

October 2020
Building: Water – plumbing
Foundation stone: Sardonyx – harmony of bride and groom

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.

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 CSPS content. Please email them to Jodie.Maurer@PeaceHavenAssociation.org.

October 2020:

Join us in studying the inspiration between water/plumbing in our new facility with the foundation stone Sardonyx. This stone is in the foundation of the Holy City. It has the spiritual significance of the "harmony of bride and groom." We're exploring the bride and groom as St. John revealed them in Revelation and the Holy City. We're finding what truly purifies, bathes, and refreshes us (as water does) is our continual yearning to understand more clearly the relationship between Love and Love's spiritual idea, which manifests eternal harmony.

How grateful we are that yearning to understand the inseparable relationship of Love wedded to its spiritual idea lifts us from the false consciousness to the real. This work helps us to behold and demonstrate God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, thus fulfilling our purpose of healing at Peace Haven.

S&H 574:30–3

Then thought gently whispers:

- 1 "Come hither! Arise from your false consciousness into the true sense of Love, and behold the Lamb's
- 3 wife, — Love wedded to its own spiritual idea."

S&H 548:1

- 1 "The Spirit and the bride say, Come! . . . and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Christian
- 3 Science separates error from truth, and breathes Scriptural through the sacred pages the spiritual sense of perception life, substance, and intelligence. In this Science, we dis-
- 6 cover man in the image and likeness of God. We see that man has never lost his spiritual estate and his eternal harmony.

My. 153:27–30

- 27 Christian Science healing is "the Spirit and the bride," — the Word and the wedding of this Word to all human thought and action, — that says: Come, and I will give
- 30 thee rest, peace, health, holiness.

John 1:1

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Heb. 8:10

- 10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

S&H 333:19–23

- 21 Throughout all generations both before and The divine Principle and idea after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth.

Isa. 54:5

5 For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the LORD of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Isa. 62:5 2nd as

5 ... *as* the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, *so* shall thy God rejoice over thee.

S&H 561:13-25, 32-21 *Marginal heading: "Espousals supernal"*

To John, "the bride" and "the Lamb" represented the correlation of divine Principle and spiritual idea, God and His Christ, bringing harmony to earth.

15 John saw the human and divine coincidence, shown in the man Jesus, as divinity embracing humanity in Life and its demonstration, — reducing to human perception and understanding the Life which is God. In divine revelation, material and corporeal self-hood disappear, and the spiritual idea is understood.

The woman in the Apocalypse symbolizes generic man, the spiritual idea of God; she illustrates the coincidence of God and man as the divine Principle and divine idea.

John the Baptist prophesied the coming of the immaculate Jesus, and John saw in those days the spiritual idea as the Messiah, who would baptize with the Holy Ghost, — divine Science. As Elias presented the idea of the fatherhood of God, which Jesus afterwards manifested, so the Revelator completed this figure with woman, typifying the spiritual idea of God's motherhood. The moon is under her feet. This idea reveals the universe as secondary and tributary to Spirit, from which the universe borrows its reflected light, substance, life, and intelligence.

The spiritual idea is crowned with twelve stars. The twelve tribes of Israel with all mortals, — separated by belief from man's divine origin and the true idea, — will through much tribulation yield to the activities of the divine Principle of man in the harmony of Science. These are the stars in the crown of rejoicing. They are the lamps in the spiritual heavens of the age, which show the workings of the spiritual idea by healing the sick and the sinning, and by manifesting the light which shines "unto the perfect day" as the night of materialism wanes.

S&H 574:5-6 (np)

He writes, in Revelation xxi. 9: —

6 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

This ministry of Truth, this message from divine Love, carried John away in spirit. It exalted him till he became conscious of the spiritual facts of being and the "New Jerusalem, coming down from God, out of heaven," — the spiritual outpouring of bliss and glory, which he describes as the city which "lieth foursquare." The beauty of this text is, that the sum total of human misery, represented by

18 the seven angelic vials full of seven plagues, has full compensation in the law of Love. Note this, — that the very message, or swift-winged thought, which poured forth hatred and torment, brought also the experience which at last lifted the seer to behold the great city, the four equal sides of which were heaven-bestowed and heaven-bestowing.

Think of this, dear reader, for it will lift the sackcloth from your eyes, and you will behold the soft-winged dove descending upon you. The very circumstance, which your suffering sense deems wrathful and afflictive, Love can make an angel entertained unawares. Then thought gently whispers: "Come hither! Arise from your false consciousness into the true sense of Love, and behold the Lamb's wife, — Love wedded to its own spiritual idea." Then cometh the marriage feast, for this revelation will destroy forever the physical plagues imposed by material sense.

S&H 582:14-20

BRIDE. Purity and innocence, conceiving man in the idea of God; a sense of Soul, which has spiritual bliss and enjoys but cannot suffer.

BRIDEGROOM. Spiritual understanding; the pure consciousness that God, the divine Principle, creates man as His own spiritual idea, and that God is the only creative power.

Rev. 22:17

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Hymn 180:3

They whose every thought,
Still from Love is sought,
In Soul, not flesh, abide.
Love's presence gives a joy untold:
Now may we all behold
The Spirit and the bride.

Hymn 450:1-4

O house of God, built on a firm foundation,
Standing secure amid the storms of life,
Where all may come to learn of true salvation
And find release from discord, pain, and strife.

We hear the Word, in song and sermon spoken,
In silent prayer, we turn to God today;
Our humble hearts receive the blessed token
Of Truth that guides us in the upward way.

O Father, feed us with Thy bread from heaven,
The living water, may we drink of Thee,
And every lesson which Thy love hath given
Oh, may we learn it with humility.

We feel Thy peace, Thine arms of Love enfolding,
We lift our hearts in praise and gratitude,
And from this hour, a glimpse of heaven beholding,
Go forth at last, our joy and strength renewed.