

March 2021

Building: Blessing our building

Foundation stone: Chalcedony – gratitude for Christ truth

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

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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.

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In our study of the Holy City we have come to see God's great promise to Abraham of a place prepared for him, and all that do the works of Abraham, as a very relevant promise for all of us today. God's promise transcends the physical promised-land to the ever-present spiritual promised-land – the kingdom of heaven within. This kingdom or Holy City or new heaven and new earth is true existence, spiritual reality, present here and now. Man's indestructible relationship with God is the only reality of his being. Through listening to and obeying God as Abraham did we are blessed with the vision of spiritual reality.

Ps. 29:11 [bold added] 11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; **the LORD will bless his people with peace.**

S&H 535:29 [bold added]

In the first chapter of Genesis we read: "And God 30 called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together 1 of the waters called He Seas." In the Apocalypse it is written: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for 3 the first heaven and the first earth were passed New earth away; and there was no more sea." In St. John's vision, heaven and earth stand for spir- sea 6 itual ideas, and the sea, as a symbol of tempest-tossed human concepts advancing and receding, is represented as having passed away. **The divine understanding reigns, 9 is all, and there is no other consciousness.**

Gen. 12:1, 2 [bold added] 1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, **unto a land that I will shew thee:** 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and **I will bless thee,** and make thy name great; and **thou shalt be a blessing:**

S&H p. 470:21–24, 32 [bold added]

21 God is the creator of man, and, the divine Principle of man remaining perfect, the divine idea or reflection, man, remains perfect. Man is the expression **Indestructible 24 of God's being. relationship**

The relations of God and man, divine Principle and 1 idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine 3 order or spiritual law, in which **God and all that He creates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged in its eternal history.**

S&H 556:3 [bold added]

3 Vertebrata, articulata, mollusca, and radiata are mortal and material concepts classified, and are supposed to possess life and mind. These false beliefs Genera 6 will disappear, when the radiation of Spirit classified destroys forever all belief in intelligent matter. **Then 9 will the new heaven and new earth appear, for the former things will have passed away.**

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.

S&H 572:19–22

In Revelation xxi. 1 we read: —

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

S&H 573:13–23 [bold added]

Accompanying this scientific consciousness was another revelation, even **the declaration from heaven, supreme harmony, that God, the divine Principle** Nearness of Deity
15 **of harmony, is ever with men, and they are** of Deity
His people. Thus man was no longer regarded as a miserable sinner, but as **the blessed child of God.** Why?
18 Because St. John's corporeal sense of the heavens and earth had vanished, **and in place of this false sense was**
21 **the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could see the new heaven and new earth,** which involve the spiritual idea and consciousness of reality.

S&H 574:5–16

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,
9 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 Vials of
12 and the "New Jerusalem, coming down from wrath and
God, out of heaven," — the spiritual outpour- consolation
15 ing of bliss and glory, which he describes as the city which "lieth foursquare."

S&H 575:7–13 (to 2nd .) [bold added]

This sacred city, described in the Apocalypse (xxi. 16) as one that "lieth foursquare" and cometh "down from
9 God, out of heaven," **represents the light and** The city
glory of divine Science. The builder and foursquare
maker of this New Jerusalem is God, as we read in the
12 book of Hebrews; and it is "a city which hath foundations." The description is metaphoric.

S&H 576:8–23 [bold added]

In Revelation xxi. 22, further describing this holy city,
9 the beloved Disciple writes: —

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

12 There was no temple, — that is, no material structure in which to worship God, for He must be worshipped in spirit and in love. The word *temple* also The shrine
15 means *body*. The Revelator was familiar celestial
with Jesus' use of this word, as when Jesus spoke of his material body as the temple to be temporarily rebuilt
18 (John ii. 21). **What further indication need we of the real man's incorporeality than this,** that John saw heaven and earth with "no temple [body] therein"?
21 **This kingdom of God "is within you," — is within**

reach of man's consciousness here, and the spiritual idea reveals it.

S&H 577:12–31 [bold added]

12 This spiritual, holy habitation has no boundary nor limit, but its four cardinal points are: first, the Word of Life, Truth, and Love; second, **The city of**
15 the Christ, the spiritual idea of God; third, **our God** Christianity, which is the outcome of the divine Principle of the Christ-idea in Christian history; fourth,
18 Christian Science, which to-day and forever interprets this great example and the great Exemplar. This city of our God has no need of sun or satellite, for Love
21 is the light of it, and divine Mind is its own interpreter. All who are saved must walk in this light. Mighty potentates and dynasties will lay down their honors
24 within the heavenly city. Its gates open towards light and glory both within and without, for all is good, and nothing can enter that city, which "defileth, . . . or
27 maketh a lie."

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30 great apostle, for **his vision is the acme of this Science as the Bible reveals it.**

Heb. 6:13–15 [bold added]

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, 14 Saying, **Surely blessing I will bless thee,** and multiplying I will multiply thee. 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, **he obtained the promise.**

Acts 3:25, 26 [bold added]

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. 26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, **sent him to bless you,** in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

S&H 91:1–8

1 The Revelator tells us of "a new heaven and a new earth." Have you ever pictured this heaven and
3 earth, inhabited by beings under the control of supreme wisdom?

Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated
6 from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and Love. Here is the great point of departure for all true spiritual growth.

Ps. 67:1–3 [bold added]

1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us; *and* cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. 2 **That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.** 3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

S&H 470:23–24 [bold added]

Man is the expression **Indestructible**
24 **of God's being.** **relationship**

S&H 476:4

In divine Science, God and the real man are inseparable as divine Principle and idea.