Golden Text
Daniel 2:20 Blessed

... Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

Responsive Reading
Proverbs 3:5, 6; 2:6–12, 20; Psalms 147:1 (to 1st.), 5

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 6 For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; 11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

1 Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; 5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.
1 | Genesis 1:1, 31 (to 1st.)

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

2 | Psalms 92:5

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

3 | Psalms 139:17, 18

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

4 | Romans 11:33 (to 1st!), 36 (to :)

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things:

5 | Revelation 7:12 Blessing (to 1st.)

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.

6 | 311:4–6 (to 1st.)

God is Mind: all that Mind, God, is, or hath made, is good, and He made all.

2 | 143:26–31

Mind is the grand creator, and there can be no power except that which is derived from Mind. If Mind was first chronologically, is first potentially, and must be first eternally, then give to Mind the glory, honor, dominion, and power everlasting due its holy name.

3 | 275:14–24

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.

Divine metaphysics, as revealed to spiritual understanding, shows clearly that all is Mind, and that Mind is God, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, — that is, all power, all presence, all Science.

Hence all is in reality the manifestation of Mind.

4 | 209:5–8

Mind, supreme over all its formations and governing them all, is the central sun of its own systems of ideas, the life and light of all its own vast creation; and man is tributary to divine Mind.

5 | 143:27–31

How do you see Mind manifested?

6 | 275:14–24

Live It

Turn your thought to God as soon as you wake up in the morning, and get ready for a day full of blessings!

Question

What does it mean to give God blessing, wisdom, and honor?

Thanksgiving: gratitude; glory; praise
Derived: drawn; obtained
First potentially: first in power, to whom all things are possible
Bestows: gives; grants; imparts
Tributary to: subject to; under the control of
The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation. God is not separate from the wisdom He bestows.

The understanding that the Ego is Mind, and that there is but one Mind or intelligence, begins at once to destroy the errors of mortal sense and to supply the truth of immortal sense.

Absorbed in material selfhood we discern and reflect but faintly the substance of Life or Mind. The denial of material selfhood aids the discernment of man's spiritual and eternal individuality, and destroys the erroneous knowledge gained from matter or through what are termed the material senses.

Man, made in His likeness, possesses and reflects God's dominion over all the earth. Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality, the infinite Father-Mother God.

Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil.
there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

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, 30 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. 33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. 40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. 41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. 43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. 44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. 45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. 46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

The Jewish people were eagerly awaiting “the consolation of Israel”—redemption and liberation. Because they had been under various foreign occupations for most of the last few centuries, many expected the liberation to be political and did not recognize Jesus as the redeemer. Are we always open to the solutions God provides, even when they don’t take the forms we expect?
And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table. 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. 29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there. 30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus’ feet; and he healed them:

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 1 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family with crumbs of comfort from Christ’s table, feeding the hungry and giving living waters to the thirsty.

Mind’s control over the universe, including man, is no longer an open question, but is demonstrable Science. Jesus illustrated the divine Principle and the power of immortal Mind by healing sickness and sin and destroying the foundations of death.

Health is not a condition of matter, but of Mind; nor can the material senses bear reliable testimony on the subject of health. The Science of Mind-healing shows it to be impossible for aught but Mind to testify truly or to exhibit the real status of man. Therefore the divine Principle of Science, reversing the testimony of the physical senses, reveals man as harmoniously existent in Truth, which is the only basis of health; and thus Science denies all disease, heals the sick, overthrows false evidence, and refutes materialistic logic.

Mentally insist that harmony is the fact, and that sickness is a temporal dream. Realize the presence of health and the fact of harmonious being, until the body corresponds with the normal conditions of health and harmony.

The cure of infants

The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind.

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**WORD HIGHLIGHTS**

- *coasts*: regions; districts
- *vexed with*: troubled or disturbed by
- *full-orbed*: as a complete sphere; as the sun after it is risen completely above the horizon
- *refutes*: disproves; demonstrates the falseness of
- *aforesaid*: previously stated or mentioned

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**LIVE IT**

Every bit of good we receive enables us to help others. Notice the good you experience today and use it to bless someone else!

**QUESTION**

If something is demonstrable, we can experience it firsthand. How have you experienced divine Mind’s control over the universe?
A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.

16 | Isaiah 55:7
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

A nd, behold, there was a man named Zacchæus, which was the chief among the publis-
cans, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. 4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a syco-
more tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.
5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked
up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæus, make
haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy
house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and
received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they
all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest
with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zacchæus stood,
and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my
goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing
from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-
fold. 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation
come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of
Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and
to save that which was lost.

“Jot” comes from yod, the name of the small-
est letter in the Hebrew alphabet (י), and means a
tiny amount.

“INSPIRED” by the healing of Zacchæus, I’m giving away
the sunken treasure I’ve been hoarding.

Our Master read mortal mind on a scientific basis, that of the omnipresence of Mind. An approximation of this discernment indicates spiritual growth and union with the infinite capacities of the one Mind. Jesus could injure no one by his Mind-reading.

1 The effect of his Mind was always to heal and to save, and this is the only genuine Science of reading mortal mind.

Divine Mind rightly demands man’s entire obe-
dience, affection, and strength. No reservation is made
for any lesser loyalty. Obedience to Truth gives man
power and strength. Submission to error superinduces
loss of power.

Take away wealth, fame, and social organizations,
which weigh not one jot in the balance of God, and we
clearly get views of Principle. Break up cliques, level wealth with honesty, let worth
be judged according to wisdom, and we get better views
of humanity.

The wicked man is not the ruler of his upright
neighbor. Let it be understood that success in error is
defeat in Truth. The watchword of Christian Science
is Scriptural: “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the
unrighteous man his thoughts.”

To ascertain our progress, we must learn where our
affections are placed and whom we acknowledge and
obey as God.

6 If men would bring to bear upon the study of the
Science of Mind half the faith they bestow upon the so-
called pains and pleasures of material sense,
9 they would not go on from bad to worse,
until disciplined by the prison and the scaffold; but
the whole human family would be redeemed through
the merits of Christ, — through the perception and ac-
ceptance of Truth. For this glorious result Christian
Science lights the torch of spiritual understanding.

Be single-minded. Trust the Science
of Mind, not the illusion of material
pain or pleasure.

What does it mean to serve
Mind with your obedience,
affection, and strength?

LIVE IT

QUESTIONS

DEFINITIONS

canclus: tax collectors

discernment: keen insight; perception; acumen

superinduces: brings about; produces
be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. 19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: 20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people;

Some Jewish men started going around trying to force out evil spirits by using the name of the Lord Jesus. They said to the spirits, “Come out in the name of that same Jesus that Paul preaches about!”

Notes:

In other words:

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Acts 19:13—Contemporary English Version

The struggle for the recovery of invalids goes on, not between material methods, but between mortal minds and immortal Mind. The victory will be on the patient’s side only as immortal Mind through Christ, Truth, subdues the human belief in disease. It matters not what material method one may adopt, whether faith in drugs, trust in hygiene, or reliance on some other minor curative. Scientific healing has this advantage over other methods, — that in it Truth controls error.

The various mortal beliefs formulated in human philosophy, physiology, hygiene, are mainly predicated of matter, and afford faint gleams of God, or Truth.

Human will-power is not Science. Human will belongs to the so-called material senses, and its use is to be condemned. Willing the sick to recover is not the metaphysical practice of Christian Science, but is sheer animal magnetism. Human will-power may infringe the rights of man. It produces evil continually, and is not a factor in the realism of being. Truth, and not corporeal will, is the divine power which says to disease, “Peace, be still!”

The Christian Scientist demonstrates that divine Mind heals, while the hypnotist dispossesses the patient of his individuality in order to control him. No person is benefited by yielding his mentality to any mental despotism or malpractice. All unscientific mental practice is erroneous and powerless, and should be understood and so rendered fruitless. The genuine Christian Scientist is adding to his patient’s mental and moral power, and is increasing his patient’s spirituality while restoring him physically through divine Love.

When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who understands all things, man knows that with God all things are possible. The only way to this living Truth, which heals the sick, is found in the Science of divine Mind as taught and demonstrated by Christ Jesus.
race and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ.

we have the mind of Christ.

Why did God call us to virtue?

“The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace. Thus the dawn of ideas goes on, forming each successive stage of progress.”

—Science and Health, p. 506
I was raised in a family that didn’t have a lot of money. In fact, at times having food on the table each day was not possible. About three years ago, my older brother and I were attending primary school, and were candidates to enter high school. The high school charges each pupil a fee, and I wondered where my parents would get the money since it was so difficult to meet basic daily needs. I was so worried about the financial situation that I felt I had to end my education. I was discouraged, but deep inside I felt that “enough was enough” with regard to financial problems.

I went home and informed my dad about my decision. He was surprised, as he knew me as a bright student and had never expected this from me. He advised me to continue with my studies. He told me that God is the provider and would care for me. I loved his encouragement, but deep down I was convinced the situation was hopeless. So I stayed at home without going to school for the next month, and was employed as a shepherd boy at my neighbor’s homestead.

My parents were not happy. My father, who was employed as a day laborer, had always dreamed that my brother and I would achieve more in life. And here I was, doing work that didn’t “hold water” in my father’s eyes.

My father was aware of a Christian Science branch church in Nanyuki, Kenya, since he did night security at the buildings near the church hall. In fact, one of the Christian Science practitioners in the town was my father’s best friend and had introduced him to the church. My father started bringing home copies of the Sentinel, and I read them during my free time, after I’d gotten the sheep back to their owner that day. I became interested in the powerful testimonies of people who were healed through Christian Science.

One day my father asked my brother and me if we would like to join the Christian Science church. We answered that we would, and from then on we started attending Sunday School. Though I was not very consistent in my Sunday attendance because of my work hours, I dearly loved Sunday School. I even started reading Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, on my own. This passage especially stood out to me: “Fear is the fountain of sickness, and you master fear and sin through divine Mind; hence it is through divine Mind that you overcome disease… Fear, which is an element of all disease, must be cast out to readjust the balance for God. Casting out evil and fear enables truth to outweigh error. The only course is to take antagonistic grounds against all that is opposed to the health, holiness, and harmony of man, God’s image” (pp. 391–392).

After I learned this, I sincerely prayed to cast out all my fears. I felt deep in me that I needed to go back to school, and when I told my father, he was thrilled about the idea. I went back, worked hard, and at the end of the year, I sat for my National Examination. When the results came out, I saw that I had passed and earned a place in one of the best high schools in the country. I did not panic or fear about where the school fees or any other requirement would come from.

In Sunday School I had learned to lean on God, who is the source of all good. And I knew that my God—whom I reflected—cares for me. The church team in Nanyuki helped support me by talking with me about the allness of God’s abundance and supply. They assisted me in acquiring some supplies required for my joining high school. And to my amazement, we had visitors come to our church from another country, one of whom offered to pay my fees. I gratefully accepted that offer, and I was able to go to my high school joyfully and happily, with all my needs met.

I can never thank God and Christian Science enough. If it were not for the spiritual ideas I learned, I might still be a lost young man tending sheep. As part of my gratitude to God, during the holidays I usher in church, and help clean and arrange the church hall. I always make sure everything is in perfect order before the service.

Now I am in the last year of my studies in high school. I’ve seen how Mrs. Eddy challenged hopelessness when she insisted that no one has to be governed by a material view of life, which involves limitation and lack. In Science and Health, she writes: “Divine Love blesses its own ideas, and causes them to multiply,—to manifest His power. Man is not made to till the soil. His birthright is dominion, not subjection. He is lord of the belief in earth and heaven,—himself subordinate alone to his Maker” (pp. 517–518). I’m so grateful to have proved my dominion through Christian Science.

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