

2019 Open Doors Conference: "Follow Thou Me --> Inspired Leadership"

The Metaphysics of Inspired Leadership November 15, 2019

Greeting

Mark 16:20

Coordinating our understanding of inspired leadership

What are the degrees of leadership?

SH 115:19 - 116:3 Scientific Translation of Mortal Mind

The 1st degree; "Depravity"; "Physical"

SH 115:20-24

The 2nd degree; "Evil beliefs disappearing"; "Moral"; most leadership occurs here

SH 115:25-27

The 3rd degree; "Understanding"; "Spiritual"; inspired leadership

SH 116:1-3

What are some of the practical practices of the 3rd degree of leadership?

Moves at the impulse of Love, divine Principle

Hymn 324

Hymn 354

Always has time to express grace

SH 598:24

Delegates appropriately

'00 8:17-20

Follows Christ and the Christly method

Ret 93:13

Listens and Hears

Hymn 304:1 I (to voice)

Luke 11:28 blessed

Matt 13:16

Is obedient

'00 8:26-29

Loves

The inspiration and expression (the breath) of inspired leadership is Love.

Is unencumbered by personality

MARY BAKER EDDY: CHRISTIAN HEALER p 229 Mrs. Eddy's letter to Ann Otis

"There is no personality, and this is more important to know than that there is no disease."

SH 285:2-3

SH 491:9-11

SH 116:2-3

Follows Christ

John 21:22

The Metaphysics of Inspired Leadership

What is Metaphysics

Dictionary definition: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/metaphysics>

Metaphysics: "...is concerned with the fundamental nature of reality and being"

Mis. 69:1-2, 5

What is the foundation of our metaphysical practice?

John 21:15-22

Biblical symbolism of sheep and lambs

Biblically, sheep symbolize God's people, the infinite individual spiritual ideas of God. Relatively, sheep are our well-developed ideas of God, good. Lambs are our fresh new ideas about God.

Cultural reference

The Shepherdess by Alice Meynell 1847 - 1922

"She walks--the lady of my delight--

A shepherdess of sheep.

Her flocks are thoughts. She keeps them white;

She guards them from the steep;

She feeds them on the fragrant height,

And folds them in for sleep.

...

She holds her little thoughts in sight,

Though gay they run and leap.

She is so circumspect and right;

She has her soul to keep.

...

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~Public/feg/alice/ampoems2.html>

Source: *The Poems of Alice Meynell: Complete Edition*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1923.

Jesus' three questions to Simon Peter (John 21:15-17)

- Lovest thou me (singular Christ) more than these (many material modes)?
SH 249:32-2 (to minds)
- Lovest thou me? -- Working out one's own salvation -- this is self-leadership
John 21:21,22
- Lovest thou me? --Evangelizing by following Christ Jesus' example

What might try to trip us up (mortal mind) and what can we know about it?

The three masks mortal mind tries to use to attack and how we might handle them

Resources - lack, loss, delay or conflict related to finances, time, personnel, schedules and such
SH 68:27-30

Relationships – not enough workers; separation, isolation or inharmony and so forth

Testimony of Relationship Healing

John 9:3

“Am I my brother's keeper?” by Virginia Swain **MAR 1979 JOURNAL**
<https://journal.christianscience.com/shared/view/29h8rxc4n32?s=eSentinel>

“Home is where we park it” by Margaret Zuber **JAN 11, 2010 SENTINEL**
<https://sentinel.christianscience.com/shared/view/9ewqa49tno?s=e>

Physical – attacks on matter; such tools (phones/computers/vehicles), bodies, housing, etc.

SH 269:11

SH 463:14-16

Mis 174:2

SH 156:29-32

How does a metaphysical solution resolve a physical challenge?

No duality – Know the Truth

SH 468: 11-12

John 8:32

John 5:2-9

Matt 14:15-21

Analogy: Knowing the Laws of Floatation, human consciousness builds a better boat

SH 402:18-19

We're God's paintbrushes

Analogy: To clean a paintbrush, let the pure clear water run through it

S&H 316:7

Matt 9:37

God meets, but does God know human need? Do **we** truly know our human need?

SH 494:10-11

God does not know even the supposition of evil

SH 243:25

Hab 1:13 (to ;)

Add'l Citations: SH 184:3; SH 357:4; Mis 72:18-21(np); No 30:7-23; Un 18:2

God knows human need

SH 7:23 The

SH 13:14-16

Matt 6:8

Add'l Citations: Luke 12:30; Matt 6:32

What is the need God knows? What is the need we need to know?

My 229:27-28 (to ,)

SH 4:3-5

SH 390:7

SH 454:31

Oneness with divine Mind

- Not side-by-side with God
- Not expressed out from the Divine Source struggling to return
- Not a marble in a God-box – we can't fall out of God.
 - a. We're like leaven we can't be separated out and we're growing!
- Not a reflection of God in a mirror looking back at God
 - a. The mirror in which we are God's reflection is divine Science. Divine Science is the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of Heaven is the atmosphere of Spirit. We are reflection *in* Spirit. SH 515:29 SH 592:18 SH 590:1

Consciousness, where art thou? -- Realizing truth in human consciousness

Dictionary definition: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/-ize>

-ize: 1a(1): *cause to be or conform to or resemble*

SH 307:32-4

How is a metaphysical solution brought about?

Mark 11:24

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION “**whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.**”

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION “**you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.**”

NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE “**all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.**”

How do we know that we are, in fact, following Christ?

SH 462:23–24 SH 494:30–32

Mis. 347:20-27 We Knew Mary Baker Eddy (Exp. Ed.) Vol.2 p.429

II Cor. 10:3 Mis. 204:23–2

Summary of talk

Man. 42:4

Short readings from Mrs. Eddy's works

Mis. 369:7–10

Mis. 130:29

Ret. 90:30

My. 149:31