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# God the Only Cause and Creator

## GOLDEN TEXT

### Genesis 1:31 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .)

God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

*The Golden Text is from the Common English Bible.*

## RESPONSIVE READING

### Jeremiah 33:11 *Praise (to ;) ;* Isaiah 43:1 *now,* 6 *bring, 7, 12, 15, 19; 41:18, 19 I will set, 20*

11 . . . Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good;

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.**

6 . . . 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.**

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.

15 **I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.**

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

18 **I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.**

19 . . . I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:

20 **That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.**

## SECTION 1

### The Bible

#### 1 | John 1:1, 3

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

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

#### 2 | Genesis 1:1, 12, 21, 27 God, 31 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .)

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every

winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

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

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

### 3 | [Ecclesiastes 3:14 \(to 2<sup>nd</sup> :\)](#)

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

### 4 | [Psalms 52:1 the](#)

1 the goodness of God endureth continually.

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

### 1 | [583:20–21 \(to :\), 24 God](#)

CREATOR. Spirit; Mind; intelligence; the animating divine Principle of all that is real and good;

God, who made all that was made and could not create an atom or an element the opposite of Himself.

### 2 | [525:17–24](#)

In the Gospel of John, it is declared that all things were made through the Word of God, “and without Him [the *logos*, or *word*] was not anything made that was made.” Everything good or worthy, God made. Whatever is valueless or baneful, He did not make, — hence its unreality. In the Science of Genesis we read that He saw everything which He had made, “and, behold, it was very good.”

No baneful  
creation

### 3 | [331:18–22](#)

God is individual, The universal  
cause  
incorporeal. He is divine Principle, Love, the universal cause, the only creator, and there is no other self-existence. He is all-inclusive, and is reflected by all that is real and eternal and by nothing else.

### 4 | [130:26–2](#)

If thought is startled at the strong claim of Science for the supremacy of God, or Truth, and doubts the supremacy of good, ought we not, contrariwise, to be astounded at the vigorous claims of evil and doubt them, and no longer think it natural to love sin and unnatural to forsake it, — no longer imagine evil to be ever-present and good absent? Truth should not seem so surprising and unnatural as error, and error should not seem so real as truth. All evil  
unnatural

### 5 | [502:29](#)

There is but one creator and one creation. This creation consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and forever reflected. These ideas range from the infinitesimal to infinity, and the highest ideas are the sons and daughters of God.

## SECTION 2

### The Bible

### 5 | [Isaiah 66:1 \(to :\)](#)

1 Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool:

### 6 | [Isaiah 65:18 be](#)

18 be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

7 | **Isaiah 51:11, 12 (to :)**

11 Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. 12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you:

*Science and Health*6 | **519:7–11**

*Genesis* ii. 1. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Thus the ideas of God in universal being are complete and forever expressed, for Science reveals infinity and the fatherhood and motherhood of Love.

7 | **521:5**

All that is made is the work of God, and all is good. We leave this brief, glorious history of spiritual creation (as stated in the first chapter of Genesis) in the hands of God, not of man, in the keeping of Spirit, not matter, — joyfully acknowledging now and forever God's supremacy, omnipotence, and omnipresence.

Spiritual  
narrative

8 | **275:14–15, 17, 26 (only), 27**

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

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.

The true understanding of God is spiritual.

It destroys the false evidence that misleads thought and points to other gods, or other so-called powers, such as matter, disease, sin, and death, superior or contrary to the one Spirit.

9 | **458:32–1**

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

10 | **242:6**

Denial of the claims of matter is a great step towards the joys of Spirit, towards human freedom and the final triumph over the body.

11 | **60:2**

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

## SECTION 3

## The Bible

8 | **Daniel 2:20 Blessed**

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

9 | **Isaiah 40:10, 12, 26**

10 Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

10 | [Joshua 14:6 the, 7, 9–11 \(to :\)](#)

6 the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh–barnea. 7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh–barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God. 10 And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. 11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me:

11 | [Psalms 18:2](#)

2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

*Science and Health*12 | [311:4–6 \(to 1<sup>st</sup> .\)](#)

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

13 | [514:6–7](#)

Mind, joyous in strength, dwells in the realm of Mind.

14 | [262:30](#)

Divine Mind is the only Mind the  
only cause  
cause or Principle of existence.  
Cause does not exist in matter, in mortal mind, or in physical forms.

15 | [301:17–20](#)

As God is substance and Inverted  
images  
and ideas  
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.

16 | [258:13–15](#)

God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis.

17 | [406:20–25 We](#)

We can, and ultimately Resist to  
the end  
shall, so rise as to avail  
ourselves in every direction of the supremacy of  
Truth over error, Life over death, and good over evil,  
and this growth will go on until we arrive at the  
fulness of God's idea, and no more fear that we shall  
be sick and die.

18 | [444:10](#)

Step by step will those who Refuge and  
strength  
trust Him find that "God is our  
refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

## SECTION 4

## The Bible

12 | [Isaiah 57:19 \(to 2<sup>nd</sup> ;\)](#)

19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord;

13 | [1 Samuel 25:2 \(to :\)](#), [3 \(to 2<sup>nd</sup> :\)](#), [4, 5, 14, 17, 18, 23, 24 \(to :\)](#), [27, 28 \(to :\)](#), [32, 33, 35 \(to :\)](#)

2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel;

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;

4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep. 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:

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.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him. 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:

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. 28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid:

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;

14 | [Psalms 119:156 \(to :\)](#), [160, 165](#)

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.

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

### *Science and Health*

19 | [140:25–27](#)

The Christian Science God is universal, eternal, divine Love, which changeth not and causeth no evil, disease, nor death.

20 | [329:26 If](#)

If men understood their real spiritual source to be all blessedness, they would struggle for recourse to the spiritual and be at peace; but the deeper the error into which mortal mind is plunged, the more intense the opposition to spirituality, till error yields to Truth.

21 | [390:7–9](#)

It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony.

Ultimate  
harmony

22 | [265:5–15](#)

Mortals must gravitate Godward, their affections and aims grow spiritual, — they must near the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper sense of the infinite, — in order that sin and mortality may be put off.

This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for Spirit, by no means suggests man's absorption into Deity and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man enlarged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action, a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent peace.

23 | [516:4–12](#)

The substance, Life, intelligence, Truth, and Love, which constitute Deity, are reflected by His creation; 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.

God fashions all things, Love imparts  
beauty after His own likeness. Life is reflected in existence, Truth in truthfulness, God in goodness, which impart their own peace and permanence.

## SECTION 5

## The Bible

15 | [Psalms 67:1, 2](#)

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.

16 | [Jeremiah 17:14](#)

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

17 | [Ephesians 2:10](#)

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

18 | [Luke 4:14 \(to :\), 38–40](#)

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

38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. 40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

*Science and Health*24 | [230:16](#)

God, good, can no more produce sickness than goodness can cause evil and health occasion disease.

25 | [229:23–25](#)

If God causes man to be sick, sickness must be good, and its opposite, health, must be evil, for all that He makes is good and will stand forever.

26 | [230:4–15](#)

But if sickness and sin are illusions, the awakening from this mortal dream, or illusion, will bring us into health, holiness, and immortality. This awakening is the forever coming of Christ, the advanced appearing of Truth, which casts out error and heals the sick. This is the salvation which comes through God, the divine Principle, Love, as demonstrated by Jesus.

It would be contrary to our highest ideas of God to suppose Him capable of first arranging law and causation so as to bring about certain evil results, and then punishing the helpless victims of His volition for doing what they could not avoid doing.

God never  
inconsistent

27 | [285:27](#)

As mortals reach, through knowledge of Christian Science, a higher sense, they will seek to learn, not from matter, but from the divine Principle, God, how to demonstrate the Christ, Truth, as the healing and saving power.

Salvation  
is through  
reform

28 | [376:18–27](#)

Because the so-called material body is a mental concept and governed by mortal mind, it manifests only what that so-called mind expresses. Therefore the efficient remedy is to destroy the patient's false belief by both silently and audibly arguing the true facts in regard to harmonious being, — representing man as healthy instead of diseased, and showing that it is impossible for matter to suffer, to feel pain or heat, to be thirsty or sick. Destroy fear, and you end fever.

Remedy  
for fever

29 | [180:25](#)

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.

## SECTION 6

## The Bible

19 | [Psalms 118:24, 28 \(to :\)](#)

24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee:

20 | [Romans 11:33, 36](#)

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

*Science and Health*30 | [379:6](#)

The real jurisdiction of the world is in Mind, controlling every effect and recognizing all causation as vested in divine Mind.

## 31 | 264:7, 15–20, 28

Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things. Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm of Mind? We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being.

When we realize that Life is Self-  
completeness  
Spirit, never in nor of matter,  
this understanding will expand into self-  
completeness, finding all in God, good, and needing  
no other consciousness.

Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being.

When we learn the way in Christian Science and recognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and understand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven and man.

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