# **Metaphor: “fountain of Life”**

 Symbolizes THE WORD

**fountainhead:** origin, source, primary cause, genesis, creator, inspiration, first factor, author

**spring, or fountain:**

- living water represents eternal Life and The Word of God

- connected to a pure source

- unending, constant, eternal, forever

- not stagnate, impure

- open fount: impartial and universal, available to all

- fresh with inspiration

- Rev. 22:1 proceeds out of the throne of God and the Lamb

**fountain:** source, spring, fountain head, wellspring,

 cause, origin, beginning

- source of water supply, villages were always built near a fountain or well

* streams: continuous flow, current, course, outpouring, issue, emanation,

**to thirst:**

- dry, arid, desert land, men knew the essential dependence on

 water

- 1st priority or need: had to have it for survival, basic necessity

- symbolic for provision, utter dependence on God, supplying daily

 need

- “thirst after righteousness”

- “My soul thirsteth for God”

- craving, strong desire, hunger, yearn for, hope for

The 'water of life' is throughout the Scriptures, bringing the healing presence of Divine Science, pouring forth, surging, purifying, baptizing, washing, separating the precious from the vile, etc. etc.

Pure water impure

Living water stagnate water

Calm water

Sea of Glass Sea of mortal thought

Rain drought

Cisterns that hold water broken cisterns that can hold no water

Or:

**“water symbolizes the elements of Mind.” 506**

waters:

of mortal mind

seas

tempest-tossed

human concepts

advancing and receding

chaos and old night

flood to drown the Christ

‘there was no more sea’ 536:8

**Words that go with the theme of water:**

athirst fountain

water of life water

thirst rivers

pool springs (starting point, square one)

snow watereth the earth

full of water showers

river of thy pleasures

open fount pure river of the water of life

water out of the rock drank

streams born of water and Spirit

well living water

spring up cup of cold water

pool of Sioam wash: clean, bathe, submerge, purify

washing the body take the water of life freely

baptize: submerge, annoint, wash, cleanse, purify, hallow