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EVANESCENT MATERIALITY (MH 472) **(Def: Fade from sight, vanishes, ephemeral)**

Job 11:16 Common English Bible (CEB) 16 You will forget trouble; you will remember it as water that flows past.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Common English Bible (CEB) 17 So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

Mark 1:39-42 Common English Bible (CEB) 39 He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons. 40 A man with a skin disease approached Jesus, fell to his knees, and begged, "If you want, you can make me clean." ...Jesus reached out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do want to. Be clean." 42 Instantly, the skin disease left him, and he was clean.

Mark 3:1-5 Common English Bible (CEB) 1 Jesus returned to the synagogue. A man with a withered hand was there. 3 He said to the man with the withered hand, "Step up where people can see you." he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he did, and his hand was made healthy.

Mark 5: 24-34 Common English Bible (CEB) A swarm of people were following Jesus, crowding in on him. 25 A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a lot under the care of many doctors, and had spent everything she had without getting any better. In fact, she had gotten worse. 27 Because she had heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. 28 She was thinking, If I can just touch his clothes, I'll be healed. 29 Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she sensed in her body that her illness had been healed. 30 At that very moment, Jesus recognized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" 33 The woman, full of fear and trembling, came forward. Knowing what had happened to her, she fell down in front of Jesus and told him the whole truth. 34 He

responded, "Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace, healed from your disease."

Luke 13:10-13 Common English Bible (CEB) 10 Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. 12 When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." 13 He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

Luke 24: 1-26, 27-39, 50-51 Common English Bible

(CEB) Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. 5 The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee. 8 Then they remembered his words. 9 When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. 13 On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. 15 While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. 16 They were prevented from recognizing him. 17 He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast. 18 The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?" 19 He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. 20 But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him.... 27 Then he

interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.... 28 When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. 29 But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. 33 They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" 35 Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread. 36 While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 37 They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! ...¶ 50 He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. 51 As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.

Revelation 21:1-5 Common English Bible (CEB) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,... God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new."

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

SH 334:10 The The invisible Christ was imperceptible to the so-called personal senses, whereas Jesus appeared as a bodily existence. This dual personality of the unseen and the seen, the spiritual and material, the eternal Christ and the corporeal Jesus manifest in flesh, continued until the Master's ascension, when the human, material concept, or Jesus, disappeared, while the spiritual self, or Christ, continues to exist in the eternal order of divine Science, taking away the sins of the world, as the Christ has always done, even before the human Jesus was incarnate to mortal eyes.

SH 72:4–6 If a material body — in other words, mortal, material sense — were permeated by Spirit, that body would disappear to mortal sense, would be deathless.

SH 43:3–6 The magnitude of Jesus' work, his material disappearance before their eyes and his reappearance, all enabled the disciples to understand what Jesus had said.

SH 34:18 Through all the disciples experienced, they became more spiritual and understood better what the Master had taught. As the reward for his faithfulness, he would disappear to material sense in that change which has since been called the ascension.

SH 42:15-24 The resurrection of the great demonstrator of God's power was the proof of his final triumph over body and matter, and gave full evidence of divine Science, — evidence so important to mortals. The belief that man has existence or mind separate from God is a dying error. This error Jesus met with divine Science and proved its nothingness.

SH 472:13–22 Question. — What is error? Answer. — Error is the contradiction of Truth. Error is a belief without understanding. Error is unreal because untrue. It is that which seemeth to be and is not.

SH 295:16–24 The manifestation of God through mortals is as light passing through the window-pane. The light and the glass never mingle, but as matter, the glass is less opaque than the walls. The mortal mind through which Truth appears most vividly is that one

which has lost much materiality — much error — in order to become a better transparency for Truth. Then, like a cloud melting into thin vapor, it no longer hides the sun.

SH 205:15 Befogged in error (the error of believing that matter can be intelligent for good or evil), we can catch clear glimpses of God only as the mists disperse, or as they melt into such thinness that we perceive the divine image in some word or deed which indicates the true idea, — the supremacy and reality of good, the nothingness and unreality of evil.

SH 474: 26-29 If evil is real, Truth must make it so; but error, not Truth, is the author of the unreal, and the unreal vanishes, while all that is real is eternal.

SH 312:5 What to material sense seems substance, becomes nothingness, as the sense-dream vanishes and reality appears.

SH 398:13 To the sufferer with the withered hand he said, “Stretch forth thine hand,” and it “was restored whole, like as the other.”

SH 115:19–10 SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION OF MORTAL

MIND First Degree: Depravity. Physical. Evil beliefs, passions and appetites, fear, depraved will, self-justification, pride, envy, deceit, hatred, revenge, sin, sickness, disease, death. **Second Degree: Evil beliefs disappearing.** Moral. Humanity, honesty, affection, compassion, hope, faith, meekness, temperance. **Third Degree: Understanding.** Spiritual. Wisdom, purity, spiritual understanding, spiritual power, love, health, holiness. In the third degree mortal mind disappears, and man as God's image appears.

SH 131:6–7 When once destroyed by divine Science, the false evidence before the corporeal senses disappears.

SH 190:17 This mortal seeming is temporal; it never merges into immortal being, but finally disappears, and immortal man, spiritual and eternal, is found to be the real man.

SH 264:13–27 As mortals gain more correct views of God and man, multitudinous objects of creation, which before were invisible, will become visible. Matter disappears under the microscope of Spirit. Sin is unsustainable by Truth, and sickness and death were overcome by Jesus, who proved them to be forms of error.

SH 252:4–8 Human ignorance of Mind and of the recuperative energies of Truth occasions the only skepticism regarding the pathology and theology of Christian Science. When false human beliefs learn even a little of their own falsity, they begin to disappear.

SH 281:4 Spirit and matter no more commingle than light and darkness. When one appears, the other disappears.

SH 292:31 In his resurrection and ascension, Jesus showed that a mortal man is not the real essence of manhood, and that this unreal material mortality disappears in presence of the reality.

SH 297:12–16 Erroneous belief is destroyed by truth. Change the evidence, and that disappears which before seemed real to this false belief, and the human consciousness rises higher. Thus the reality of being is attained and man found to be immortal.

SH 368:20–24 That Life is not contingent on bodily conditions is proved, when we learn that life and man survive this body. Neither evil, disease, nor death can be spiritual, and the material belief in them disappears in the ratio of one's spiritual growth.

SH 406:11-17 The Science of being unveils the errors of sense, and spiritual perception, aided by Science, reaches Truth. Then error disappears. Sin and sickness will abate and seem less real as we approach the scientific period, in which mortal sense is subdued and all that is unlike the true likeness disappears.

SH 536:1 In the Apocalypse it is written: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." In St. John's vision, heaven and earth stand for spiritual ideas, and the sea, as a symbol of tempest-tossed human concepts advancing and receding, is represented as having passed away. The divine understanding reigns, is *all*, and there is no other consciousness.

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Still, still with Thee when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee,
Fairer than morning, lovelier than the daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee.

Alone with Thee, amid the changing shadows,
Solemn the hush of nature, newly born;
Alone with Thee, in breathless adoration,
In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

So shall it ever be in the bright morning,
When hearts awaking see the shadows flee,
O, in that hour, and fairer than the dawning,
Rises the glorious thought, I am with Thee.

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What is thy birthright, man,
Child of the perfect One;
What is thy Father's plan
For His beloved son?

Thou art Truth's honest child,
Of pure and sinless heart;
Thou treadest undefiled
In Christly paths apart.

Vain dreams shall disappear
As Truth dawns on the sight;
The phantoms of thy fear
Shall flee before the light.

Take then the sacred rod;
Thou art not error's thrall;
Thou hast the gift of God—
Dominion over all.

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Trust the Eternal when the shadows gather,
When joys of daylight seem so like a dream;
God the unchanging pities like a father;
Trust on and wait, the daystar yet shall gleam.

Trust the Eternal, for the clouds that vanish
No more can move the mountains from their base
Than sin's illusive wreaths of mist can banish
Light from His throne or loving from His face.

Trust the Eternal, and repent in meekness
Of that heart's pride which frowns and will not
yield,
Then to thy child-heart shall come strength in weakness,
And thine immortal life shall be revealed.