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Soul

GOLDEN TEXT

Psalms 146:1, 2 I will sing

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, my soul! . . . I will sing to my God all my life.

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RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 139:1–3, 7, 9, 10, 14, 23 (to 1st :); 43:2 (to :), 3–5

139:1 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart:

43:2 For thou art the God of my strength:

3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **Isaiah 42:1 (to :), 8**

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him:

8 I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

2 | Psalms 103:1, 2, 22 (to :)

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

²² Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion:

3 | Isaiah 61:10 (to :), 11

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God;

¹¹ For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

4 | Malachi 3:6 (to :)

⁶ For I am the Lord, I change not;

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

1 | 120:4

Soul, or Spirit, is God, unchangeable and eternal; and man coexists with and reflects Soul, God, for man is God's image.

2 | 477:22

Soul is the substance, Life, and intelligence of man, which is individualized, but not in matter. Soul

Reflection
of Spirit

can never reflect anything inferior to Spirit.

3 | 482:6

The proper use of the word *soul* can always be gained by substituting the word *God*, where the deific meaning is required. In other cases, use the word *sense*, and you will have the scientific signification. As used in Christian Science, Soul is properly the synonym of Spirit, or God; but out of Science, soul is identical with sense, with material sensation.

Soul
defined

4 | 140:4 (only), 7-13

That God is a corporeal being, nobody can truly affirm.

Not materially but spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love. We shall obey and adore in proportion as we apprehend the divine nature and love Him understandingly, warring no more over the corporeality, but rejoicing in the affluence of our God. Religion will then be of the heart and not of the head.

God invisible
to the senses

5 | 262:5-7

Christian Science takes naught from the perfection of God, but it ascribes to Him the entire glory.

SECTION 2

The Bible

5 | [Job 13:3](#)

³ Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

6 | [Job 23:5, 13 he](#)

⁵ I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

¹³ he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.

7 | [Hebrews 10:23](#)

²³ Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

8 | [Hebrews 11:1-3](#)

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good report. ³ Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

9 | [Proverbs 3:5 \(to ;\), 9, 21 keep, 22](#)

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;

⁹ Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

²¹ keep sound wisdom and discretion:

²² So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

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6 | [330:11-12](#)

God is infinite, the only Life, substance, Spirit, or Soul, the only intelligence of the universe, including man.

7 | [275:14](#)

All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, immortality, cause, and effect belong to God. These are His attributes, the eternal manifestations of the infinite divine Principle, Love. No wisdom is wise but His wisdom; no truth is true, no love is lovely, no life is Life but the divine; no good is, but the good God bestows.

8 | [278:32](#)

Which ought to be substance to us, — the erring, changing, and dying, the mutable and mortal, or the unerring, immutable, and immortal? A New Testament writer plainly describes faith, a quality of mind, as "the *substance* of things hoped for."

9 | 335:13

Things spiritual and eternal are substantial. Things material and temporal are insubstantial.

10 | 269:14-20

Metaphysics resolves things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul.

These ideas are perfectly real and tangible to spiritual consciousness, and they have this advantage over the objects and thoughts of material sense, — they are good and eternal.

SECTION 3**The Bible****10 | Isaiah 43:10, 21**

¹⁰ Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

²¹ This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

11 | Jeremiah 32:40 (to :), 41

⁴⁰ And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good;

⁴¹ Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this

land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

12 | Genesis 5:23, 24 (to :)

²³ And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God:

13 | Hebrews 11:5

⁵ By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Science and Health**11 | 306:7-8, 13**

Life demonstrates Life. The immortality of Soul makes man immortal.

If Life or Soul and its representative, man, unite for a period and then are separated as by a law of divorce to be brought together again at some uncertain future time and in a manner unknown, — and this is the general religious opinion of mankind, — we are left without a rational proof of immortality. But man cannot be separated for an instant from God, if man reflects God. Thus Science proves man's existence to be intact.

12 | 335:20

Because Soul is immortal, it does not exist in mortality. Soul must be incorporeal to be Spirit, for Spirit is not finite. Only

by losing the false sense of Soul can we gain the eternal unfolding of Life as immortality brought to light.

13 | [311:7–8 \(to .\), 19](#)

Soul is immortal because it is Spirit, which has no element of self-destruction.

So long as we believe that soul can sin or that immortal Soul is in mortal body, we can never understand the Science of being. When humanity does understand this Science, it will become the law of Life to man, — even the higher law of Soul, which prevails over material sense through harmony and immortality.

14 | [246:27](#)

Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the demonstration thereof. Life and goodness are immortal. Let us then shape our views of existence into loveliness, freshness, and continuity, rather than into age and blight.

True life
eternal

15 | [214:5](#)

If Enoch's perception had been confined to the evidence before his material senses, he could never have "walked with God," nor been guided into the demonstration of life eternal.

16 | [427:1–7](#)

If it is true that man lives, this fact can never change in Science to the opposite belief that man

Life not
contingent
on matter

dies. Life is the law of Soul, even the law of the spirit of Truth, and Soul is never without its representative. Man's individual being can no more die nor disappear in unconsciousness than can Soul, for both are immortal.

17 | [310:18 \(only\)](#)

Soul changeth not.

SECTION 4

The Bible

14 | [Proverbs 2:6, 10, 11](#)

⁶ For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

¹⁰ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; ¹¹ Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

15 | [Leviticus 26:1 / am, 9, 11, 12](#)

¹ I am the Lord your God.

⁹ For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

¹¹ And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

¹² And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

16 | [Matthew 12:18](#)

¹⁸ Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is

well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

17 | [John 10:23–25, 30](#)

²³ And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. ²⁴ Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. ²⁵ Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

³⁰ I and my Father are one.

18 | [Ephesians 1:3, 17, 18 \(to ;\)](#)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

¹⁷ That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸ The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;

19 | [Ephesians 4:4–6](#)

⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

20 | [Acts 17:28 \(to ;\)](#)

²⁸ For in him we live, and move, and have our being;

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18 | [336:25–26, 28–30](#)

God, the divine Principle of man, and man in God's likeness are inseparable, harmonious, and eternal.

God and man are not the same, but in the order of divine Science, God and man coexist and are eternal.

God the
parent Mind

19 | [477:26 \(only\)](#)

Man is the expression of Soul.

20 | [18:3](#)

Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man's oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him endless homage. His mission was both individual and collective. He did life's work aright not only in justice to himself, but in mercy to mortals, — to show them how to do theirs, but not to do it for them nor to relieve them of a single responsibility. Jesus acted boldly, against the accredited evidence of the senses, against Pharisaical creeds and practices, and he refuted all opponents with his healing power.

Divine
oneness

21 | [333:19–23, 26](#)

Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some measure of power

The divine
Principle
and idea

and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth.

The divine image, idea, or Christ was, is, and ever will be inseparable from the divine Principle, God. Jesus referred to this unity of his spiritual identity thus: "Before Abraham was, I am;" "I and my Father are one;" "My Father is greater than I." The one Spirit includes all identities.

22 | [322:3-9](#)

When understanding Standpoints
changed changes the standpoints of life and intelligence from a material to a spiritual basis, we shall gain the reality of Life, the control of Soul over sense, and we shall perceive Christianity, or Truth, in its divine Principle. This must be the climax before harmonious and immortal man is obtained and his capabilities revealed.

23 | [470:21-23, 32](#)

God is the creator of man, and, the divine Principle of man remaining perfect, the divine idea or reflection, man, remains perfect.

The relations of God and man, divine Principle and idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine order or spiritual law, in which God and all that He creates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged in its eternal history.

24 | [516:21](#)

Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality, the infinite Father-Mother God.

SECTION 5

The Bible

21 | [Isaiah 35:1 the desert, 2 \(to :\), 4 \(to :\), 5, 6 \(to :\)](#)

¹ the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. ² It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing:

⁴ Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not:

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶ Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing:

22 | [Job 33:14 God, 26, 28](#)

¹⁴ God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

²⁶ He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

²⁸ He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

23 | **James 1:5, 6 (to 1st.)**

⁵ If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.

24 | **Matthew 21:11, 14**

¹¹ And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

25 | **Mark 7:32-37**

³² And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. ³³ And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. ³⁵ And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. ³⁶ And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; ³⁷ And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Science and Health25 | **428:3-6 A**

A demonstration of the facts of Soul in Jesus' way resolves the dark visions of material sense into harmony and immortality.

Vision
opening

26 | **210:11-16**

Knowing that Soul and its attributes were forever manifested through man, the Master healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, feet to the lame, thus bringing to light the scientific action of the divine Mind on human minds and bodies and giving a better understanding of Soul and salvation.

27 | **488:23-24, 27**

Mind alone possesses all faculties, perception, and comprehension.

If it were possible for the real senses of man to be injured, Soul could reproduce them in all their perfection; but they cannot be disturbed nor destroyed, since they exist in immortal Mind, not in matter.

28 | **335:2-8 (to 2nd.)**

The theory, that Spirit is distinct from matter but must pass through it, or into it, to be individualized, would reduce God to dependency on matter, and establish a basis for pantheism.

Infinite
Spirit

Spirit, God, has created all in and of Himself. Spirit never created matter.

29 | 280:25–30

Rightly understood, instead Sensationless
body
of possessing a sentient material
form, man has a sensationless body; and
God, the Soul of man and of all existence,
being perpetual in His own individuality,
harmony, and immortality, imparts and
perpetuates these qualities in man, —
through Mind, not matter.

30 | 396:26–30

Keep distinctly in thought that man is
the offspring of God, not of man; that
man is spiritual, not material; that Soul is
Spirit, outside of matter, never in it, never
giving the body life and sensation.

31 | 516:4

The substance, Life, intelligence, Truth,
and Love, which constitute Deity, are re-
flected by His creation; and when we sub-
ordinate the false testimony of the corpo-
real senses to the facts of Science, we
shall see this true likeness and reflection
everywhere.

SECTION 6

The Bible

26 | Psalms 86:4, 9, 10, 12

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for
unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

9 All nations whom thou hast made
shall come and worship before thee,
O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. 10 For
thou art great, and doest wondrous
things: thou art God alone.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God,
with all my heart: and I will glorify thy
name for evermore.

Science and Health

32 | 249:8–10, 14–16, 31 (only)

Let us rejoice that we are
subject to the divine “powers
that be.” Such is the true Science of be-
ing.

Renewed
selfhood

God is the infinite, and infinity never
began, will never end, and includes noth-
ing unlike God.

Man is the reflection of Soul.

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