January 2021 Building: Furnishings

Foundation stone: Beryl – joy, agelessness

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.

January 2021:

Peace Haven's new building is being lovingly furnished with items such as comfortable furniture, uplifting art, and much more. We are viewing these furnishings as reminders for all that God furnishes, supplies, and provides for man, including bliss and immortality. They assure us that we are furnished with joy and agelessness in the kingdom of heaven now.

The qualities these furnishings express remind us of our true heritage as God's beloved children, dwelling in the kingdom, the Holy City, now. In the Bible many leave material cities in search of God's heavenly city "built without hands". We too, can parallel this search for God's kingdom on earth. The prophets glimpsed the present reality of God's kingdom, and Science reveals it for all.

The Holy City is no longer an abstract distant concept, but an attainable reality present now. These comforting furnishings, representing joy, intelligence, orderliness, kindness, integrity, love, appreciation, gratitude, and so on, remind us of the promise in our metaphysical work of seeing more clearly man's indestructible relationship with God. This understanding of atonement or at-one-ment enables man to dwell, "throughly furnished", in the consciousness of Love, the Holy City of God's creating here and now.

S&H 99:9-11 [bold added]

Truth has furnished the key to the kingdom, and with this key Christian Science has opened the door of the human understanding.

S&H 461:11 [bold added]

Only by the illumination of the spiritual sense, can 12 the light of understanding be thrown upon this Science,

because Science reverses the evidence before the material senses and furnishes the eternal interpretation of God and

15 man.

S&H 336:25 [bold added]

XXIV. God, the divine Principle of man, and man in God's likeness are inseparable, harmonious, and eternal.

- 27 **The Science of being furnishes the rule of per**-God the **fection, and brings immortality to light.** God parent Mind and man are not the same, but in the order of divine Sci-
- 30 ence, God and man coexist and are eternal. God is the parent Mind, and man is God's spiritual offspring.

S&H 19:4

Man cannot exceed divine Love, and so atone for himself. Even Christ cannot reconcile Truth to error, for

- 6 Truth and error are irreconcilable. Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer
- 9 sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit, the law of divine Love.

Misc. 258:27 [bold added]

- 27 God's interpretation of Himself furnishes man with the only suitable or true idea of Him; and the divine definition of Deity differs essentially from the human.
- 30 It interprets the law of Spirit, not of matter. It explains the eternal dynamics of being, and shows that nature and man are as harmonious to-day as in the beginning,
- when "all things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made."

S&H 576:23–4 [bold added]

In divine Science, man possesses this

24 recognition of harmony consciously in proportion to his understanding of God.

The term Lord, as used in our version of the Old

- 27 Testament, is often synonymous with Jehovah, and expresses the Jewish concept, not yet elevated to deific apprehension through spiritual trans-
- 30 figuration. Yet the word gradually approaches a higher meaning. This human sense of Deity yields to the divine
- sense, even as the material sense of personality yields to the incorporeal sense of God and man as the infinite
- 3 Principle and infinite idea, as one Father with His universal family, held in the gospel of Love.

S&H 591:16

MIND. The only I, or Us; the only Spirit, Soul, divine Principle, substance, Life, Truth, Love; the one God;

18 not that which is *in* man, but the divine Principle, or God, of whom man is the full and perfect expression; Deity, which outlines but is not outlined.

S&H 503:18–25 [bold added]

18 Genesis i. 3. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Immortal and divine Mind presents the idea of God:

- 21 first, in light; second, in reflection; third, in spiritual and immortal forms of beauty and goodness. But this Mind creates no element nor symbol of faultless
- 24 discord and decay. God creates neither erring thought, mortal life, mutable truth, nor variable love.

S&H 304:3 [bold added]

- It is ignorance and false belief, based on a material sense of things, which hide **spiritual beauty and goodness.** Understanding this, Paul said: "Nei- Man
- 6 ther death, nor life, . . . nor things present, inseparable nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from
- 9 the love of God." This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into
- 12 sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death. The perfect man governed
- 15 by God, his perfect Principle is sinless and eternal.

S&H 76:22–29 [bold added]

The sinless joy, — the perfect harmony and immortality of Life, possessing unlimited divine beauty and goodness

- 24 without a single bodily pleasure or pain, Immaterial constitutes the only veritable, indestructible pleasure man, whose being is spiritual. This state of existence
- 27 is scientific and intact, a perfection discernible only by those who have the final understanding of Christ in divine Science.

S&H 604:25–24 "Fruitage"

SPINAL TROUBLE AND INDIGESTION HEALED

For many years I have relied wholly upon Christian tience for healing; and I am glad to acknowledge the

- 27 Science for healing; and I am glad to acknowledge the spiritual help and many other benefits received from following its teachings. I have great cause to be grate-
- 30 ful to God and to our revered Leader, Mrs. Eddy, for these blessings, which her discovery and love for
- 1 humanity made possible. I had read but a few pages in our textbook, "Science and Health with Key to
- 3 the Scriptures," when I saw that it was the truth, and that it contained something I had thought could never be found in this existence. Proofs of healing came
- 6 immediately, and I was able to do much useful work without a sense of burden or fatigue.

As time went on I learned the nothingness of dis-

- 9 couragement, and understood in a measure that God is my Life and that all action is in divine Mind. I was healed of spinal trouble; and nervousness and weakness
- 12 faded away and were replaced by health and strength. A larger sense of joy and gratitude did much towards overcoming indigestion, which had caused suffering for a
- 15 number of years. A sprained ankle was cured in a few hours by applying what I understood of Christian Science, and by holding steadfastly to the statement
- 18 our Leader makes on page 384 of Science and Health, that "God never punishes man for doing right, for honest labor, or for deeds of kindness." The following
- 21 day I walked two miles with no sense of discomfort. Beliefs of heredity and lack have been overcome, and self-will, self-love, and pride are less in evidence.—
- 24 Miss G. W., Brookline, Mass.

Hymn 58:3

In Thy house securely dwelling,
Where Thy children live to bless,
Seeing only Thy creation,
We can share Thy happiness,
Share Thy joy and spend it freely.
Loyal hearts can feel no fear;
We Thy children know Thee, Father,
Love and Life forever near.

II Timothy 3:16, 17 [bold added]

16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 **That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.**

Hymn 584:3 [bold added] Though sin would surround me, my cup overflows; You show that I'm never alone.

Your goodness and love are mine forever; In the dwelling of Love, I am home.