**The Comforter:  John 14, 15, 16 and the Woman in travail**
John 14:16

16And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

* implies Jesus was the first
* there will be another helper, advocate, counselor
* whose function is to be indentical with that of Christ, yet distinguished from Him (Int. Dict.)
* abide: stay with you forever
* your constant guide and attendant
* MBE: 55 that Jesus reference to the Comforter is a prophecy of Divine Science
* “This comforter I understand to be Divine Science”
* Divine Science and CS can be interchangeably; synonymous terms; related to God, the infinite, supreme, eternal Mind
* Mission of Christian Science: the Comforter
* Comforter: Greek – paracletos; NIBC
* To exhort, encourage, comfort, console, call upon for help, to appeal
* One who comforts, makes appeals on one’s behalf
* Counselor; advocate; helper; paraclete
* Paraclete: has a specific meaning; dominate idea is someone who offers assistance in a situation in which help is needed
* Paraclete: defense attorney; professional legal advisor; defender before a court
* Thayer: one who pleads another’s cause before a judge; legal advocate
* What the CS religion is being called upon to do
* CS as our defense attorney and advocate
* All legal terms used for the Comforter: in a courtroom environment
* Mrs. Eddy uses legal terms especially in CS Practice: 391:18 “Never plead guilty”
* Mental courtroom: prisoner, trial, testimony, evidence, plea, judge, defendant, jury, prosecuting attorney, justice, argument, innocence, etc.
* Un 21: if we observe our mental processes…
* Romans 2:15, 16 from the New English Bible
* Book of Job: mental trial

John 14:17 (to 1st ;)

17*Even* the Spirit of truth;

* recipe for freedom: “ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free”
* Must contain this recipe for freedom: Freedom from slavery in Egypt: Children of Israel continually acknowledge their freedom; from sensuality, idolatry, sickness, disease, how is that freedom obtained?
* Wanderings in wilderness? Ten commandments – Moses brought God’s sovereignty and everpresence, and God’s Law to the world; study of the Law makes man free
* For Christians: abiding by God’s Law; if you dwell within the revelation I have brought, you are my disciples; will bring freedom from sin, disease and death
* to inspire with the knowledge of all Truth and keep them from all error
* devil: liar, Father of it, a murderer from the beginning
* “The spirit which communicates Truth” Raymond Brown
* What might the comforter declare? What issues are facing the world today? Over-pop. Terrorism, war, famine, drought, lack of supply or career, companionship, our purpose in life???

John 14:17 whom (to :)

17whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him:

* won’t be receptive to it, not popular
* the world can’t accept it
* the world is influenced by pride, ambition, pleasure, gross vices and pursuits
* the world doesn’t recognize it; because it’s under the influence of the five senses
* the worldly thought rejects it, neither observes it or understands it
* Divine Science = comforter= if it is popular, it no longer fulfills Jesus’ definition; is never acceptable to the world; needs to be understood and presented to humanity in its radical form
* Cross and Crown: Vol of CSS subject Lessons of the CS Quarterley; “Paul wrote the church at Galatia. . . do I seek to please men, for if I yet please men, I would not be a servant of Christ . . .adapted to the present situation .. CS sermons seek not to please men, . .
* Role of the comforter: doesn’t come to please men but God
* “The world seeth him not” why not? Because it isn’t corporeal? It will have true insight into what Jesus has said
* The world seems to under the influence of the things of the world; doesn’t have the spiritual insight to recognize the paraclete
* Carnal mind must be cast out in order to see the comforter

John 14:17 but

17but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

* it lives with you and within you
* will be in your hearts
* we will be made pure, peaceable, holy, humble, like him
* as an inward principle: inspiring, guiding, filling you

John 14:18

18I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

* defenseless
* Fatherless
* Like a parent, God will provide for them
* Spiritually and invisibly
* I will not leave you behind, helpless, children left without a Father. The reassurance is that we are not defenseless.
* In the trial in SH, Christian Science is the counsel for the defense, to plead the innocence of the defendant. The defense attorney doesn’t show up in the Court of Error, only in the Court of Spirit. Where do we want our case to be tried? ONLY the Ct. of Spirit

John 14:26 (to 2nd ,)

26But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost,

* advocate
* Holy Spirit
* Pneuma : movement, air, spirit, wind, breath
* Paraclete as a holy movement, influencing church from a spiritual standpoint and breathing into the church a sense of life from a spiritual basis
* Thomas: his Gospel: “If they ask you, what is the sign of the Father in you, say to them it is a movement and a rest.”
* Sign of the comforter’s appearance will be seen as a holy movement fulfilling all the descriptions of the comforter in John
* Holy Ghost (Spirit); power of God manifested in revelation to selected individuals; there being possessed by a force, giving them marvelous strength; courage; wisdom; knowledge of God’s will
* Spirit of prophesy: power and motive principle behind the church’s mission;
* The supreme manifestation of the working of the spirit is love; joy is also associated with the presence of the Spirit, be filled with it, aglow with it

John 14:26 whom (to 3rd ,)

26whom the Father will send in my name,

* full authority
* full representative of reappearing of the full theology of Jesus
* who issues form the Father
* full representative endowed with all my power
* “to perfect my work” in the name of Christ with all the authority of Jesus’ words behind it; present by the spirit
* how will Christ Jesus come again to believers; some believe he will physically come to earth and set up a kingdom
* rapture: Jesus will descend from heaven, remain in the air, and snatch his bride the church, 3 and half to 7 years to the 2nd coming
* one in every 42 verses relates to the 2nd coming
* CSJ 1897, October
* 2nd coming is not a light coming
* is Jesus telling us his 2nd coming will come only through the paraclete’s appearance;
* MBE’s references on the 2nd coming: ’00 Some modern exegisis…1875 as the year of the 2nd coming;
* Is there more than one Christ? 2nd appearing? One Christ
* When we behold the Christ, walking the wave… 2nd coming
* Thus it is, we walk here below and wait for full appearing of Christ. . .
* Ret. The 2nd appearing of Jesus is . . . . as in Christian science
* SH parable of the leaven; did not this parable point to a prophecy, 2nd appearing?
* ’02 Christian Science, the little leaven hid in the measure of meal. . .
* Mis the leaven is divine Science
* No doubt from studying our leader’s writings what 2nd appearing is

Article CSJ Nov. 1939 Gilmore 2nd coming

Her position as the revelator; the prophecy of the 2nd coming is fulfilled;

John 14:26 he (to 4th ,)

26he shall teach you all things,

* ultimate teacher: we’ll be able to recognize Jesus theology in its teachings
* it is his theology and its spiritual meaning that allows us to heal the sick. . .
* will be under infallible guidance of the Holy Ghost
* nothing left out
* the comforter will teach the world of all Jesus has taught
* The church will have a fuller understanding as taught by the paraclete; to see the full meaning of Jesus’ words
* Subject: those things that it was not prepared to hear while Jesus was with them

John 14:26 and

26and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

* you’ll be reminded of everything Jesus said and taught
* cause to germinate and bear fruit
* the function of the paraclete is remembrance and interpreter; the memory of the church and the interpreter of Jesus’ teachings; true insight
* interpret: 39 times in SH, 61 times in Prose Works in reference to her interpreting the comforter
* The one important interpretation is the spiritual; must need a key; is that part of the function of the comforter
* Doesn’t bring any independent revelation separate from what Jesus taught
* Purpose: to remind the Christian community of Jesus’ statements and obedience to them
* Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons: surround our seal on our textbook
* Teaching the world what Jesus’ demand on us

John 15:26 (to 1st ,)

26But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father,

* comes from God
* not mixed with human opinion
* goes out from the Father

John 15:26 even (to 3rd ,)

26*even* the Spirit of truth,

John 15:26 which (to 4th ,)

26which proceedeth from the Father,

John 15:26 he

26he shall testify of me:

* one of the 6 witnesses to Jesus’ role and mission
* speak plainly about me
* new function of the paraclete: testify: bear witness in Greek
* spirit of truth, paraclete, is an authentic and faithful witness to Jesus
* affirms facts to be true; legal terminology
* enables the disciples to stand against resistence; keep the followers faithful to Jesus’ words and works; learn to heal with success
* paraclete is the authentic witness to Jesus; truth about his mission, his works, his movement, his works
* keep forever Jesus’ cause alive; church will play an important role

John 15:27 (to ,)

27And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

\* the disciples shall bear testimony and authentic witness

John 16:7 (to :)

7Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away:

* Comforter won’t come until Jesus departs (crucified, resurrected, ascended)
* Expedient = profitable; to your advantage

John 16:7 2nd for (to 1st ,)

7for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you;

* NEB: your advocate will not come to you unless I go

John 16:7 but

7but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

\*refers to the man-child in Rev. 12 & 19

John 16:8 (to 1st ,)

8And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

* “He will confute the world and show where right and wrong and judgment lie” NEB
* bring conviction to the world
* convince, make the world conscious

John 16:9

9Of sin, because they believe not on me;

* convince mankind of sin and the folly in rejecting Christ
* they have not faith in me

John 16:10

10Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

* uprightness
* convince mankind that Christ is a righteous teacher and not an imposter

John 16:11, 12 (to I)

11Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

* stands condemned
* unspiritual system of religion is condemned by God
* prince = Satan, has been convicted and stands condemned

John 16:12

12I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

* need for another revelation
* you are not strong enough now
* it would be too much for you
* I’m ready but your receptivity is not ready

John 16:13 (to 1st :)

13Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:

* he= man-child
* Greek: guide = lead ( leader is involved)
* All truth = the final revealed Truth
* All that is necessary for salvation

John 16:13 for (to ;)

13for he shall not speak of himself;

* of his own accord
* his own initiative
* or his own authority

John 16:13 but (to 2nd :)

13but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak:

* root word Qahal (church)
* to be called; God calls, man responds and listens
* he will say whatsoever He is told

John 16:13 and

13and he will shew you things to come.

* prophetic: have prophecy within it
* make known to you
* prediction of events

John 16:14 (to :)

14He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

* glorify Jesus
* bring honor
* Spirit will glorify Christ by progressively revealing the full sense of what Christ had taught them

Why does Jesus introduce this in the context of the Comforter? The woman of travail is a major figure in the OT, NT and in Revelation.

John 16:21 (to 1st ,)

21A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow,

* THE woman in Greek
* Mother in childbirth has anguish
* No English translation says that
* Sorrow: greek = Lupe: anguish of mind or spirit; mental birth, not physical

John 16:21 because (to :)

21because her hour is come:

\* “prophetic hour” Jesus refers to His prophetic hour and the woman’s

John 16:21 but (to 2nd ,)

21but as soon as she is delivered of the child,

* man-child

Mic. 5:2, 3

2But thou, Beth–lehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

3Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

John 16:21 3rd she (to 3rd ,)

21she remembereth no more the anguish,

John 16:21 for

21for joy that a man is born into the world.

* Greek = anthropos: generic term for man
* Joy because she’s contributed to mankind

Every single qualification must be fulfilled by the Comforter.

Movement

Holy Ghost

Spirit of Truth

Interpretor