

The Days of Creation Teach You the Synonymous Terms for God

I don't believe that anybody ever learns the synonymous terms for God except through learning the days of creation. How could you start mathematics except by learning 1, 2, **3**, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10? I learnt the synonymous terms for God by learning the days of creation, and as those days of creation swelled in my thought, and I pored over them for many years, I began to understand what those synonymous terms meant subjectively, and when you begin to understand the synonymous terms subjectively, they are not a matter of words, but a matter of deep, spiritual, holy sentiment. I don't believe that anybody can learn the synonymous terms for God except by beginning with the days of creation; I don't believe that it is any more possible than that you can learn the real value of the numerals in mathematics unless you begin like the small boy with their order. The days of creation are the "seed-plot" of the Bible, and they are lovely beyond words. To-day I went over the days of creation, as I always do before these talks, and they were so rich, so full, so comforting, and so inspiring.

We have hardly begun to understand what Mrs. Eddy wrote about them, and I don't think for one moment that Mrs. Eddy fully understood all that she wrote. The Mind of Christ wrote the textbook. Mrs. Eddy herself says, "It was not myself, but the divine power of Truth and Love, infinitely above me, which dictated 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.' I have been learning the higher meaning of this book since writing it" (My. 114: 23-27). Of course, Mrs. Eddy understood more than you and I understand, but she didn't understand fully all that she wrote. She didn't climax her system until 1907, when the sequence "Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love" was revealed to her in answer to the question "What is God?" She had changed that sequence many times before it became clear to her thought.

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