

## Glass Half Empty or Half Full? The Cup of Spirit Runneth Over! November 27, 2013

### The Bible

Ps 23:1

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Ps 104:24

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Prov 13:18

18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

Prov 8:11,18,19

11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

Gen 41:1(to :),8,14-31,33-41,46-49 *And Joseph,53-57*

1 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed:

8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

14 ¶ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:

19 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:

20 And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine:

21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after

them:

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.

25 ¶ And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one.

27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

28 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous.

33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 ¶ And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

53 ¶ And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth

was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

Matt 7:7-10,12

7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

John 21:1-6

1 After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.

2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a-fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

Mal 3:7 *Return*,10

7 Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

## Science and Health

578:5 DIVINE

DIVINE LOVE] is my shepherd; I shall not want.

166:3(only)

3 As a man thinketh, so is he.

126:8

9 All Science is divine. Human thought never projected the least portion of true being. Human belief has sought and interpreted in its own way the echo of Spirit, and so seems to have reversed it and repeated it materially; but the human mind never produced a real tone nor sent forth a positive sound.

A lack of originality

286:21

21 God's thoughts are perfect and eternal, are substance and Life. Material and temporal thoughts are human, involving error, and since God, Spirit, is the only cause, they lack a divine cause. The temporal and material are not then creations of Spirit. They are but counterfeits of the spiritual and eternal.

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27 Transitory thoughts are the antipodes of everlasting Truth, though (by the supposition of opposite qualities) error must also say, "I am true." But by this saying error, the lie, destroys itself.

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Spiritual thoughts

287:4-16

All creations of Spirit are eternal; but creations of matter must return to dust.

6 Error supposes man to be both mental and material. Divine Science contradicts this postulate and maintains man's spiritual identity.

9 We call the absence of Truth, *error*. Truth and error are unlike. In Science, Truth is divine, and the *infinite* God can have no unlikeness. Did God, Truth, create error? No! "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" God being everywhere and all-inclusive, how can He be absent or suggest the absence of omnipresence and omnipotence? How can there be more than *all*?

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Divine allness

468:17-19 *Substance* (to ,)

18 Substance is that which is eternal and incapable of discord and decay. Truth, Life, and Love are substance,

Spiritual synonyms

589:19 *a higher*

a higher sense of Truth  
rebuking mortal belief, or error, and showing the immor-  
21 tality and supremacy of Truth; pure affection blessing  
its enemies.

518:13

God gives the lesser idea of Himself for a link to the  
greater, and in return, the higher always protects the  
15 lower. The rich in spirit help the poor in Assistance in  
one grand brotherhood, all having the same brotherhood  
Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth  
18 his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in  
another's good. Love giveth to the least spiritual idea  
might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through  
21 all as the blossom shines through the bud. All the varied  
expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality —  
infinite Life, Truth, and Love.

234:9

9 We should become more familiar with good than with  
evil, and guard against false beliefs as watchfully as we  
bar our doors against the approach of thieves Hospitality  
12 and murderers. We should love our enemies to health  
and help them on the basis of the Golden and good  
Rule; but avoid casting pearls before those who trample  
15 them under foot, thereby robbing both themselves and  
others.

325:7

Jesus  
gave the true idea of being, which results in infinite bless-  
9 ings to mortals.

286:9-11

9 The Master said, "No man cometh unto the Father  
[the divine Principle of being] but by me," Christ,  
Life, Truth, Love; for Christ says, "I am the way."

595:22 Tithe (*to gratitude*)

**TITHE.** Contribution; tenth part; homage; gratitude

592:25

**OIL.** Consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heav-  
enly inspiration.

578:13-18

[LOVE] prepareth a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies: [LOVE] anointeth my head with oil; my cup  
15 runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness]  
18 of [LOVE] for ever.

## Hymns

Hymn 146

### Hymn 146, 147

Violet Ker Seymer

NEWBURY

English Traditional Melody

HOLY TRINITY

Joseph Barnby

In God I find a precious gift  
That knows no fear, no feud,  
That glows so still, serene and pure:  
The gift of gratitude.

It brightens all the paths of earth,  
Reflecting Truth and right,  
For gratitude doth steadfastly  
Abide in heavenly light.

With confidence it hails each task,  
With courage undismayed,  
For naught against Infinity  
Can ever be arrayed.

In seamless gratitude I weave  
A silent, healing prayer,  
With shining threads of ceaseless joy;  
For man is God's great heir.

Hymn 360

### Hymn 360

Elizabeth Charles

Adapted

RUSTINGTON  
C. Hubert H. Parry

True, the heart grows rich in giving;  
All its wealth is living grain;  
Seeds which mildew in the garner,  
Scattered, fill with gold the plain.  
Is thy burden hard and heavy?  
Do thy steps drag wearily?  
Help to bear thy brother's burden,  
God will bear both it and thee.

Is the heart a well left empty?  
None but God its void can fill;  
Nothing but a ceaseless fountain  
Can its ceaseless longings still.  
Is the heart a living power?  
Self-entwined its strength sinks low;  
It can only live in loving,  
And, by serving, love will grow.

Hymn 249  
**Hymn 249, 250**

Vivian Burnett

BERNO  
Arthur H. Mann  
WOLVERCOTE  
W. Harold Ferguson  
Music by permission of W. Harold Ferguson

O, when we see God's mercy  
Widespread in every place  
And know how flows the fountain  
Of His unbounded grace,  
Can we withhold a tribute,  
Forbear a psalm to raise,  
Or leave unsung one blessing,  
In this our hymn of praise?

Our gratitude is riches,  
Complaint is poverty,  
Our trials bloom in blessings,  
They test our constancy.

O, life from joy is minted,  
An everlasting gold,  
True gladness is the treasure  
That grateful hearts will hold.