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Man

GOLDEN TEXT

Psalms 82:6 all

... all of you are children of the most High.

RESPONSIVE READING

Matthew 18:1–5 Who, 10–14

1 . . . Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2 **And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,**

3 **And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

4 **Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

5 **And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.**

10 **Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always**

behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

11 **For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.**

12 **How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?**

13 **And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.**

14 **Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.**

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | *Isaiah 63:16 2nd thou, 19 (to :)*

16 **thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.**

19 **We are thine:**

2 | *Isaiah 66:5 (to ;), 13 (to ;)*

5 **Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word;**

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

3 | [Isaiah 43:6, 7](#)

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.

4 | [Romans 8:16, 17 \(to 2nd ;\)](#)

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;

5 | [Matthew 5:48](#)

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

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

1 | [515:21 Man](#)

Man is the family name for all ideas, — the sons and daughters of God. All that God imparts moves in accord with Him, reflecting goodness and power.

2 | [332:4](#)

Father-Mother is the name for Deity, which indicates His tender relationship to His spiritual creation. As the apostle expressed it in words which he quoted with approbation

Father-
Mother

from a classic poet: “For we are also His offspring.”

3 | [29:30–32](#)

Man as the offspring of God, as the idea of Spirit, is the immortal evidence that Spirit is harmonious and man eternal.

4 | [475:6–7 Man](#)

Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements.

5 | [244:14](#)

If man were dust in his earliest stage of existence, we might admit the hypothesis that he returns eventually to his primitive condition; but man was never more nor less than man.

Man never
less than
man

6 | [259:6 \(only\), 11, 17 2nd The](#)

In divine Science, man is the true image of God.

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.

The true likeness cannot be lost in divine reflection.

The divine
image not
lost

Understanding this, Jesus said: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”

SECTION 2

The Bible

6 | [Matthew 5:8](#)

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

7 | [1 Timothy 4:12](#)

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

8 | [Romans 6:14](#)

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

9 | [Genesis 39:1, 2, 6–10](#) *And Joseph*

1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. 2 And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

6 And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured. 7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. 8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; 9 There is none greater in this

house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? 10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

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7 | [62:27–28](#)

The higher nature of man is not governed by the lower; if it were, the order of wisdom would be reversed.

8 | [63:5](#)

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

Spiritual
origin

9 | [246:1–3](#)

Man is not a pendulum, swinging between evil and good, joy and sorrow, sickness and health, life and death.

10 | [405:5–11, 18](#)

Christian Science commands man to master the propensities, — to hold hatred in abeyance with kindness, to conquer lust

Mental
conspirators

with chastity, revenge with charity, and to overcome deceit with honesty. Choke these errors in their early stages, if you would not cherish an army of conspirators against health, happiness, and success.

The good man finally can overcome his fear of sin. This is sin's necessity, — to destroy itself. Immortal man demonstrates the government of God, good, in which is no power to sin.

11 | [200:16](#)

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

SECTION 3

The Bible

10 | [Matthew 5:5](#)

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

11 | [Ephesians 6:1, 7](#)

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

12 | [1 Samuel 3:1–6, 8–10, 19, 20](#)

1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision. 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; 4 That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. 6 And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child. 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from

Dan even to Beer–sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

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12 | [270:23–24](#)

Meekness and charity have divine authority.

13 | [183:21–24](#)

Divine Mind rightly demands man's entire obedience, affection, and strength. No reservation is made for any lesser loyalty. Obedience to Truth gives man power and strength.

14 | [308:14](#)

The Soul-inspired patriarchs heard the voice of Truth, and talked with God as consciously as man talks with man.

15 | [14:9](#)

To be “with the Lord” is to be in obedience to the law of God, to be absolutely governed by divine Love, — by Spirit, not by matter.

16 | [62:4](#)

The entire education of children should be such as to form habits of obedience to the moral and spiritual law, with which the child can meet and master the belief in so-called physical laws, a belief which breeds disease.

17 | [91:5](#)

Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and Love. Here is the great point of departure for all true spiritual growth.

SECTION 4

The Bible

13 | [Matthew 5:6](#)

⁶ Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

14 | [Isaiah 54:13](#)

¹³ And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

15 | [Proverbs 4:1, 2, 11](#)

¹ Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. ² For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

¹¹ I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

16 | [Proverbs 22:6](#)

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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18 | [61:27](#)

Nothing unworthy of perpetuity should be transmitted to children.

19 | [235:10](#)

Nurseries of character should be strongly garrisoned with virtue. School-examinations are one-sided; it is not so much academic education, as a moral and spiritual culture, which lifts one higher. The pure and uplifting thoughts of the teacher, constantly imparted to pupils, will reach higher than the heavens of astronomy; while the debased and unscrupulous mind, though adorned with gems of scholarly attainment, will degrade the characters it should inform and elevate.

Teachers' functions

20 | [195:15–16, 19–25, 28](#)

Whatever furnishes the semblance of an idea governed by its Principle, furnishes food for thought.

Academics of the right sort are requisite. Observation, invention, study, and original thought are expansive and should promote the growth of mortal mind out of itself, out of all that is mortal.

It is the tangled barbarisms of learning which we deplore, — the mere dogma, the speculative theory, the nauseous fiction.

Literary commercialism is lowering the intellectual standard to accommodate the

purse and to meet a frivolous demand for amusement instead of for improvement. Incorrect views lower the standard of truth.

21 | [236:23](#)

Parents should teach their children at the earliest possible period the truths of health and holiness. Children are more tractable than adults, and learn more readily to love the simple verities that will make them happy and good.

Children's tractability

SECTION 5

The Bible

17 | [Matthew 5:3](#)

³ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

18 | [Matthew 19:1, 2, 13–15](#)

¹ And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judæa beyond Jordan; ² And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

¹³ Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the

kingdom of heaven. ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

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22 | [236:28–10](#)

Jesus loved little children because of their freedom from wrong and their receptiveness of right. While age is halting between two opinions or battling with false beliefs, youth makes easy and rapid strides towards Truth.

A little girl, who had occasionally listened to my explanations, badly wounded her finger. She seemed not to notice it. On being questioned about it she answered ingenuously, "There is no sensation in matter." Bounding off with laughing eyes, she presently added, "Mamma, my finger is not a bit sore."

It might have been months or years before her parents would have laid aside their drugs, or reached the mental height their little daughter so naturally attained.

23 | [237:15](#)

Children should be taught the Truth-cure, Christian Science, among their first lessons, and kept from discussing or entertaining theories or thoughts about sickness. To prevent the experience of error and its sufferings, keep out of the minds of your children either sinful or diseased thoughts. The latter should be excluded on the same

Teaching
children

principle as the former. This makes Christian Science early available.

SECTION 6

The Bible

19 | [Matthew 5:4](#)

⁴ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

20 | [Jeremiah 8:22](#)

²² Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

21 | [Matthew 15:21, 22, 24–28](#)

²¹ 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.

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, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 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.

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24 | [234:4](#)

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.

Crumbs of
comfort

25 | [412:13–18, 24–31](#)

The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and death.

Eloquent
silence

To prevent disease or to cure it, the power of Truth, of divine Spirit, must break the dream of the material senses.

Realize the presence of health and the fact of harmonious being, until the body corresponds with the normal conditions of health and harmony.

If the case is that of a young child or an infant, it needs to be met mainly through the parent's thought, silently or audibly on the aforesaid basis of Christian Science.

The cure
of infants

26 | [413:7](#)

Mind regulates the condition of the stomach, bowels, and food, the temperature of children and of men, and

matter does not. The wise or unwise views of parents and other persons on these subjects produce good or bad effects on the health of children.

27 | [14:16–18, 25–28](#)

Sorrow is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spiritual Life, Truth, and Love.

Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding and the consciousness of man's dominion over the whole earth.

SECTION 7

The Bible

22 | [Matthew 5:9](#)

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

23 | [Zechariah 8:3, 5, 6, 8](#)

³ Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain.

⁵ And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. ⁶ Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts.

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

24 | [Hebrews 8:11](#)

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

25 | [Isaiah 11:6](#)

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

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28 | [323:32–4](#)

Willingness to become as a little child and to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps to precipitate the ultimate harmony.

29 | [514:19–25, 28–30](#)

The individuality created by God is not carnivorous, as witness the millennial

estate pictured by Isaiah: —

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard shall lie down with the
kid;
And the calf and the young lion, and the
fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.

All of God's creatures,
moving in the harmony of
Science, are harmless, useful,
indestructible.

Creatures of
God useful

30 | [191:8–13](#)

As a material, theoretical
life-basis is found to be a
misapprehension of existence, the
spiritual and divine Principle of man
dawns upon human thought, and leads it
to "where the young child was," — even to
the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual
sense of being and of what Life includes.

The immortal
birth

31 | [325:13–15](#)

When spiritual being is
understood in all its perfection,
continuity, and might, then shall man be
found in God's image.

Indestructible
being

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