



The Physical Part 2

To help us further, the author of S&H writes, "Science shows that what is called matter is but the subjective state of what is termed by the author as mortal mind." Taking the word "revenge" from the list of evil beliefs, and picturing what the 'subjective state' of revenge might be, it is relatively easy to see that "revenge" would in belief attempt to materialize as objects or circumstances for the evil purpose of harming another. But "revenge" is physical and its object is evil belief, not reality.

Conversely, in divine Science "water symbolizes the elements of Mind; "rocks and mountains stand for solid and grand ideas." (S&H) Even the name Christ is a spiritual and holy term that symbolizes the true idea or image and likeness of God. Jesus' appearing in human form identified for us the ideal Christ or Messiah. He objectified the Christ. Doing so, he gave us the way in which to translate what we perceive humanly as objects back into their spiritual identity. Jesus had no evil beliefs and therefore cannot be said to have been physical as the term is used in Science and Health. Evil beliefs pertain to depravity, and not to water, mountains, flowers, or to body.

The Sermon on the Mount translates perceptions into higher spiritual concepts. The Beatitudes which begin the Sermon prepare thought for translation. In fact, they symbolize the action of exchanging thought for higher ideals. The meek shall inherit the earth since they see the gentle reality of things in their more spiritual import. Meekly that Beatitude exclaims , "This Sermon shall uplift food, diet, clothing, love, relationship, body, vision, hearing, purpose, and a variety of elements often thought of as physical and shall exchange them for their spiritual ideal." It does just that! The Sermon on the Mount turns the theory of purely material education on its head.

The Sermon ends, "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and great was the fall of it." (Matt. 7:27)

We are given the explanation of The PHYSICAL by divine Science. It is an opportunity for rejoicing. We have heaven on earth through the lens of this Science. "To material sense, earth is matter; to spiritual sense it is a compound idea." (Glossary of S&H)

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