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Matter

GOLDEN TEXT

Galatians 6:7 (to ;)

Be not deceived;

RESPONSIVE READING

Matthew 6:19–21, 24; Matthew 24:4 Take; Psalms 92:4 thou, 5, 8 thou; Psalms 93:1, 2, 4, 5

Matt. 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

24:4 . . . Take heed that no man deceive you.

Ps. 92:4 . . . **thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.**

5 O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

8 . . . thou, Lord, art most high for evermore.

93:1 The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

4 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | Isaiah 6:3 Holy

3 Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

2 | Isaiah 45:8, 9

8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them

bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it. ⁹ Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

3 | Deuteronomy 11:16

¹⁶ Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

4 | Exodus 20:1, 3

¹ And God spake all these words, saying,

³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

5 | Isaiah 25:1, 4, 7, 8 (to 2nd);, 9 (to :)

¹ O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

⁴ For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

⁷ And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death in victo-

ry; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces;

⁹ And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us:

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1 | 228:25-27

There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all-power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God.

2 | 282:23

There is no inherent power in matter; for all that is material is a material, human, mortal thought, always governing itself erroneously.

3 | 21:25

Being in sympathy with matter, the worldly man is at the beck and call of error, and will be attracted thitherward. He is like a traveller going westward for a pleasure-trip. The company is alluring and the pleasures exciting. After following the sun for six days, he turns east on the seventh, satisfied if he can only imagine himself drifting in the right direction. By-and-by, ashamed of his zigzag course, he would borrow the passport of some wiser pilgrim, thinking with

Zigzag
course

the aid of this to find and follow the right road.

4 | [253:18–21](#)

If you believe in and practise wrong knowingly, you can at once change your course and do right. Matter can make no opposition to right endeavors against sin or sickness, for matter is inert, mindless.

Right
endeavor
possible

5 | [448:30–32](#)

To talk the right and live the wrong is foolish deceit, doing one's self the most harm.

6 | [471:13–20](#)

The facts of divine Science should be admitted, — although the evidence as to these facts is not supported by evil, by matter, or by material sense, — because the evidence that God and man coexist is fully sustained by spiritual sense. Man is, and forever has been, God's reflection. God is infinite, therefore ever present, and there is no other power nor presence. Hence the spirituality of the universe is the only fact of creation.

7 | [216:9](#)

Spirituality lays open siege to materialism. On which side are we fighting?

SECTION 2

The Bible

6 | [Malachi 3:10](#)

¹⁰ Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

7 | [I Kings 17:1, 8–16](#)

¹ And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

⁸ And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, ⁹ Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. ¹¹ And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. ¹² And she said, As

the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. ¹³ And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. ¹⁴ For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. ¹⁵ And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. ¹⁶ And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

8 | [Psalms 23:1](#)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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8 | [507:3-6](#)

Spirit duly feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the fatherhood and motherhood of God.

9 | [139:4-5](#)

From beginning to end, the Scriptures are full of accounts of the triumph of Spirit, Mind, over matter.

10 | [114:23-24, 29](#)

Christian Science explains all cause and effect as mental, not physical.

Science shows that what is termed *matter* is but the subjective state of what is termed by the author *mortal mind*.

11 | [591:8-9 \(to 2nd ;\)](#), [12 the, 25-26 \(to 1st ;\)](#)

MATTER. Mythology; mortality; another name for mortal mind; illusion;

the opposite of Truth; the opposite of Spirit; the opposite of God; that of which immortal Mind takes no cognizance; that which mortal mind sees, feels, hears, tastes, and smells only in belief.

MORTAL MIND. Nothing claiming to be something, for Mind is immortal;

12 | [62:20](#)

We must not attribute more and more intelligence to matter, but less and less, if we would be wise and healthy. The divine Mind, which forms the bud and blossom, will care for the human body, even as it clothes the lily; but let no mortal interfere with God's government by thrusting in the laws of erring, human concepts.

The Mind
creative

13 | 248:8

Immortal Mind feeds the body with supernal freshness and fairness, supplying it with beautiful images of thought and destroying the woes of sense which each day brings to a nearer tomb.

14 | 182:18-22

Mind's government of the body must supersede the No material law so-called laws of matter. Obedience to material law prevents full obedience to spiritual law, — the law which overcomes material conditions and puts matter under the feet of Mind.

SECTION 3**The Bible****9 | Mark 3:7 Jesus, 8**

⁷ Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judæa, ⁸ And from Jerusalem, and from Idumæa, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

10 | Mark 8:22-25

²² And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him

out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught. ²⁴ And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. ²⁵ After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

Science and Health**15 | 94:1-3**

Jesus taught but one God, one Spirit, who makes man in the image and likeness of Himself, — of Spirit, not of matter.

16 | 162:13-16

The indestructible Practical success faculties of Spirit exist without the conditions of matter and also without the false beliefs of a so-called material existence.

17 | 486:23-26

Sight, hearing, all the Permanent sensibility spiritual senses of man, are eternal. They cannot be lost. Their reality and immortality are in Spirit and understanding, not in matter, — hence their permanence.

18 | 194:6

A change in human belief Change of belief changes all the physical symptoms, and determines a case for better or for worse. When one's false belief is correct-

ed, Truth sends a report of health over the body.

19 | [134:28](#)

There is divine authority for believing in the superiority of spiritual power over material resistance.

20 | [347:14-17](#)

Christ, as the spiritual or true idea of God, comes now as of old, preaching the gospel to the poor, healing the sick, and casting out evils.

Essential
element of
Christianity

SECTION 4

The Bible

11 | [Matthew 10:1, 5-11, 14](#)

1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. 9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip

for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

12 | [Philippians 4:19](#) *God*

19 God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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21 | [494:10, 30](#) (only)

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

Our Master cast out devils (evils) and healed the sick.

22 | [342:13](#)

He bade the seventy disciples, as well as the twelve, heal the sick in any town where they should be hospitably received.

23 | 271:7-8

Jesus instructed his disciples whereby to heal the sick through Mind instead of matter.

24 | 428:8-12, 19, 30-32

To divest thought of false trusts and material evidences in order that the spiritual facts of being may appear, — this is the great attainment by means of which we shall sweep away the false and give place to the true.

We must realize the ability of mental might to offset human misconceptions and to replace them with the life which is spiritual, not material.

The author has healed hopeless organic disease, and raised the dying to life and health through the understanding of God as the only Life.

25 | 326:3-4, 12-21

If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, it must be in the way of God's appointing.

We must forsake the foundation of material systems, however time-honored, if we would gain the Christ as our only Saviour. Not partially, but fully, the great healer of mortal mind is the healer of the body.

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

and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way.

SECTION 5**The Bible****13 | Jeremiah 17:14**

¹⁴ Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

14 | Acts 9:36-41

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.

15 | [Proverbs 12:28](#)

²⁸ In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

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26 | [205:7-9](#)

When will the error of believing that there is life in matter, and that sin, sickness, and death are creations of God, be unmasked?

27 | [273:1-2](#)

Matter and its claims of sin, sickness, and death are contrary to God, and cannot emanate from Him.

28 | [289:25-32](#)

The spiritual fact and the material belief of things are contradictions; but the spiritual is true, and therefore the material must be untrue. Life is not in matter. Therefore it cannot be said to pass out of matter. Matter and death are mortal illusions. Spirit and all things spiritual are the real and eternal.

Man is not the offspring of flesh, but of Spirit, — of Life, not of matter.

29 | [192:9, 19-24 \(to 1st .\)](#)

Spirit is not separate from God. Spirit is God.

In Science, you can have no power opposed to God, and the physical senses must give up their false testimony. Your influence for good depends upon the weight you throw into the right scale. The good you do and embody gives you the only power obtainable.

The one
real power

SECTION 6

The Bible

16 | [Colossians 2:8](#)

⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

17 | [Galatians 6:1, 7, 8](#)

¹ Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

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30 | [113:18 \(only\)](#)

God, Spirit, being all, nothing is matter.

31 | [458:32-1](#)

Christianity causes men to turn naturally from matter to Spirit, as the flower turns from darkness to light.

32 | [451:2](#)

Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate. They must renounce aggression, oppression and the pride of power. Christianity, with the crown of Love upon her brow, must be their queen of life.

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