

Vision 7

Our theme for this vision is given on page 90: “The Oneness of the Christ, (as presented by Jesus, “The Lamb” and the Full Revelation (New Jerusalem), is now Established. In other words – there is but one Christ Dominion.” I am awakened once again to the importance of realizing that the New Jerusalem is not a new material city or a place to go when you ‘die.’ New Jerusalem is the Truth revealed—it is the Revelation or Divine Science. Mrs. Eddy writes on page 577:28 to validate this point. “The writer’s feeble sense of Christian Science closes with St. John’s Revelation as recorded by the great apostle, for his vision is the acme of this Science as the Bible reveals it.” This is Scriptural authority for her work. I had really never thought deeply or even really paid attention to this paragraph, but she closes Science and Health with it, and then gives us a clear spiritual sense of Deity with the substitution of Divine Love for Lord in the 23rd Psalm. Further, it removes any gender or patriarchal emphasis. God is Love—Father and Mother—and no longer He.

In this vision we have the marriage of the Lamb and the Bride. ‘The New Jerusalem is Recognized and Established, having the glory of God.’ Note the seven steps that form the recognition or completion of Vision 7. The establishment involves an additional seven parts. I was impressed by the fact that all things are made new—total freshness with no material history or baggage. Also, the city is open to all who achieve the spiritual victory. What is the significance of the symbol of marriage?

Hoyt tells us on page 9:1”The kind of thinking which opens the door to the joy of the full realization of man’s dominion, is the kind of thinking which sees and can comprehend the new approach.” How do you feel Christian Science aligns with this statement? Our Leader told us that everything from Science and Health was entirely original and not borrowed from others. Is this your experience as a practicing Christian Scientists?

What is the significance of no more sea?

How do you view the bride? Our leader gives us a wonderful definition on page 582. I love the idea that she represents a “sense of Soul.” This ties so closely to Hoyt’s

thoughts of the bride as New Jerusalem and the assurance of the presence of God and the wiping away of all tears. There is joy and harmony—the reign of Soul.

How does one enter the city thus becoming a citizen? There are twelve gates into the city—no longer one gate. There are now multiple opportunities to enter the New Jerusalem. At each gate there are precious qualities of thought that usher into the city. Every unique and individual expression of God is welcome. The city also features twelve foundations. These foundations are given the names of the apostles. The New Jerusalem is established by the teachings of the apostles.

What is the significance of the city being foursquare?

Mrs. Eddy describes the city as representing the light and glory of divine Science on Page 575. What are the four sides of the city signifying? Love lights the city and certainly it is not dependent on any material element. There is no temple there—no material body or limits. “Men of all nations shall walk in the light of this city, ever lighted and open to all. No class distinctions, no individual experience, this realization of completeness and oneness with infinite being.” Hoyt page 93. ‘The leaves of the tree are for the healing of all nations.’ It is truly universal.

The conclusion of the Vision is on page 94. We can discuss and go over these points. The blessing is ours as we have embraced and are practicing the Truth. Our study of Revelations is a fruitful endeavor.

We have spent a very brief time on a lifetime study and practice. Each now has an opportunity to share their concluding thoughts.