Part 1: Four Aspects of Inspired Followership

"Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; ... Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me." (John 21:20 (to ;), 21, 22)

Amy-Jill Levine, professor of Theology at Vanderbuilt, writes, "A text, without context, is just a pretext for making [the Bible] say anything one wants."

"Acquaintance with the original texts . . . open[s] the way for Christian Science to be understood, and make[s] the Bible the chart of life, where the buoys and healing currents of Truth are pointed out" (24:4-10).

"Born of a woman, Jesus' advent in the flesh partook partly of Mary's earthly condition, although he was endowed with the Christ, the divine Spirit, without measure. This accounts for his struggles in Gethsemane and on Calvary, and this enabled him to be the mediator, or way-shower, between God and men. Had his origin and birth been wholly apart from mortal usage, Jesus would not have been appreciable to mortal mind as "the way." (SH 30:5)

"The corporeal Jesus bore our infirmities, and through his stripes we are healed. He was the Way-shower, and suffered in the flesh, showing mortals how to escape from the sins of the flesh." (Mis. 162:18)

"We acknowledge Jesus' atonement as the evidence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man's unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower" (SH 497:13)

1st Aspect of Inspired Followership:

"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice ... My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:4, 27)

"I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me." (John 8:28 NASB).

"I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say AND how to say it." (John 12:49 NLT).

"And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me." (John 14:24 NLT).

"... not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:42 not)

"... my Father is greater than I." (John 14:28 my)

"Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God." (Mark 10:18)

"God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God." (Ps. 62:11)

Zechariah 4:3, 11-14 and Revelation 11:3-- "Science and Health makes it plain to all Christian Scientists that the manhood and womanhood of God have already been revealed in a degree through Christ Jesus and Christian Science, His two witnesses. (My. 346:29–2).

"He guards, guides, feeds, and folds the sheep of His pasture; and their ears are attuned to His call." (Mis. 150:31)

"those who follow their leader." (SH 594:13)

"Shepherd, show me how to go / O'er the hillside steep, / How to gather, how to sow, – / How to feed Thy sheep; / I will listen for Thy voice, / Lest my footsteps stray; / I will follow and rejoice / All the rugged way." (Hymn. 304:1)

"Eye hath not seen Spirit, nor hath ear heard His voice." (SH 255:18)

"The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the "still, small voice" of Truth uttering itself. We are either turning away from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea." (SH 323:28)

"Lips must be mute and materialism silent, that man may have audience with Spirit, the divine Principle, Love, which destroys all error." (SH 15:11)

"Spirit, God, is heard when the senses are silent." (SH 89:20-21)

"Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation." (Zech. 2:13)

"The Word of God is a powerful preacher, and it is not too spiritual to be practical, nor too transcendental to be heard and understood." ('01 11:19)

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." (Rev. 12:10)

"I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." (Rev. 21:3)

2nd Aspect of Inspired Followership:

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him." (Matt 4:19-22)

"And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him." (Luke 5:11)

"Convinced of the fruitlessness of their toil in the dark and wakened by their Master's voice, they changed their methods, turned away from material things, and cast their net on the right side." (SH 35:2–6)

"Those, who are willing to leave their nets or to cast them on the right side for Truth, have the opportunity now, as aforetime, to learn and to practise Christian healing." (SH 271:26–29).

"Are you willing to leave all for Christ, for Truth, and so be counted among sinners? No! Do you really desire to attain this point? No! Then why make long prayers about it and ask to be Christians, since you do not care to tread in the footsteps of our dear Master? If unwilling to follow his example, why pray with the lips that you may be partakers of his nature? Consistent prayer is the desire to do right. Prayer means that we desire to walk and will walk in the light so far as we receive it . . ." (SH 9:25)

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12)

"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does" (John 5:19 NLT).

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12)

"The context of the foregoing Scriptural text explains Jesus' words, "because I go unto my Father." "Because" in following him, you understand God and how to turn from matter to Spirit for healing; how to leave self, the sense material, for the sense spiritual; how to accept God's power and guidance, and become imbued with divine Love that casts out all fear. Then are you baptized in the Truth that destroys all error, and you receive the sense of Life that knows no death, and you know that God is the only Life." (Mis. 194:19)

3rd aspect of Inspired Followership:

"But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead." (Matt. 8:22)

"let worldly offices be left to worldly people." Matthew Henry

"Jesus commanded, "Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead;" in other words, Let the world, popularity, pride, and ease concern you less, and love thou." ('02 9:5)

"When the full significance of this saying is understood, we shall have better practitioners, and Truth will arise in human thought with healing in its wings, regenerating mankind and fulfilling the apostle's saying: "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Loving chords set discords in harmony. Every condition implied by the great Master, every promise fulfilled, was loving and spiritual, urging a state of consciousness that leaves the minor tones of so-called material life and abides in Christlikeness." ('02 9:7)

"Let the dead bury their dead; follow thou me," was one of the passages explained metaphysically. In their fullest meaning, those words are salvation from the belief of death, the last enemy to be overthrown; for by following Christ truly, resurrection and life immortal are brought to us. If we follow him, to us there can be no dead." (Mis. 169:30–4)

"But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:27)

"But I tell you most certainly, there are some standing here who will not experience death before they see the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:27 NET).

"Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me." (John 21:22)

""Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead." Let discord of every name and nature be heard no more, and let the harmonious and true sense of Life and being take possession of human consciousness." (SH 355:9)

"Those sacred words of our beloved Master, "Let the dead bury their dead," and "Follow thou me," appeal to daily Christian endeavors for the living whereby to exemplify our risen Lord." (Man. 60:17)

"Science, understood, translates matter into Mind, rejects all other theories of causation, restores the spiritual and original meaning of the Scriptures, and explains the teachings and life of our Lord. It is religion's "new tongue," with "signs following," spoken of by St. Mark. It gives God's infinite meaning to mankind, healing the sick, casting out evil, and raising the spiritually dead." (Mis. 25:12)

"A student desiring growth in the knowledge of Truth, can and will obtain it by taking up his cross and following Truth. If he does this not, and another one undertakes to carry his burden and do his work, the duty will not be accomplished. No one can save himself without God's help, and God will help each man who performs his own part. After this manner and in no other way is every man cared for and blessed. To the unwise helper our Master said, "Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead." (Ret. 86:17)

4th aspect of Inspired Biblical Followership:

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matt. 16:24)

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

"Of old, the cross was truth's central sign, and it is to-day." (SH 224:16-17)

"The cross is the central emblem of history. It is the lodestar in the demonstration of Christian healing, — the demonstration by which sin and sickness are destroyed." (SH 238:31–1)

Lodestar: "The star that leads." Webster's 1828

"Take up thy cross, the Saviour said, / If thou wouldst my disciple be; / Thyself deny, the world forsake, / And humbly follow after me." (Hymn. 325:1)

"Are all who eat bread and drink wine in memory of Jesus willing truly to drink his cup, take his cross, and leave all for the Christ-principle?" (SH 33:31-2)

"St. Paul wrote, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us;" that is, let us put aside material self and sense, and seek the divine Principle and Science of all healing." (SH 20:27) Marginal Heading: Behest of the Cross

"There is a cross to be taken up before we can enjoy the fruition of our hope and faith. Dost thou "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind"? This command includes much, even the surrender of all merely material sensation, affection, and worship." (SH 9:14–21 (to 1st .))

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." (I Cor. 11:28)

"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

"And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me." (Matt. 10:38)

"And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Matt. 26:39)

"He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done." (Matt. 26:42)

"Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?" (John 18:11)

"Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with" (Matt. 20:22, 23 (to :))

"he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it" (Matt. 26:27)

"And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you" (Matt 26:27 NASB)

"the world's hatred of Truth and Love." (SH 50:30-31)

"If you launch your bark upon the ever-agitated but healthful waters of truth, you will encounter storms. Your good will be evil spoken of. This is the cross. Take it up and bear it, for through it you win and wear the crown. (SH 254:27–31)

"Whoever reaches the understanding of Christian Science in its proper signification will perform the sudden cures of which it is capable; but this can be done only by taking up the cross and following Christ in the daily life." (SH 178:32)

"He alone ascends the hill of Christian Science who follows the Way-shower, the spiritual presence and idea of God." (Mis. 328:21–23)

Part 2: Abraham and the Four Aspects of Inspired Followership:

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30).

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram" (Gen. 12:1 (to 1st ,))

"The Soul-inspired patriarchs heard the voice of Truth, and talked with God as consciously as man talks with man" (SH 308:14).

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. ... And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations." (Gen. 17:1, 3, 4)

"Fidelity; faith in the divine Life and in the eternal Principle of being" (SH 579:10).

"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: ... So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him..." (Gen. 12:1, 4).

"[Abram's] country had become idolatrous, his kindred and his father's house were a constant temptation to him, and he could not continue with them without danger of being infected by them..." (Matthew Henry Commentary)

"Sin, and all the occasions of it, must be forsaken, and particularly bad company; we must abandon all the idols of iniquity which have been set up in our hearts, and get out of the way of temptation... willingly parting with that which is dearest to us, when we cannot keep it without hazard of our integrity." (Matthew Henry Commentary)

"... If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt. 17:20).

"Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated, and the servants he had acquired while living in Haran. Then they set out to go to the land of Canaan." (Gen 12:5 ISV)

"the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together." (Gen. 13:6)

"Love is our refuge; only with mine eye / Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall: / His habitation high is here, and nigh, / His arm encircles me, and mine, and all" (Hymn. 207:2).

"canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross." (Col 2:14 NLT)

"False Belief is the attorney for Personal Sense." (SH 430:21–22 False)

"That false claim — that ancient belief, that old serpent whose name is devil (evil) . . ." (SH 567:18–19 (to ,))

"But just as then the child born according to the flesh persecuted the one born according to the Spirit, so also now." (Gal 4:20 HCSB).

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? (Rom. 6:16)

"The human thought must free itself from self-imposed materiality and bondage" (SH 191:16–17).

"It should be noted that many dictionaries do include a sense of persecute which is defined as "to prosecute at law.""¹

"From the beginning to the end, the serpent pursues with hatred the spiritual idea." (SH 564:29–31)

"Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer" (I Sam. 9:9)

"Prophet. A spiritual seer; disappearance of material sense before the conscious facts of spiritual Truth." (SH 593:4)

"Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of Love." (SH 333:23–26)

"When sufficiently advanced in Science to be in harmony with the truth of being, men become seers and prophets involuntarily, controlled not by demons, spirits, or demigods, but by the one Spirit." (SH 84:7–10)

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." (Jer. 29:11)

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." (Ps 37:37).

¹ https://www.merriam-webster.com/words-at-play/prosecuted-vs-persecuted-usage

""Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back. So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together" (Gen 22:5,6 NLT)

Jesus carried his cross (John 19:17) Jesus was God's only begotten son (John 3:16)

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said." (John 2:19–22)

"And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn." (Ex. 4:22, 23)

"The question oft presents itself, Are we willing to sacrifice self for the Cause of Christ, willing to bare our bosom to the blade and lay ourselves upon the altar?" ('01 35:4–6)

"The time for the reappearing of the divine healing is throughout all time; and whosoever layeth his earthly all on the altar of divine Science, drinketh of Christ's cup now, and is endued with the spirit and power of Christian healing." (SH 55:22)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad." (John 8:51–56)

"Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father" (2 Chron 3:1)

"...mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings" (Hos. 6:6).

"It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony." (SH 390:7–9)

Part 3 Moses and the Four Aspects of Inspired Followership:

"No person can take the individual place of the Virgin Mary. No person can compass or fulfil the individual mission of Jesus of Nazareth. No person can take the place of the author of Science and Health, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Each individual must fill his own niche in time and eternity" (Ret. 70:14).

"Moses, Moses," and in response, Moses replies, "Here am I" (Exodus 3:4).

"Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt" (Exodus 3:10).

"...Behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto mine voice: for they will say, the Lord hath not appeared unto thee" (Exodus 4:1).

"There is but one real attraction, that of Spirit" (SH 102:9 [only]).

"Man is the likeness of Spirit, but a material personality is not this likeness" (SH 544:24-25).

"God had lessened Moses' fear by this proof in divine Science, and the inward voice became to him the voice of God, which said: "It shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign." (SH 321:24–29)

"And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend" (Ex. 33:11 (to 1st .))

"Trials teach mortals not to lean on a material staff..." (SH 66:6)

"became a serpent, and Moses fled before it" (Exodus 4:3).

"take it by the tail" (Exodus 4:4)

"...led by wisdom to cast down his rod, he saw it become a serpent, Moses fled before it; but wisdom bade him come back and handle the serpent, and then Moses' fear departed" (SH 321:8-11).

"take up serpents," (Mark 16:18).

"In Genesis, this allegorical, talking serpent typifies mortal mind, ..." (SH 564:31-32 (to ,))

"The serpent, evil, under wisdom's bidding, was destroyed through understanding divine Science, and this proof was a staff upon which to lean" (SH 321:13-16).

"wise as serpents" (Matt 10:16).

"In the third degree mortal mind disappears, and man as God's image appears." (SH 116:4-5)

"The serpent of God's creating is neither subtle nor poisonous, but is a wise idea, charming in its adroitness, for Love's ideas are subject to the Mind which forms them, — the power which changeth the serpent into a staff. (SH 515:5)

"the dark ebbing and flowing tides of human fear" (SH 566:1-9).

"lift thou up thy [wisdom's] rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it..." (Exodus 14:16).

"a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left" (Exodus 14:22).

"Loneliness; doubt; darkness" (SH 597:16).

"Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger" (Exodus 16:3).

"Moses advanced a nation to the worship of God in Spirit instead of matter, and illustrated the grand human capacities of being bestowed by immortal Mind" (SH 200:4).

"As for sin and disease, Christian Science says, in the language of the Master, "Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead." Let discord of every name and nature be heard no more, and let the harmonious and true sense of Life and being take possession of human consciousness. (SH 355:9)

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"So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth–peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. ¶ And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. ... And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face" (Deut. 34:5–7, 10)

"Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. (Col. 2:12)

"Purification by Spirit; submergence in Spirit. We are "willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (II Corinthians v. 8.) (SH 581:23–26)

Translated: "Conveyed from one place to another; removed to heaven without dying." Webster's 1828

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." (Heb. 11:5).

Elder Charles Penrose of the Church of Latter Day Saints wrote in 1893, "How do they know he died, or how do they know the Lord buried him? They simply learned that Moses went out of the midst of the people; they did not know what became of him; so they supposed he died and that the Lord buried him, because nobody else had done so. 'No man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day." No wonder; we have learned, he was treated the same as Elijah was; not taken up in a chariot of fire perhaps, but translated, quickened by the power of God, that he might remain as a witness of the Lord unto the last day. He appeared with Elijah to Jesus in the mount of transfiguration. It is appointed unto all men once to die; but some men have been translated, as it was in the days of Enoch, and they will like others pass through the great change."

"Do you believe in translation? ... If you refer to the removal of a person to heaven, without his subjection to death . . . I believe in this removal being possible after all the footsteps requisite have been taken up to the very throne, up to the spiritual sense and fact of divine substance, intelligence, Life, and Love. This translation is not the work of moments; it requires both time and eternity. It means more than mere disappearance to the human sense; it must include also man's changed appearance and diviner form visible to those beholding him here." (Mis. 67:24, 27)

"Christ Jesus' sense of matter was the opposite of that which mortals entertain: his nativity was a spiritual and immortal sense of the ideal world. His earthly mission was to translate substance into its original meaning, Mind. ... Walking the wave, he proved the fallacy of the theory that matter is substance; healing through Mind . . ." (Mis. 74:13–17, 21–23 (to ,))

"the Father Mind is not the father of matter. The material senses and human conceptions would translate spiritual ideas into material beliefs, and would say that an anthropomorphic God, instead of infinite Principle, — in other words, divine Love, — is the father of the rain, …" (SH 257:14–19 the (to 2nd ,))

"The compounded minerals or aggregated substances composing the earth, the relations which constituent masses hold to each other, the magnitudes, distances, and revolutions of the celestial bodies, are of no real importance, when we remember that they all must give place to the spiritual fact by the translation of man and the universe back into Spirit. In proportion as this is done, man and the universe will be found harmonious and eternal. Material substances or mundane formations, astronomical calculations, and all the paraphernalia of speculative theories, based on the hypothesis of material law or life and intelligence resident in matter, will ultimately vanish, swallowed up in the infinite calculus of Spirit." (SH 209:16–30)

"Emerge gently from matter into Spirit. Think not to thwart the spiritual ultimate of all things, but come naturally into Spirit through better health and morals and as the result of spiritual growth. Not death, but the understanding of Life, makes man immortal. The belief that life can be in matter or soul in body, and that man springs from dust or from an egg, is the result of the mortal error which Christ, or Truth, destroys by fulfilling the spiritual law of being, in which man is perfect, even as the "Father which is in heaven is perfect." (SH 485:14) Marginal Heading: Scientific Translations

"thanks to God the Father, who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love," (Col 1:12,13 Douay-Rheims Translation)

"Christian Science teaches only that which is spiritual and divine, and not human" (SH 99:14-15).

"... if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matt. 15:14).

"... there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:6,7).

"The Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is honest and consistent in following the leadings of divine Mind" (SH 458:25–28).

"When will Jesus' professed followers learn to emulate him in all his ways and to imitate his mighty works? . . . It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness. Christians claim to be his followers, but do they follow him in the way that he commanded? Hear these imperative commands: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect!" "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature!" "Heal the sick!" (SH 37:16)