multitude;” Soul as Spirit named and blessed Jacob— Jacob was renamed Israel and was blessed, and in turn he blessed his sons.

**Soul as Soul**

At this point the story of the Word in its own aspect is accomplished, and with Soul as Soul the aspect changes from Word in its own aspect to the Word reflecting the Christ. The Word to us is the seeking process; in the absolute sense, the Word is Mind’s statement of itself. Now we begin to get Principle’s translation of itself, which is the Christ, and that translation comes to you and me as a finding process.

So the aspect changes, and you will remember that it says, “Let the earth bring forth grass” (Gen. 1:11). You get a sense of giving, of finding, of something substantial happening. When we are named and we understand the divine nature and are blessed, we realize we are identified with God. The minute we see that from everlasting to everlasting there is only one identity, that begins to operate as translation. “Metaphysics resolves things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul” (S. & H. 269:14-16).

So we begin to get the Word translated into the language of the Christ. Moses in the third

period of the third thousand years called God **I AM THAT I AM**; he identified God as the God of Israel, and the Hebrews as the children of Israel. Then he translated God to the people.

### **Soul as Principle**

Identity and translation lead on to Soul as Principle, where translation becomes the divine rule. The divine rule comes to you and me as true gender. Remember that gender means “kind” or “sort”— it doesn’t mean sex. Every one of God’s ideas has a different gender. There are not just two or three genders, because gender is infinite, and every one of God’s ideas is different. If God had made two ideas alike in any way, He would have duplicated, and He would not be the infinite.

As you begin to see the rule of Soul that everything is identified you begin to see diversification, classification, and individualization, and that is true gender. Because each of us has a different gender all need each other. Humanity will one day understand that every man expresses God in a different way, and that we all need each other as individuals, as classes, as nations, as strata of society, and so on. True gender does not divide: it shows us that we are all essential to each other, and that we are all wedded to each other. Moses demonstrated God in the wilderness, and he identified the rule of Soul as the Commandments, which established true relationship between man and God, between man and his fellow-man, and between man and woman. The Commandments established the true sense of morality, true gender.

### **Soul as Life**

Now we come to the point of Soul as Life. When you get a sense of true gender, you begin to see immortality, which is something apart from the mortal; then your thought is resurrected. Soul as Life gives you a sense of immortality and resurrection. In the fifth period of the third thousand years the children of Israel entered the Promised Land. They had a sense of immortality, a sense of resurrection from the burden of Egypt, from the bitterness of the wilderness experience, and they were led into the Promised Land.

To go back, the second day ended with Spirit as Soul, which gave order and development; then in the third day came defining and spiritual understanding; that led to naming and blessing; then the whole picture changed from the Word in its own aspect,— from Mind, Spirit and Soul,—to Soul, Principle, and Life, and we began to touch the hem of the Word reflecting the Christ, we began to get identity. The earth began to bring forth, and the sense that everything is identified with God brought an understanding of true identity, which always translates itself. Hence Moses was able to translate God to the children of Israel in that period. And then Soul as Principle gave the rule of identity, which came as true gender,—as infinite diversification, classification, and individualization. That climaxed in Soul as Life, when the children of Israel entered the Promised Land—a sense of immortality and resurrection. Now, get these tones into your thought as a whole and as a sequence. See their development, begin to be familiar with them, begin to touch them and feel them and handle them and love them and live them. They are power.

If the ideas of music come to you, they are power in music; if the ideas of mathematics come to you, they are power in mathematics; if ideas of business come to you, they are

power in business. And so, if ideas of Life, Truth, and Love, which are reached through Mind, Spirit, and Soul, come to you, and they come into your being, they are power in the realm of Life, Truth, and Love. Remember that each day gives a new view of Life, Truth, and Love.

A man said to me the other day, “You don’t realize how little such terminology means to the man-in-the-street. ‘Life’ to him means just living, ‘truth’ means not telling lies, and ‘love’ means hugging his wife.” That is one of our difficulties. We have got the answer, but our job today is to get it to the ordinary man in the language that he understands. Now, the Christ is “The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error” (S. & H. 583:10-11). The Christ comes to mortal thought, and the Christ will show us the way to bring Science to the ordinary man. Whatever business you are in, you have to consider the ordinary man and know what he wants. You have to understand him. You must love the ordinary man, or you won’t understand his point of view. A mother understands her child because she loves it. Our job today is to get Science to the ordinary man, — to put it into the idiom and the terminology that he can understand. As we understand Science, God will open the way. Jesus said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away” (Mark 13:31). Truth never passes away.

The following list is from The Mary Baker Eddy Institute Letter 12:

**SOUL**

balance  
 beauty  
 changeless  
 chemicalization (Soul/Spirit)  
 defines  
 doctrine  
 earth  
 find  
 freedom  
 incorporeal  
 identity  
 intact  
 joy  
 mission  
 names  
 perseverance  
 reverses  
 rules  
 resurrection  
 satisfies  
 seed within

sinless  
 spiritual sense  
 spiritual  
 understanding (Soul/Spirit)  
 star  
 salvation  
 unconfined  
 wilderness

**Opposites**

appetite  
 body  
 bondage  
 change  
 corporeal  
 hypocrisy  
 in  
 lost  
 lust  
 malice  
 m.m.p.  
 mortality  
 oblivion  
 pantheism  
 passion  
 pleasures and  
 pains  
 senses  
 sin  
 slavery  
 suffering



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