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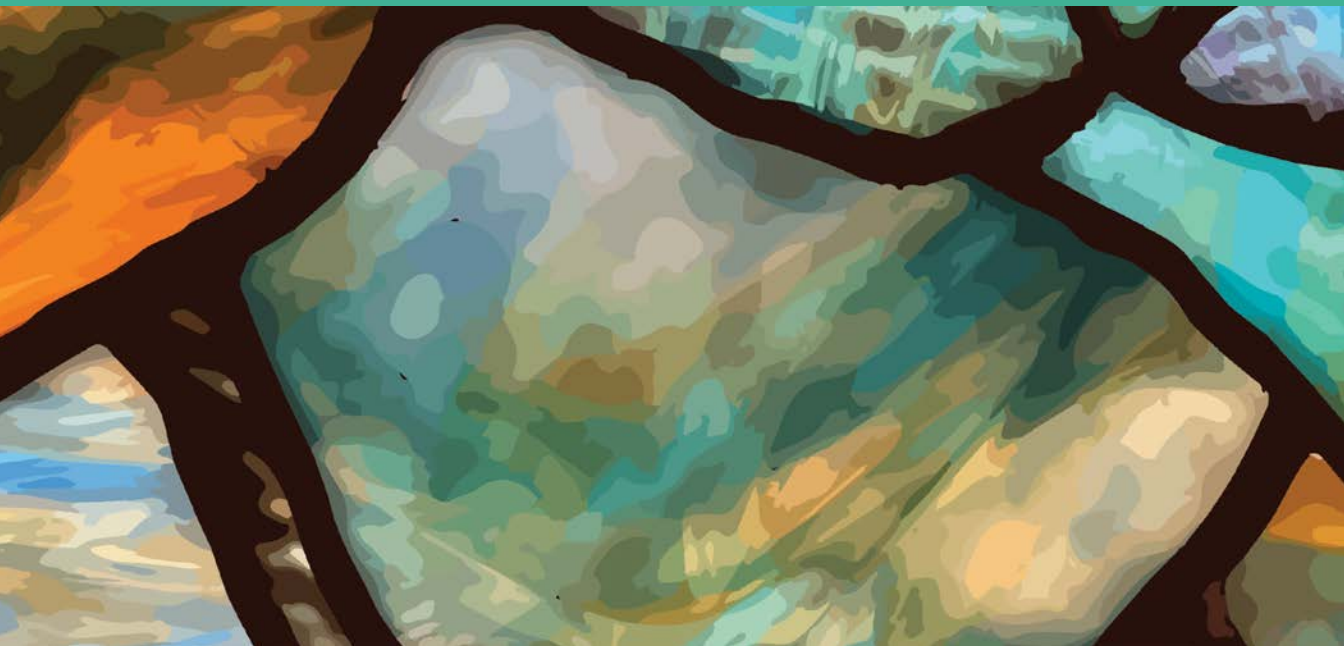
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SUBJECT

Man

GOLDEN TEXT

Genesis 1:27 *God*

... God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 43:1 *now*, 4 (to :), 5–7, 21; 55:12 *ye*

43:1 ... now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

4 **Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee:**

5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6 **I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;**

7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

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

55:12 ... ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | Matthew 23:9 *call*

9 call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

2 | Isaiah 66:12 (to 1st), 13 (to ;)

12 For thus saith the Lord,

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you;

3 | Romans 8:16

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

4 | Acts 17:24, 25, 28

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

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

1 | 332:4

Father-Mother is the name for Deity, which indicates His tender relationship to His spiritual creation.

6 As the apostle expressed it in words which he quoted with approbation from a classic poet: “For we are also His offspring.”

Father-
Mother

2 | 516:9 (only), 21

9 God fashions all things, after His own likeness.

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

3 | 57:4–5

Union of the masculine and feminine qualities constitutes completeness.

4 | 300:1–5

1 Human logic is awry when it attempts to draw correct spiritual conclusions regarding life from matter. Finite sense has no true appreciation of infinite Principle, God, or of His infinite image or reflection, man.

Old and
new man

5 | 263:5

Immortal spiritual man alone represents the truth of creation.

SECTION 2

The Bible

5 | I Samuel 25:2 (to :), 3 (to 2nd :), 5, 10 (to 2nd ?), 11–13 (to :), 14, 18, 23–25, 27, 30, 31 (to :), 32, 33, 35

2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats:

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings;

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

10 And Nabal answered David’s servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse?

11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be? 12 So David’s young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings. 13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword:

14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal’s wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.

18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, 24 And fell at his feet, and said,

Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. ²⁵ Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

²⁷ And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

³⁰ And it shall come to pass, when the Lord shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel; ³¹ That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself:

³² And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: ³³ And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

³⁵ So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

6 | **Proverbs 31:10 (to ?), 26**

¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous woman?

²⁶ She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

7 | **Proverbs 19:11**

¹¹ The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

Science and Health

6 | **405:5–9**

Christian Science commands man to master the propensities, — to hold hatred in abeyance with kindness, to conquer lust with chastity, revenge with charity, and to overcome deceit with honesty. Mental conspirators

7 | **68:4**

Some-time we shall learn how Spirit, the great architect, has created men and women in Science. We ought to weary of the fleeting and false and to cherish nothing which hinders our highest selfhood.

8 | **409:20**

The real man is spiritual and immortal, but the mortal and imperfect so-called “children of men” are counterfeits from the beginning, to be laid aside for the pure reality. This mortal is put off, and the new man or real man is put on, in proportion as mortals realize the Science of man and seek the true model.

9 | **248:26–29**

We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives. Perfect models

10 | **517:8–10**

The ideal man corresponds to creation, to intelligence, and to Truth. The ideal woman corresponds to Life and to Love.

SECTION 3

The Bible

8 | [Psalms 67:1–3](#)

1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; 2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. 3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

9 | [Luke 2:25, 27–32, 36 \(to :\), 37, 38, 40](#)

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, 28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, 29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; 32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser:

37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

10 | [Numbers 11:29 would](#)

29 would God that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!

Science and Health

11 | [593:4](#)

PROPHET. A spiritual seer; disappearance of material sense before the conscious facts of spiritual Truth.

12 | [258:31–1](#)

Through spiritual sense you can discern the heart of divinity, and thus begin to comprehend in Science the

1 generic term *man*.

13 | [515:21–22](#) *Man*

21 Man is the family name for all ideas, — the sons and daughters of God.

14 | [302:14](#)

Continuing our definition of *man*, let us remember that
15 harmonious and immortal man has existed forever, and is always beyond and above the mortal illusion of any life, substance, and intelligence
18 as existent in matter. This statement is based on fact, not fable. The Science of being reveals man as perfect, even as the Father is perfect, because the Soul, or Mind,
21 of the spiritual man is God, the divine Principle of all being, and because this real man is governed by Soul instead of sense, by the law of Spirit, not by the so-called
24 laws of matter.

Definition of man

15 | [338:31](#)

The ideal man was revealed in due time, and was known as Christ Jesus.

SECTION 4

The Bible

11 | **Jeremiah 33:10 (to 1st), 11 (to ;)**

10 Thus saith the Lord; Again there shall be heard in this place,
11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good;

12 | **John 2:1–10 there**

1 there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. 3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. 4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. 6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. 9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, 10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

13 | **Matthew 22:30 in**

30 in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Science and Health

16 | **65:3–8**

3 May Christ, Truth, be present at every bridal altar to turn the water into wine and to give to human life an inspiration by which man's spiritual and
6 eternal existence may be discerned. Blessing of Christ
If the foundations of human affection are consistent with progress, they will be strong and enduring.

17 | **59:3–8, 11**

3 There should be the most tender solicitude for each other's happiness, and mutual attention and approbation should wait on all the years
6 of married life. Differing duties
Mutual compromises will often maintain a compact which might otherwise become unbearable.

Fulfilling the

12 different demands of their united spheres, their sympathies should blend in sweet confidence and cheer, each partner sustaining the other, — thus hallowing the union
15 of interests and affections, in which the heart finds peace and home.

18 | **64:17**

Marriage should signify a union of hearts. Further-
18 more, the time cometh of which Jesus spake, when he declared that in the resurrection there should be no more marrying nor giving in marriage, Progressive development
21 but man would be as the angels. Then shall Soul rejoice in its own, in which passion has no part. Then white-robed purity will unite in one person masculine wisdom and feminine love, spiritual understanding and perpetual peace.
24

19 | 582:14–20

BRIDE. Purity and innocence, conceiving man in the
15 idea of God; a sense of Soul, which has spiritual bliss
and enjoys but cannot suffer.

BRIDEGROOM. Spiritual understanding; the pure con-
18 sciousness that God, the divine Principle, creates man
as His own spiritual idea, and that God is the only crea-
tive power.

20 | 258:13–15, 21

God expresses in man the infinite idea forever develop-
ing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from
15 a boundless basis.

21 The
human capacities are enlarged and perfected in propor-
tion as humanity gains the true conception of man and
24 God.

SECTION 5

The Bible

14 | I John 1:3

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you,
that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellow-
ship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

15 | Acts 5:12 (to :), 14, 16

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs
and wonders wrought among the people;
14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multi-
tudes both of men and women.

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round
about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which
were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

16 | Ephesians 4:7 unto, 13

7 unto every one of us is given grace according to the
measure of the gift of Christ.

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the
knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the
measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Science and Health

21 | 37:16–17, 20–25

When will Jesus’ professed followers learn to emulate
him in *all* his ways and to imitate his mighty works?

May
21 the Christians of to-day take up the more practical im-
port of that career! It is possible, — yea, it is the duty
and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow
24 in some degree the example of the Master by the demon-
stration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

22 | 333:19–23

Throughout all generations both before and
after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spirit-
21 ual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some
measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive
Christ, Truth.

The divine
Principle
and idea

23 | 259:11

The Christlike understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea, — perfect God and perfect man, — as the basis of thought and demonstration.

24 | 417:10

Maintain the facts of Christian Science, — that Spirit is God, and therefore cannot be sick; that what is termed matter cannot be sick; that all causation is Mind, acting through spiritual law. Then hold your ground with the unshaken understanding of Truth and Love, and you will win. When you silence the witness against your plea, you destroy the evidence, for the disease disappears. The evidence before the corporeal senses is not the Science of immortal man.

25 | 67:27

Spiritual, not corporeal, consciousness is needed. Man delivered from sin, disease, and death presents the true likeness or spiritual ideal.

26 | x:11–13, 15–17, 22–23

The author has not compromised conscience to suit the general drift of thought, but has bluntly and honestly given the text of Truth.

By thousands of well-authenticated cases of healing, she and her students have proved the worth of her teachings.

The divine Principle of healing is proved in the personal experience of any sincere seeker of Truth.

27 | 249:5–10

Let the “male and female” of God’s creating appear. Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy. Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.” Such is the true Science of being.

Renewed
selfhood

SECTION 6

The Bible

17 | Galatians 3:26 ye, 28

ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

18 | Ephesians 3:14–16

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Science and Health

28 | 316:3–7

The real man being linked by Science to his Maker, mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to God, and to recognize the divine sonship.

Jesus as
mediator

SUBJECT

Substance

GOLDEN TEXT

Luke 10:23 Blessed

. . . Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

RESPONSIVE READING

II Kings 6:8 the, 9, 11, 12, 13 And it, 14 (to :), 15–17

8 . . . the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13 . . . And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host:

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | Job 11:7

7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

2 | Ecclesiastes 3:14 (to 2nd :)

14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it:

3 | Psalms 143:10 thou (to 2nd :)

10 thou art my God: thy spirit is good;

4 | Hebrews 11:1, 3

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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.

5 | I Corinthians 13:10 when, 12

10 when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

6 | II Corinthians 4:18 we

18 we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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

1 | 468:16–24

Question. — What is substance?

Answer. — Substance is that which is eternal and incapable of discord and decay. Truth, Life, and Love are substance, as the Scriptures use this word in Hebrews: “The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Spirit, the synonym of Mind, Soul, or God, is the only real substance. The spiritual universe, including individual man, is a compound idea, reflecting the divine substance of Spirit.

Spiritual
synonyms

2 | 124:25–26 (to 1st.)

Spirit is the life, substance, and continuity of all things.

3 | 477:7

Soul, being Spirit, is seen in nothing imperfect nor material.

4 | 233:8–9

In the midst of imperfection, perfection is seen and acknowledged only by degrees.

SECTION 2

The Bible

7 | Exodus 14:13 Fear (to :)

13 Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to-day:

8 | Exodus 3:1–5

1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. 2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. 4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. 5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

9 | I Corinthians 2:9 Eye, 10

9 Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Science and Health

5 | 96:27

27 As material knowl-
edge diminishes and spiritual understanding
increases, real objects will be apprehended mentally
30 instead of materially.

Millennial
glory

6 | 278:4–5, 8, 16–19, 29–3

Spirit is the only substance and consciousness
recognized by divine Science.

Substance
versus
supposition

It is

9 a false supposition, the notion that there is real substance-
matter, the opposite of Spirit. Spirit, God, is infinite,
all. Spirit can have no opposite.

The admission that there can
be material substance requires another admission, —
18 namely, that Spirit is not infinite and that matter is self-
creative, self-existent, and eternal.

We define matter as error, because it is the oppo-
30 site of life, substance, and intelligence. Mat-
ter, with its mortality, cannot be substantial
if Spirit is substantial and eternal. Which ought to
1 be substance to us, — the erring, changing, and dying,
the mutable and mortal, or the unerring, immutable,
3 and immortal?

Substance
is Spirit

7 | 260:7

The conceptions of mortal, erring thought must give
way to the ideal of all that is perfect and eternal. Through

9 many generations human beliefs will be attain-
ing diviner conceptions, and the immortal and
perfect model of God’s creation will finally be seen as
12 the only true conception of being.

Spiritual
discovery

8 | 267:1–2

1 Every object in material thought will be destroyed, but
the spiritual idea, whose substance is in Mind, is eternal.

9 | 279:16–19

In proportion as the belief disappears that life and in-
telligence are in or of matter, the immortal facts of
18 being are seen, and their only idea or intelligence is
in God.

10 | 286:21–22

21 God’s thoughts are perfect and eternal, are substance
and Life.

SECTION 3

The Bible

10 | Proverbs 12:27 *the substance*

27 the substance of a diligent man is precious.

11 | Proverbs 3:7 (to :), 13

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes:
13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man
that getteth understanding.

12 | I Samuel 16:1, 4 (to .), 6, 7, 10, 11 Are, 12

1 And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou
mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning

over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

4 And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Beth-lehem.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him. 7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these.

11 Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13 | **Isaiah 40:5 the (to :)**

5 the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:

Science and Health

11 | **247:12–15**

12 Custom, education, and fashion form the transient standards of mortals. Immortality, exempt from age or decay, has a glory of its own, — the radiance of Soul.

Eternal
beauty

12 | **489:17–18**

How can man, reflecting God, be dependent on material means for knowing, hearing, seeing?

13 | **301:6–12, 17–24**

6 To himself, mortal and material man seems to be substance, but his sense of substance involves error and therefore is material, 9 temporal.

On the other hand, the immortal, spiritual man is really substantial, and reflects the eternal substance, or Spirit, 12 which mortals hope for.

As God is substance and man is the divine image and likeness, man should wish for, and in reality has, only the substance of good, the substance of Spirit, not matter. The belief that man has any other substance, or mind, is not spiritual and breaks the First Commandment, Thou shalt have one God, one Mind. Mortal man seems to himself to be material substance, while man is “image” (idea).

Inverted
images
and ideas

14 | **258:31–1**

Through spiritual sense you can discern the heart of divinity, and thus begin to comprehend in Science the generic term *man*.

15 | **255:18**

Eye hath not seen Spirit, nor hath ear heard His voice.

16 | **586:3**

3 **EYES.** Spiritual discernment, — not material but mental.

17 | 337:5–6, 10–11

Material personality is not realism; it is not
6 the reflection or likeness of Spirit, the perfect God.

Man reflects
the perfect
God

According to divine Science, man is in a degree
as perfect as the Mind that forms him.

18 | 521:12 We

12 We
should look away from the opposite supposition that man
is created materially, and turn our gaze to the spiritual
15 record of creation, to that which should be engraved on
the understanding and heart “with the point of a diamond”
and the pen of an angel.

SECTION 4

The Bible

14 | I John 1:1–3

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have
heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have
looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of
life; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it,
and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life,
which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you,
that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fel-
lowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

15 | Hebrews 13:8

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and
for ever.

16 | Luke 7:19–22

19 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent
them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look
we for another? 20 When the men were come unto him, they
said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou
he that should come? or look we for another? 21 And in that
same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues,
and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave
sight. 22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way,
and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that
the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf
hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

17 | Luke 17:20, 21

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when
the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and
said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold,
the kingdom of God is within you.

18 | Hebrews 10:34 ye have

34 ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

Science and Health

19 | 43:28

The Science Jesus taught and lived must triumph over
all material beliefs about life, substance, and intelli-
30 gence, and the multitudinous errors growing from such
beliefs.

20 | 38:26–30

To those buried in the
27 belief of sin and self, living only for pleasure or the grati-
fication of the senses, he said in substance: Having eyes
ye see not, and having ears ye hear not; lest ye should un-
30 derstand and be converted, and I might heal you.

21 | 325:10

In Colossians (iii. 4) Paul writes: “When Christ, who
is our life, shall appear [be manifested], then shall ye also
12 appear [be manifested] with him in glory.” Indestructible
being
When spiritual being is understood in all its
perfection, continuity, and might, then shall man be found
15 in God’s image. The absolute meaning of the apostolic
words is this: Then shall man be found, in His likeness,
perfect as the Father, indestructible in Life, “hid with
18 Christ in God,” — with Truth in divine Love, where
human sense hath not seen man.

22 | 369:5

In proportion as matter loses to human sense all en-
6 tity as man, in that proportion does man become its
master. He enters into a diviner sense of the Man’s
entity
facts, and comprehends the theology of Jesus
9 as demonstrated in healing the sick, raising the dead,
and walking over the wave. All these deeds manifested
Jesus’ control over the belief that matter is substance,
12 that it can be the arbiter of life or the constructor of any
form of existence.

23 | 418:5

Stick to the truth of being in contradistinction to the
6 error that life, substance, or intelligence can be in matter.

Plead with an honest conviction of truth and Christian
pleading
a clear perception of the unchanging, unerr-
9 ing, and certain effect of divine Science. Then, if your
fidelity is half equal to the truth of your plea, you will
heal the sick.

SECTION 5

The Bible

19 | Isaiah 60:4 (to 1st :), 19

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see:
19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for
brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord
shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

20 | Matthew 17:1 Jesus, 2

1 Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and
bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was
transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun,
and his raiment was white as the light.

21 | Luke 9:30–32, 34–36 there

30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which
were Moses and Elias: 31 Who appeared in glory, and spake
of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.
32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with
sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and
the two men that stood with him.
34 there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and
they feared as they entered into the cloud. 35 And there
came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved
Son: hear him. 36 And when the voice was past, Jesus was
found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in
those days any of those things which they had seen.

22 | Deuteronomy 4:9 take (to :)

9 take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life:

Science and Health

24 | 316:12 (only), 20–21

12 Jesus represented Christ, the true idea of God.

Christ presents the indestructible man, whom Spirit creates, constitutes, and governs.

25 | 584:4–6

The objects of time and sense disappear in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind measures time according to the good that is unfolded.

26 | 275:14–15

All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, immortality, cause, and effect belong to God.

27 | 257:12–14, 32–3

12 Mind creates His own likeness in ideas, and the substance of an idea is very far from being the supposed substance of non-intelligent matter.

Finite man cannot be the image and likeness of the infinite God. A mortal, corporeal, or finite conception of God cannot embrace the glories of limitless, incorporeal Life and Love.

28 | 90:8, 24–27

Divest

Mind is substance

9 yourself of the thought that there can be substance in matter, and the movements and transitions now possible for mortal mind will be found to be equally possible for the body. Then being will be recognized as spiritual, and death will be obsolete, though now some insist that death is the necessary prelude to immortality.

24 The admission to one's self that man is God's own likeness sets man free to master the infinite idea. This conviction shuts the door on death, and opens it wide towards immortality.

Scientific finalities

SECTION 6

The Bible

23 | Revelation 21:1, 3, 4

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

24 | Romans 1:20 (to ;)

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of
the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things
that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead;

25 | **Matthew 13:16** *blessed* (to :)

16 blessed are your eyes, for they see:

Science and Health

29 | 572:23–5

The Revelator had not yet passed the transitional stage in human experience called death, but he already saw a new heaven and a new earth. Through what sense came this vision to St. John? Not through the material visual organs for seeing, for optics are inadequate to take in so wonderful a scene. Were this new heaven and new earth terrestrial or celestial, material or spiritual? They could not be the former, for the human sense of space is unable to grasp such a view. The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see, — that which is invisible to the uninspired thought.

30 | 547:28

Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and
30 immortal.

31 | 516:4

The substance, Life, intelligence, Truth, and Love, which constitute Deity, are reflected by His creation; 6 and when we subordinate the false testimony of the corporeal senses to the facts of Science, we shall see this true likeness and reflection everywhere.

SUBJECT

Matter

GOLDEN TEXT

Habakkuk 2:20 *the*

... the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 40:5, 6 *All, 8; 44:6, 8, 21 I have, 24 I am*
Revelation 21:5 *Behold (to 1st .), 6 I am (to 2nd .)*

Isa. 40:5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

6 ... All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

44:6 **Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.**

8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

21 ... I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

24 ... I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

Rev. 21:5 ... Behold, I make all things new.

6 ... I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | John 6:63 *(to :)*

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing:

2 | Isaiah 45:5 *(to 1st :), 9 Shall, 12, 19 I the, 20, 22, 23 unto*

5 I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me:

9 Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

19 I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. **20** Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

23 unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

3 | **Psalms 104:24 (to !), 30, 31**

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works!
30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth. 31 The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

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1 | **284:13–20 Can the**

Can the
infinite dwell in the finite or know aught un-
like the infinite? Can Deity be known through
the material senses? Can the material senses, which re-
ceive no direct evidence of Spirit, give correct testimony
as to spiritual life, truth, and love?
The answer to all these questions must forever be in
the negative.

Material
recognition
impossible

2 | **469:2–4 (to 1st.)**

What is termed matter is unknown to Spirit, which
includes in itself all substance and is Life eternal. Mat-
ter is a human concept.

3 | **278:12–16**

That matter is substantial or has life and sensation, is
one of the false beliefs of mortals, and exists only in a
supposititious mortal consciousness. Hence,
as we approach Spirit and Truth, we lose the
consciousness of matter.

One cause
supreme

4 | **349:31**

In Christian Science, substance is understood to be
Spirit, while the opponents of Christian Science believe

substance to be matter. They think of matter as some-
thing and almost the only thing, and of the things which
pertain to Spirit as next to nothing, or as very
far removed from daily experience. Christian
Science takes exactly the opposite view.

Substance
spiritual

5 | **282:14–17**

A straight line finds no abiding-place in a curve, and a
curve finds no adjustment to a straight line. Similarly,
matter has no place in Spirit, and Spirit has
no place in matter.

Opposite
symbols

6 | **249:6–8, 14–16**

Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into
newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor
material power as able to destroy.

Renewed
selfhood

God is
the infinite, and infinity never began, will never end, and
includes nothing unlike God.

SECTION 2

The Bible

4 | **Psalms 57:5**

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy
glory be above all the earth.

5 | **Jeremiah 23:23, 24 Do (to 2nd ?)**

Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God
afar off?
Do not I fill heaven and earth?

6 | **Isaiah 52:2, 10**

2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

10 The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

7 | **Isaiah 33:6 (to :)**

6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation:

Science and Health

7 | **268:6–9**

6 Belief in a material basis, from which may be deduced all rationality, is slowly yielding to the idea of a metaphysical basis, looking away from matter to Mind as the cause of every effect.

8 | **269:11**

12 Metaphysics is above physics, and matter does not enter into metaphysical premises or conclusions. The categories of metaphysics rest on one basis, the divine Mind. Metaphysics resolves things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul.

9 | **108:30–10**

30 My discovery, that erring, mortal, misnamed *mind* produces all the organism and action of the mortal body, set my thoughts to work in new channels, and led up to my demonstration of the proposition that Mind is All and matter is naught as the leading factor in Mind-science.

Christian Science reveals incontrovertibly that Mind is All-in-all, that the only realities are the divine Mind and idea. This great fact is not, however, seen to be supported by sensible evidence, until its divine Principle is demonstrated by healing the sick and thus proved absolute and divine. This proof once seen, no other conclusion can be reached.

Scientific evidence

10 | **269:29–10**

The theories I combat are these: (1) that all is matter; (2) that matter originates in Mind, and is as real as Mind, possessing intelligence and life.

Rejected theories

The first theory, that matter is everything, is quite as reasonable as the second, that Mind and matter coexist and cooperate. One only of the following statements can be true: (1) that everything is matter; (2) that everything is Mind. Which one is it?

Matter and Mind are opposites. One is contrary to the other in its very nature and essence; hence both cannot be real. If one is real, the other must be unreal. Only by understanding that there is but one power, — not two powers, matter and Mind, — are scientific and logical conclusions reached.

11 | **280:1 (only)**

1 In the infinitude of Mind, matter must be unknown.

SECTION 3

The Bible

8 | **II Peter 3:8 beloved**

8 beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 | **Psalms 139:1, 9, 10**

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

10 | **Psalms 31:15 (to :)**

15 My times are in thy hand:

11 | **John 6:1 Jesus, 16–21**

1 Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.
16 And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, 17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. 18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. 19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. 20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. 21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

Science and Health

12 | **595:17–19 (to 3rd ;)**

TIME. Mortal measurements; limits, in which are
18 summed up all human acts, thoughts, beliefs, opinions, knowledge; matter; error;

13 | **598:23–24**

One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual
24 understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity.

14 | **273:24**

24 Jesus walked on the waves, fed the multitude, healed the sick, and raised the dead in direct opposition to material laws. His acts were
27 the demonstration of Science, overcoming the false claims of material sense or law.

Spiritual law
the only law

15 | **258:9**

9 Man is more than a material form with a mind inside, which must escape from its environments in order to be immortal. Man reflects infinity,
12 and this reflection is the true idea of God.

Infinity's
reflection

16 | **266:29**

Man is deathless, spiritual. He
30 is above sin or frailty. He does not cross the barriers of time into the vast forever of Life, but he coexists with God and the universe.

17 | **331:16, 22**

Everything
in God's universe expresses Him.

He fills all space, and
it is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and in-
24 dividuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind. Hence all is Spirit and spiritual.

SECTION 4

The Bible

12 | **Psalms 8:1 (to !), 4 (to 1st ?), 6**

¹ O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

⁴ What is man, that thou art mindful of him?

⁶ Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

13 | **II Corinthians 5:16, 17**

¹⁶ Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. ¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

14 | **John 5:1–9 there (to :)**

¹ there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. ⁵ And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? ⁷ The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. ⁸ Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. ⁹ And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked:

15 | **Galatians 5:25**

²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

16 | **Romans 8:2 the**

² the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

*Science and Health*18 | **271:7**

Jesus instructed his disciples whereby to heal the sick through Mind instead of matter. He knew that the philosophy, Science, and proof of Christianity were in Truth, casting out all inharmony.

19 | **182:32**

The law of Christ, or

¹ Truth, makes all things possible to Spirit; but the so-called laws of matter would render Spirit of no avail, and ³ demand obedience to materialistic codes, thus departing from the basis of one God, one lawmaker. To suppose that God constitutes laws of inharmony is a mistake; ⁶ discords have no support from nature or divine law, however much is said to the contrary.

20 | **223:3–9**

³ Sooner or later we shall learn that the fetters of man's finite capacity are forged by the illusion that he lives in body instead of in Soul, in matter ⁶ instead of in Spirit.

Matter does not express Spirit. God is infinite omnipresent Spirit. If Spirit is *all* and is everywhere, what ⁹ and where is matter?

21 | 264:15–21

15 When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-com-
18 pleteness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness.
21 Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being.
Matter disappears under the microscope of Spirit.

22 | 390:32

Rise in the conscious strength of the
1 spirit of Truth to overthrow the plea of mortal mind,
alias matter, arrayed against the supremacy of Spirit.
3 Blot out the images of mortal thought and its beliefs in
sickness and sin. Then, when thou art delivered to the
judgment of Truth, Christ, the judge will say, “Thou
6 art whole!”

23 | 200:16

The great truth in the Science of being, that the real
man was, is, and ever shall be perfect, is incontrovertible;
18 for if man is the image, reflection, of God, he is neither
inverted nor subverted, but upright and Godlike.

SECTION 5

The Bible

17 | Zechariah 2:13

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for he is raised
up out of his holy habitation.

18 | Psalms 91:1

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

19 | Psalms 61:1, 2

1 Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. 2 From
the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is
overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

20 | Psalms 46:1, 6, 10, 11 (to ;)

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help
in trouble.
6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he
uttered his voice, the earth melted.
10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted
among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. 11 The
Lord of hosts is with us;

21 | Psalms 121:1, 2

1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence
cometh my help. 2 My help cometh from the Lord, which
made heaven and earth.

Science and Health

24 | 256:1–5 The, 13–16

1 The finite must
yield to the infinite. Advancing to a higher plane of ac-
3 tion, thought rises from the material sense to
the spiritual, from the scholastic to the in-
spirational, and from the mortal to the immortal.

No material
creation

SECTION 6

The Bible

22 | **Isaiah 49:8 (to :), 25 I will**

8 Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: 25 I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

23 | **II Chronicles 20:15 the battle**

15 the battle is not yours, but God's.

24 | **Revelation 12:7–10, 12 (to 1st.)**

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.

25 | **Revelation 19:6**

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The everlasting I AM is not bounded nor compressed within the narrow limits of physical humanity, nor can 15 He be understood aright through mortal concepts. No divine corporeality

25 | **97:26**

“He uttered His voice, the earth melted.” This Scripture indicates that all matter will disappear before the supremacy of Spirit.

26 | **262:9**

9 We cannot fathom the nature and quality of God's creation by diving into the shallows of mortal belief. We must reverse our feeble flutterings — our efforts to find 12 life and truth in matter — and rise above the testimony of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the God-like man to reach the absolute centre and circumference 15 of his being.

27 | **76:6–12**

6 When being is understood, Life will be recognized as neither material nor finite, but as infinite, — as God, universal good; and the belief that life, or Real Life is God 9 mind, was ever in a finite form, or good in evil, will be destroyed. Then it will be understood that Spirit never entered matter and was therefore never 12 raised from matter.

28 | **60:2**

Science inevitably lifts one's being higher in the scale of 3 harmony and happiness.

Science and Health

29 | 567:10–12, 18–26

Truth and Love prevail
against the dragon because the dragon cannot war with
12 them.

18 That false claim — that ancient belief, that old serpent
whose name is devil (evil), claiming that there is intelli-
gence in matter either to benefit or to injure
21 men — is pure delusion, the red dragon; and
it is cast out by Christ, Truth, the spiritual
idea, and so proved to be powerless. The words “cast
24 unto the earth” show the dragon to be nothingness, dust
to dust; and therefore, in his pretence of being a talker,
he must be a lie from the beginning.

Dragon
cast down
to earth

30 | 389:22

Materialists contradict their own statements. Their belief in material laws and in penalties for their infrac-
 24 tion is the ancient error that there is fraternity
 between pain and pleasure, good and evil, God and Satan. This belief totters to its falling before the
 27 battle-axe of Science.

Ancient confusion

31 | 319:13

Throughout the infinite cycles of eternal existence,
Spirit and matter neither concur in man nor in the universe.

SUBJECT

Reality

GOLDEN TEXT

Psalms 119:89, 105

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. . . .
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

RESPONSIVE READING

John 1:1, 14

Matthew 4:17 Jesus; 7:7, 8, 24 whosoever, 25; 24:35

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Matt. 4:17 . . . Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

24 . . . whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | II Corinthians 4:6 God

6 God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 | John 3:16, 17, 34 he

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

34 he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

3 | John 8:31, 32

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; **32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

4 | John 14:12 (to 1st ;)

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also;

5 | **I Corinthians 2:12, 13**

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

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1 | **275:6–12**

6 The starting-point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He 9 is divine Principle.

To grasp the reality and order of being in its Science, you must begin by reckoning God as the divine Principle 12 of all that really is.

2 | **335:27–29**

27 Reality is spiritual, harmonious, immutable, immortal, divine, eternal. Nothing unspiritual can be real, harmonious, or eternal.

The one
divine Mind

3 | **337:24**

24 Eternal things (verities) are God’s thoughts as they exist in the spiritual realm of the real. Temporal things are the 27 thoughts of mortals and are the unreal, being the opposite of the real or the spiritual and eternal.

4 | **135:26**

Christianity as Jesus taught it was not 27 a creed, nor a system of ceremonies, nor a special gift from a ritualistic Jehovah; but it was the demonstration of divine Love casting out error and healing the sick, 30 not merely in the *name* of Christ, or Truth, but in demonstration of Truth, as must be the case in the cycles of divine light.

5 | **332:9–11 Christ, 19**

9 Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness.

Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost, 21 or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.

Holy Ghost
or Comforter

6 | **288:29**

The Christ-element in the Messiah made him 30 the Way-shower, Truth and Life.

The
Christ-element

SECTION 2

The Bible

6 | **Psalms 71:1 (to :), 16 I will make, 22 (to :), 23**

1 In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust:
16 I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God:

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

7 | **Psalms 33:4–6**

4 For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

8 | **Matthew 4:23**

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

9 | **Matthew 5:1–10, 12 (to 2nd :)**

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. 10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:

Science and Health

7 | **325:7**

Jesus
gave the true idea of being, which results in infinite blessings to mortals.

8 | **242:9, 30–32**

9 There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ in divine Science shows us this way. It is to know no other reality — to have no other consciousness of life — than good, God and His reflection, and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure of the senses.

The one
only way

30 The finger-posts of divine Science show the way our Master trod, and require of Christians the proof which he gave, instead of mere profession.

9 | **446:25–27**

Not human platitudes, but divine beatitudes, reflect the spiritual light and might which heal the sick.

Iniquity
overcome

10 | **4:3–5**

3 What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.

11 | **264:24**

Spiritual living
and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love.

Spiritual
proofs of
existence

SECTION 3

The Bible

10 | **Psalms 107:8, 20**

8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,
and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered
them from their destructions.

11 | **Acts 10:38 God**

38 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
and with power: who went about doing good, and healing
all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

12 | **Mark 9:17, 18 (to 2nd :), 22–27 but**

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master,
I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;
18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he
foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away:
22 but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us,
and help us. 23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe,
all things are possible to him that believeth. 24 And straight-
way the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord,
I believe; help thou mine unbelief. 25 When Jesus saw that
the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit,
saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee,
come out of him, and enter no more into him. 26 And the
spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and
he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.
27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and
he arose.

Science and Health

12 | **xi:9–21**

9 The physical healing of Christian Science results
now, as in Jesus’ time, from the operation of divine
Principle, before which sin and disease lose their real-
12 ity in human consciousness and disappear as naturally
and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and
sin to reformation. Now, as then, these mighty works
15 are not supernatural, but supremely natural. They are
the sign of Immanuel, or “God with us,” — a divine
influence ever present in human consciousness and re-
18 peating itself, coming now as was promised aforetime,

To preach deliverance to the captives [of sense],
And recovering of sight to the blind,
21 To set at liberty them that are bruised.

13 | **350:24**

24 “The Word was made flesh.” Divine Truth must be
known by its effects on the body as well as on the mind,
before the Science of being can be demon-
27 strated. Hence its embodiment in the incar-
nate Jesus, — that life-link forming the connection through
which the real reaches the unreal, Soul rebukes sense, and
30 Truth destroys error.

14 | **130:32–3**

Truth should
1 not seem so surprising and unnatural as error, and error
should not seem so real as truth. Sickness should not seem
3 so real as health.

The divine
life-link

15 | 393:32

It is well to be calm in sickness;
1 to be hopeful is still better; but to understand that sick-
ness is not real and that Truth can destroy its seeming
3 reality, is best of all, for this understanding is the uni-
versal and perfect remedy.

SECTION 4

The Bible

13 | Luke 4:14 (to :)

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into
Galilee:

14 | Luke 15:1, 3, 8–17 what, 20 (to 1st .), 21, 22, 24

1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners
for to hear him.
3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,
8 what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one
piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek
diligently till she find it? 9 And when she hath found it, she
calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice
with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. 10 Like-
wise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels
of God over one sinner that repenteth. 11 And he said, A cer-
tain man had two sons: 12 And the younger of them said to his
father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me.
And he divided unto them his living. 13 And not many days
after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey
into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riot-
ous living. 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty
famine in that land; and he began to be in want. 15 And he went
and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him
into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would fain have filled

his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man
gave unto him. 17 And when he came to himself, he said,
How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough
and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

20 And he arose, and came to his father.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned
against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy
to be called thy son. 22 But the father said to his servants,
Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring
on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was
lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Science and Health

16 | 117:15–16

15 Our Master taught spirituality by simili-
tudes and parables.

17 | 316:3

3 The Jesus as
mediator
real man being linked by Science to his Maker,
mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal
6 selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to
God, and to recognize the divine sonship. Christ, Truth,
was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of
9 Spirit over the flesh, — to show that Truth is made
manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body,
healing sickness and destroying sin.

18 | 339:28–31

To get rid of sin
through Science, is to divest sin of any supposed mind
30 or reality, and never to admit that sin can have intelli-
gence or power, pain or pleasure.

19 | 205:15, 32

15 Befogged in error (the error of believing that matter
can be intelligent for good or evil), we can catch clear
glimpses of God only as the mists disperse,
18 or as they melt into such thinness that we per-
ceive the divine image in some word or deed
which indicates the true idea, — the supremacy and real-
21 ity of good, the nothingness and unreality of evil.

Perceiving
the divine
image

When we fully understand our relation to the Divine,
1 we can have no other Mind but His, — no other Love,
wisdom, or Truth, no other sense of Life, and no con-
3 sciousness of the existence of matter or error.

20 | 317:16–20

The individuality of man is no less tangible because
it is spiritual and because his life is not at the mercy of
18 matter. The understanding of his spiritual individuality
makes man more real, more formidable in truth, and en-
ables him to conquer sin, disease, and death.

SECTION 5

The Bible

15 | I John 4:7, 19

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and
every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
19 We love him, because he first loved us.

16 | Mark 6:34

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and
was moved with compassion toward them, because they
were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach
them many things.

17 | Mark 12:28–31

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them
reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered
them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment
of all? 29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the
commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is
one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with
all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy
neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment
greater than these.

Science and Health

21 | 241:19

The substance of all devotion is the reflection and
demonstration of divine Love, healing sickness and
21 destroying sin. Our Master said, “If ye love me, keep
my commandments.”

22 | 25:31

The divinity of the Christ was made
manifest in the humanity of Jesus.

23 | 454:17–21

Love for God and man is the true
18 incentive in both healing and teaching. Love inspires,
illuminates, designates, and leads the way. Right motives
give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to
21 speech and action.

Love the
incentive

24 | 496:9–14 Ask

9 Ask yourself:
Am I living the life that approaches the supreme good?
Am I demonstrating the healing power of
12 Truth and Love? If so, then the way will
grow brighter “unto the perfect day.” Your fruits
will prove what the understanding of God brings to man.

Condition
of progress

25 | 340:12

12 Divine Love is infinite. Therefore
all that really exists is in and of God, and manifests His
love.

SECTION 6

The Bible

18 | Psalms 119:105, 156 (to :), 160

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto
my path.

156 Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord:

160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one
of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

19 | Psalms 12:6 (to :)

6 The words of the Lord are pure words:

20 | II Thessalonians 2:15–17

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

21 | Luke 11:28 *blessed*

28 blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

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26 | 497:3

3 As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word
of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.

27 | 30:30–32

30 We cannot choose for ourselves, but must work out our salvation in the way Jesus taught.

28 | 51:19–24

His consummate example was for the salvation of us all, but only through doing the works which he did and taught others to do. His purpose in healing was not alone to restore health, but to demonstrate his divine Principle. He was inspired by God, by Truth and Love, in all that he said and did.

29 | 354:9

9 The words of divine Science find their
immortality in deeds, for their Principle heals the sick
and spiritualizes humanity.

30 | 298:2-4

Life, Truth, and Love are the realities of divine
 3 Science. They dawn in faith and glow full-orbed in
 spiritual understanding.

31 | 208:20

Let us learn

21 of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of
Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of
universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain
24 forever unseen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Master said, "After this manner therefore pray ye," and then he gave that prayer which covers all human needs. . . . Here let me give what I understand to be the spiritual sense of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father which art in heaven,

Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Adorable One.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

*Enable us to know, — as in heaven, so on earth, —
God is omnipotent, supreme.*

Give us this day our daily bread;

Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And Love is reflected in love;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

*And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth
us from sin, disease, and death.*

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever.**

*For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love,
over all, and All.*

*From Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures
by Mary Baker Eddy, pp. 16–17*

THE SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT OF BEING

There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

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ITS CORRELATIVE SCRIPTURE

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

I John 3:1–3

TENETS OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

1. As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.
2. We acknowledge and adore one supreme and infinite God. We acknowledge His Son, one Christ; the Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God's image and likeness.
3. We acknowledge God's forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin and the spiritual understanding that casts out evil as unreal. But the belief in sin is punished so long as the belief lasts.
4. We acknowledge Jesus' atonement as the evidence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man's unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower; and we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life, and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming sin and death.
5. We acknowledge that the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection served to uplift faith to understand eternal Life, even the allness of Soul, Spirit, and the nothingness of matter.
6. And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure.

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