

April 2020

Building: Foundation

Foundation stone: Emerald – immortal and incorruptible

Join us in our 12 months of metaphysical building:

1. Peace Haven's 2020 theme: **"Built on a Rock"**
2. Peace Haven's furthering the purpose and mission of Church today.
3. The Mother Church's 2020 Annual Meeting theme: **"Our duty to God, to our Leader, and to mankind."**

How can Peace Haven fulfill our duty and follow our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, through our metaphysical building work?

S&H 577:28

The writer's present feeble sense of Christian Science closes with St. John's Revelation as recorded by the great apostle, **for his vision is the acme of this Science as the Bible reveals it.**

Let's ponder our Leader's realization of St. John's vision as the acme of Christian Science. Let's follow her vision and see how the building of Peace Haven helps bring the healing Christ / Christ's Kingdom / Holy City / New Jerusalem of St. John's vision to all.

4. St. John's Revelation of the Holy City:

Let's see Peace Haven as a spiritual idea, its building as a representation of New Jerusalem, in the midst of which is the tree of life bearing fruit every month. Let's see our building project bearing this monthly fruit, with the purpose of healing the nations.

See Revelation 21 – 22.

See S&H 572:19 – 578:18

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

S&H 573:31 When you read this, remember Jesus' words, "The kingdom of God is within you." This spiritual consciousness is therefore a present possibility.

April 2020 Foundation: Foundation / Foundational purpose of bringing Christ's healing to our community and world

As the foundations of Peace Haven's physical building are being set, let us firmly establish in our own hearts the foundation of the purpose of Peace Haven as part of the utility of church, bringing Christ healing to our community, and through the ripple effects being a light to the world. How grateful we can be for this opportunity to be working with and for God! We could not do this work any other way.

The staff at Peace Haven has been studying Mrs. Eddy's leadership and our roles in "followership." This study brings out a powerful reminder that through our obedience, the dominion and divine authority to move forward will be provided by God.

S&H 136:1–2 [Bold added]

Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on a **spiritual foundation of Christ-healing.**

Webster's 1828 Dictionary **FOUNDAT'ION**, *noun*

1. The basis of an edifice; usually a wall of stone which supports the edifice.
2. The **act of fixing the basis.**
3. The basis or ground work, or any thing; that on which any thing stands, and by which it is supported. Christ is the *foundation* of the church.
5. Endowment; a donation or legacy appropriated to support an institution, and constituting a permanent fund, usually for a charitable purpose.

S&H 138:6–26 [Bold added]

It was now evident to Peter **that divine Life, Truth, and Love, and not a human personality, was the healer of the sick and a rock, a firm foundation in the realm of harmony.** On this spiritually scientific basis Jesus explained his cures, which appeared miraculous to outsiders. He showed that diseases were cast out neither by corporeality, by *materia medica*, nor by hygiene, but by the divine Spirit, casting out the errors of mortal mind. **The supremacy of Spirit was the foundation on which Jesus built.** His sublime summary points to the religion of Love.

Jesus established in the Christian era the precedent for all Christianity, theology, and healing. Christians are under as direct orders now, as they were then, to be Christlike, to possess the Christ-spirit, to follow the Christ-example, and to heal the sick as well as the sinning. It is easier for Christianity to cast out sickness than sin, for the sick are more willing to part with pain than are sinners to

We invite you to join us by contributing your own "Metaphysical Building Stones." We'd love to add your inspirations in the form of passages from the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings, hymns, and CSPA content. Please email them to Jodie.Maurer@PeaceHavenAssociation.org.

give up the sinful, so-called pleasure of the senses. The Christian can prove this to-day as readily as it was proved centuries ago.

Luke 6:47, 48 [Bold added]

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

48 **He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock:** and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

Mis 140:28 [Bold added]

Built on the rock, our church will stand the storms of ages: though the material superstructure should crumble into dust, the fittest would survive, — the spiritual idea would live, a perpetual type of the divine Principle it reflects.

See Revelation 21 – 22.

Revelation 21:1, 2, 14, 19, 20 [Bold added]

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

19 **And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones.** The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

See Exodus 28:17-20 for these precious stones in the breastplate of the High Priest.

Precious Stones Meanings according to Funk and Wagnall:

Jasper	light-illumination
Sapphire	sincerity, constancy, truth
Chalcedony	gratitude for Christ truth
Emerald	immortal, incorruptible
Sardonyx	harmony of bride and groom
Sardius	courage, wisdom
Chrysolite	truth appearing
Beryl	joy, agelessness
Topaz	love, spirituality
Chrysoparasus	eternal life
Jacinth	might
Amethyst	love, spiritual power

Christian Science Hymnal:

Hymn 141

[Bold added]

If the Lord build not the house
They that labor build in vain;
Father, may our corner stone
Stand foursquare, without a stain.

Make our planting timely, true,
Governed by a power benign;
Nourish by a heavenly dew
All the branches and the vine.

Fruitful shall our tillage be,
Known the work of perfect Mind,
Leaves be gathered from the tree
For the healing of mankind.

Cleansing men of fear and hate,
Lifting hope above the sod,
Truth will summon, soon or late,
All the earth to worship God.

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