

Genesis

Part 3:

The Science of Life

versus

material theories of evolution

Science and Health 543:17-557:27

Part 1: the creation embraced in the creator, true fulfillment or Love.

Part 2: this creation eliminating all false sense of creation, the standard of Truth.

Part 3: Speaks to the origin of spiritual life and the subsequent nothingness of material theories of creation.

Part 3 Material theories of evolution S&H 543:17-557:27

Life is its own creator

In Him was life (Greek: zoē); and the life was the light of men.

**zoē: the spiritual life; life in its principle; it means the fountain of life;
it involves resurrection life and eternal life.**

Spiritual creation

- Life is *isness*, therefore no origin point**
- beginning signifies the only, no beginning and no end**
- self-existent and eternal does not have to return to a point it did not leave**
- only standpoint, first cause, goes out from laws of Spirit**

Some material theories of creation

- have matter as an origin point**
- have a beginning and must have an end**
- in development from the lower to the higher, inorganic matter became organic**
- life evolves according to laws of matter**

Only if we reason from isness can we have a true sense of what creation is.

1. Light – MIND

Creative ability; intelligence

- 1. Let there be light
creates all in ideas**
- 2. Light was good, divided from darkness
ideas are only good - reality**
- 3. Light was called Day, darkness was called Night
record of ideas – must be willing to define both
the real and unreal**

Ignorance

- 1. a mist went up from the earth
false creative sense**
- 2. and watered
myth of material creation**
- 3. the whole face of the ground
false sense of God ends up in
idolatry**

**Man originates in Mind; material creation originates in erroneous thought.
Origin is not in eggs or the Big bang theory, or out of the oceans or from cells.**

What are we expressing as Mind? Are we letting divine Love, alone, govern man?

I found myself using memory in my dealings with friends and basing my actions on what I remembered about physical and mental limitations instead of knowing that divine Mind supports all action and acting from that standpoint.

Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action. Love is priestess at the altar of Truth. Wait patiently for divine Love to move upon the waters of mortal mind, and form the perfect concept. Patience must “have her perfect work.” S&H 454:19-24

All error proceeds from the evidence before the material senses. S&H 543:17-18

Mind, instead of matter, being the producer, Life was self-sustained. S&H 544:6-7

Nothing is new to the infinite Mind. S&H 544:11-12

Man does not need to till the ground, because “Life consisteth not of the things which a man eateth.” S&H 544:9-10

2. Firmament – SPIRIT

Understanding

- 1. Let there be a firmament to divide
separates ideas from human conceptions**
- 2. Firmament divided the waters
reality brought to light**
- 3. The firmament is called heaven
secures ordered progress**

Mingling of Spirit and matter

- 1. Adam formed from dust and breath of life
produces an evil creation – giants, monsters**
- 2. the tree of life and the tree of knowledge
of good and evil
dualistic**
- 3. every tree pleasant to the sight
involves sensation in matter**

Man evolved spiritually; matter has no creative power

**Mind must be of the nature of Spirit, not mortal mind. Therefore man evolves spiritually.
True evolution is spiritual, this refuted Darwin's theory which suggests an ascending development
(from beneath)**

3. Dry Land – SOUL

Identity

- 1. Let the water be gathered together;
let the dry land appear
ideas gather identity**
- 2. Division of Earth and Sea is good
identities have spiritual qualities**
- 3. Let the earth bring forth grass, herb,
fruit tree, -- seed within itself
identities are self-reproducing**
- 4. Brought forth after its kind
identities classified**
- 5. Third Day: “resurrection”
identities are immortal**

Corporeal senses

- 1. Adam put into the garden of Eden to dress it
belief creates sensation of body**
- 2. eating from the tree of knowledge of good
and evil brings death
material knowledge is evil**
- 3. Adam needs a help meet
are not self-reproducing**
- 4. Adam gave names to every living creature
classify according to animal qualities**
- 5. for Adam there was not found a help meet
cannot bring forth a new creation**

**Man is forever immortal; he does not have to rise from mortality to immortality.
If man is evolves spiritually, then man is immortal for he has no corporeal existence – he is forever
immortal and does not have to rise into it. Mortal man has a body, it has a beginning and an end.**

Only the belief in a body can sin. Soul is sinless. Man in God's image cannot sin. No body means no fear of inadequacy, destruction, pain, accident, sickness and death. There is safety in Soul.

A balanced identity is based upon ordered development. In this identity there is nothing blocking the full expression of God's nature.

**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.
Mal. 3:10**

These blessings are so much greater that the beliefs of matter which have no depth, they are like a sheen of oil over the ocean's surface. Even the material world reflects this, the earth crust is 3 times thinner in proportion to the rest of the earth as a eggshell.

4. Lights: sun, moon, stars – PRINCIPLE

System of ideas

1. Let there be lights for signs, seasons, days, years

basis: a system of ideas

2. Give light upon the earth reflects itself in demonstration

3. God made two great lights to rule, and the stars also

the greater ruling the lesser: harmony

4. Ruling over day and night interprets divinely

5. “Marking periods of progress” brings progressive interpretation

Animal magnetism (false system)

1. deep sleep: a rib taken out basis: isolated beliefs

2. woman made from the rib demonstrates material fruits

3. man and woman are one flesh disidentification with God disrupts harmony

4. the serpent misinterprets the Lord’s commandments

misinterprets God to man

5. eating from the tree of knowledge brings death this increases mortality

Christian Science gives the true interpretation of the divine Principle and of the Scriptures and proves its correctness by the good it accomplishes.

Mrs. Eddy has stated theories in direct opposition to the natural scientists, so she must give proofs of the validity of her findings. She presents the Bible and demonstrations of the goodness achieved as the proof of her statements.

Ideas are lights in the heavens. Mortal man is dust. This dust is dead star dust, there is no vibrant vital life in dust.

Dust. Nothingness; the absence of substance, life, or intelligence. S&H 584:28-29

Being still means to not waiver in your conviction to rely on Principle and not human systems in every aspect of our lives.

5. Fish and fowl – LIFE

Fullness

- 1. Let the waters bring forth abundantly moving creature that has life and fowl that fly above the earth
Life is ideational**
- 2. Waters brought forth abundantly every living creature and every winged fowl after their kind – great whales
spiritual**
- 3. God blessed them: be fruitful and multiply cognizant to spiritual sense**
- 4. “Exalted beings”
scientific**

Mortality

- 1. serpent: ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil
basis: dualistic knowledge**
- 2. Eve ate the fruits
brings only mortal life**
- 3. eyes were opened; they knew that they were naked
is testified by corporeal senses**
- 4. aprons from fig leaves; they hid themselves
unscientific; leads nowhere**

Life *is*; it evolves spiritually. Life is not embryonic.

Mrs. Eddy refutes Agassiz theory of embryonic generation. Evolution is spiritual, it is not material.

Mortal Man is made up on about 70% water. Scientists say that our chemical composition is the same as sea water. This is the basis of the zodiac or planetary, gravitational, influences on man. You might say that mortal man, with its beliefs of bringing the past with him and mixing up matter with spirit, is a sea monster.

The Hebrews referred to the mixing of Spirit and matter as producing giants – not natural where as the spiritual development produces great individuals – represented by whales. It is interesting to note that only a great individual can be gentle. Mrs. Eddy couples meekness with might when she speaks of Jesus.

Even though Science and Health is not up to date on all the new theories of creation. The common denominator of these theories is their cause is material, not spiritual.

Material evolution implies that the great First Cause must become material, and afterwards must either return to Mind or go down into dust and nothingness. S&H 547:20-22

Man is, not will evolve into, the image and likeness of God.

Heathen philosophy, modern geology, and all other material hypotheses deal with causation as contingent on matter and as necessarily apparent to the corporeal senses, even where the proof requisite to sustain this assumption is undiscovered. S&H 552:5-10

Scientists have yet to find a material basis for matter. They can only find energy or forces.

6. Animals and Man – TRUTH

True manhood

- 1. Let the earth bring forth living creature, cattle, creeping thing, beast of the earth consists of ideas**
- 2. It was good they are spiritual realities**
- 3. Let us make man in our image after our likeness individual identity**
- 4. Male and female created He them generic man as God's ideal**
- 5. Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth son of God has dominion**
- 6. Man is given herb, and fruit-tree, beast is given green herb compound idea man**
- 7. Everything is good perfect womanhood**

Mortal manhood

- 1. Adam blames Eve and God material mindedness**
- 2. the serpent beguiled me carnal consciousness (enmity against the spiritual)**
- 3. Adam cursed to live in sorrow and to return to dust corporeal consciousness (sorrows)**
- 4. Adam driven out from Eden so as not to become like a god – condemned to till the ground personal consciousness (discord)**
- 5. Eve bore Cain & Abel – the offspring of Cain & Abel mortal consciousness**
- 6. Cain slew Abel – Cain is cursed erroneous consciousness (disruptive)**
- 7. sevenfold vengeance for slaying Cain imperfect consciousness (self-destruction)**

A true concept of creation redeems man from a wrong concept of creation.

“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Rom. 11:33

The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in truth through flood-tides of Love. S&H 201:17-18

Mortal consciousness will present mortal conclusions – divine consciousness presents the true record of creation saving man from incorrect conclusions.

Mortal thought must obtain a better basis, get nearer the truth of being, or health will never be universal, and harmony will never become the standard of man. S&H 553:6-9

The first effort of error has been and is to impute to God the creation of whatever is sinful and mortal; but infinite Mind sets at naught such a mistaken belief. S&H 544:16-18

7. Creation finished – LOVE

Fulfillment

- 1. Heavens, earth, all the host of them
finished
all-inclusiveness**
- 2. God ended His work and rested from
all His work
holiness**

Realm of nothingness

- 1. Cain went out of the presence
of the Lord
oblivion**
- 2. Cain dwelt in the land of Nod
“is not”**

God and man are coexistent.

**Man never fell and so does not have to return to perfection. We must look out from perfection.
The chapter ends where the First record began, having fully proved the validity of the first
statement.**

When we are resting in peace, in God's fulfillment, we are poised and ready for love's balanced, rounded, activity. We see why Mrs. Eddy said, "Love rests in action".

**"Christian Science is absolute,
it is neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing towards it;
it is at this point and must be practised therefrom.
Unless you fully perceive that you are the child of God, hence perfect,
you have no Principle to demonstrate and no rule for its demonstration.
By this I do not mean that mortals are the children of God, -- far from it.
In practising Christian Science you must state its Principle correctly,
or you forfeit your ability to demonstrate it."**

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany ~ Pg 241

