

# Spiritual Progress (Andrew)

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## SECTION 1

### **Luke 4:14 Jesus**

- 14 ... Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

### **Luke 5:1–8, 10 3rd And**

- 1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,
- 2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets.
- 3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.
- 4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.
- 5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.
- 6 And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.
- 7 And they beckoned unto *their* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.
- 8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
- 10 ... And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

**Isa. 6:5**

¶ Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of  
 5 unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for  
 mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

**Luke 22:7, 8, 14, 31-34, 39, 47, 54, 56-62**

7 ¶ Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be  
 killed.

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover,  
 that we may eat.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with  
 him.

31 ¶ And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have*  
 you, that he may sift *you* as wheat:

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art  
 converted, strengthen thy brethren.

33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into  
 prison, and to death.

34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before  
 that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

39 ¶ And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives;  
 and his disciples also followed him.

47 ¶ And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called  
 Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus  
 to kiss him.

54 ¶ Then took they him, and led *him*, and brought him into the high  
 priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

56 But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked  
 upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

58 And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of  
 them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.

59 And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed,  
 saying, Of a truth this *fellow* also was with him: for he is a Galilæan.

- 60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately,  
while he yet spake, the cock crew.
- 61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered  
the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow,  
thou shalt deny me thrice.
- 62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

### SH 115:19-24

#### SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION OF MORTAL MIND

First Degree: Depravity.

- 21 Physical. Evil beliefs, passions and appetites, fear,  
depraved will, self-justification, pride, envy, de-  
ceit, hatred, revenge, sin, sickness, disease,  
24 death.

Unreality

### SH 327:9-10

- 9 Evil is sometimes a man's highest conception  
of right, until his grasp on good grows stronger.

### SH 323:6-9

- 6 Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we  
are helped onward in the march towards righteousness,  
peace, and purity, which are the landmarks  
9 of Science.

A bright  
outlook

### SH 53:13-24

- Mortals be-  
lieved in God as humanly mighty, rather than as divine,  
15 infinite Love.

- The world could not interpret aright the discomfort  
which Jesus inspired and the spiritual blessings which  
18 might flow from such discomfort. Science  
shows the cause of the shock so often pro-  
duced by the truth, — namely, that this shock arises from  
21 the great distance between the individual and Truth.  
Like Peter, we should weep over the warning, instead of

Inspiring  
discontent

denying the truth or mocking the lifelong sacrifice which  
 24 goodness makes for the destruction of evil.

## SH 265:1

1 Man is the off-  
 spring, not of the lowest, but of the highest qualities of  
 3 Mind. Man understands spiritual existence  
 in proportion as his treasures of Truth and  
 Love are enlarged. Mortals must gravitate Godward,  
 6 their affections and aims grow spiritual, — they must near  
 the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper  
 sense of the infinite, — in order that sin and mortality  
 9 may be put off.

Godward  
 gravitation

## SECTION 2

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### John 21:1-6, 12, 15-17

1 After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea  
 of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he *himself*.  
 2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and  
 Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two other of  
 his disciples.  
 3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a-fishing. They say unto him, We also  
 go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and  
 that night they caught nothing.  
 4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the  
 disciples knew not that it was Jesus.  
 5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They  
 answered him, No.  
 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye  
 shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for  
 the multitude of fishes.  
 12 Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* dine. And none of the disciples durst  
 ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.  
 15 ¶ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of

Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

### **Acts 3:1–9**

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

### **Acts 4:5-10, 13**

5 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

- 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
- 9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;
- 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
- 13 ¶ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

### SH 115:25-27

- Second Degree: Evil beliefs disappearing.
- Moral. Humanity, honesty, affection, com-
- 27 passion, hope, faith, meekness, temperance.

Transitional  
qualities

### SH 21:9–12

- 9 If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striving to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things
- 12 of Spirit.

### SH 4:3-9, 17-22

- 3 What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds. To keep the com-
- 6 mandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has
- 9 done.

Efficacious  
petitions

- Simply asking that we may love God will never
- 18 make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of

Watchfulness  
requisite

21 the divine character, will mould and fashion us  
anew, until we awake in His likeness.

## SH 138:6-16

6 It was now evident to Peter that divine Life, Truth, and  
Love, and not a human personality, was the healer of the  
sick and a rock, a firm foundation in the realm  
9 of harmony. On this spiritually scientific basis  
Jesus explained his cures, which appeared miraculous to  
outsiders. He showed that diseases were cast out neither  
12 by corporeality, by *materia medica*, nor by hygiene, but by  
the divine Spirit, casting out the errors of mortal mind.  
The supremacy of Spirit was the foundation on which  
15 Jesus built. His sublime summary points to the religion  
of Love.

Sublime  
summary

## SECTION 3

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### Acts 5:12, 15, 16

12 ¶ And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders  
wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in  
Solomon's porch.  
15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid  
*them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing  
by might overshadow some of them.  
16 There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto  
Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with  
unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

### Acts 9:32-41

32 ¶ And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came  
down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.  
33 And there he found a certain man named Æneas, which had kept his  
bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.  
34 And Peter said unto him, Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise,

and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 ¶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

## II Pet. 1:1–3 (to ,)

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, ...

## II Pet. 3:18 grow (to 2nd .)

18 ... grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. ...



**SH 116:1-5**

- 1 Third Degree: Understanding.  
 Spiritual. Wisdom, purity, spiritual understanding,  
 3 spiritual power, love, health, holiness.  
 In the third degree mortal mind disappears, and man as  
 God's image appears.

Reality

**SH 43:27**

- 27 The divine must overcome the human at every point.  
 The Science Jesus taught and lived must triumph over  
 all material beliefs about life, substance, and intelli-  
 30 gence, and the multitudinous errors growing from such  
 beliefs.

**SH 326:16-20**

- The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained  
 now. This point won, you have started as you should.  
 18 You have begun at the numeration-table of Christian  
 Science, and nothing but wrong intention can hinder your  
 advancement.

**SH 233:1-7**

- 1 Every day makes its demands upon us for  
 higher proofs rather than professions of Christian power.  
 3 These proofs consist solely in the destruction  
 of sin, sickness, and death by the power of  
 Spirit, as Jesus destroyed them. This is an element of  
 6 progress, and progress is the law of God, whose law de-  
 mands of us only what we can certainly fulfil.

Profession  
and proof