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Are Sin, Disease, and
Death Real?

GOLDEN TEXT

II Samuel 7:18 *Who (to 1st ?)*

... Who am I, O Lord God?

RESPONSIVE READING

Exodus 3:11, 12 (to ;), 14; Isaiah 45:22;

Exodus 34:14 *thou (to 1st :), 27–29, 35 (to :)*

EX. 3:11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 **And he said, Certainly I will be with thee;**

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Isa. 45:22 **Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.**

Ex. 34:14 . . . thou shalt worship no other god:

27 **And the Lord said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.**

28 And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

29 **And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.**

35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone:

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **Exodus 20:1–3, 5 (to :)**

1 And God spake all these words, saying, 2 I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:

2 | **Exodus 6:2**

² And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the Lord:

3 | **Isaiah 42:8**

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

4 | **Isaiah 43:21**

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

5 | **Revelation 21:7**

⁷ He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

6 | **I John 3:1 (to :)**

¹ Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:

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1 | **206:30**

God does not cause man to sin, to be sick, or to die.

2 | 172:23 (only)

What is man?

3 | 115:15

MAN: God's spiritual idea, individual, perfect, eternal.

Divine
image

4 | 317:18–20

The understanding of his spiritual individuality makes man more real, more formidable in truth, and enables him to conquer sin, disease, and death.

5 | 356:19

God is as incapable of producing sin, sickness, and death as He is of experiencing these errors. How then is it possible for Him to create man subject to this triad of errors, — man who is made in the divine likeness?

Copartnership
impossible

6 | 200:4

Moses advanced a nation to the worship of God in Spirit instead of matter, and illustrated the grand human capacities of being bestowed by immortal Mind.

SECTION 2

The Bible

7 | **Psalms 37:35–37**

³⁵ I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. ³⁶ Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

³⁷ Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

8 | **Psalms 1:1–6**

¹ Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

9 | **Proverbs 8:1, 36 he (to :)**

¹ Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

³⁶ he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul:

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7 | 491:9–10, 25

Man's spiritual individuality is never wrong.
 Personality is not the individuality of man.
 A wicked man may have an attractive personality.

Man linked
with Spirit

8 | 285:7–11

What, then, is the material personality which
 suffers, sins, and dies? It is not man, the image
 and likeness of God, but man's counterfeit, the inverted like-
 ness, the *unlikeness* called sin, sickness, and death.

The human
counterfeit

9 | 240:19

If mortals are not progressive, past failures
 will be repeated until all wrong work is effaced or
 rectified. If at present satisfied with wrong-doing, we must
 learn to loathe it. If at present content with idleness, we must
 become dissatisfied with it. Remember that mankind must
 sooner or later, either by suffering or by Science, be convinced
 of the error that is to be overcome.

Progress
demanded

10 | 242:1–3

Through repentance, spiritual baptism, and regeneration,
 mortals put off their material beliefs and false individuality.

11 | 480:19–24 *Again (to 2nd .)*

Again, God, or good, never made man capa-
 ble of sin. It is the opposite of good — that is,

Evil
non-existent

evil — which seems to make men capable of wrong-doing. Hence, evil is but an illusion, and it has no real basis. Evil is a false belief. God is not its author.

12 | **354:26 (only)**

Sin should become unreal to every one.

SECTION 3

The Bible

10 | **Acts 3:22 Moses**

²² Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

11 | **John 9:1–3, 5–11, 14, 16, 17, 24–38**

¹ And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. ² And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? ³ Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. ⁶ When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man

with the clay, ⁷ And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. ⁸ The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? ⁹ Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. ¹⁰ Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? ¹¹ He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

¹⁴ And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

¹⁶ Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

²⁴ Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. ²⁵ He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. ²⁶ Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? ²⁷ He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? ²⁸ Then they reviled

him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. 32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. 33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. 34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

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13 | 30:19

As the individual ideal of Truth, Christ Jesus came to rebuke rabbinical error and all sin, sickness, and death, — to point out the way of Truth and Life. This ideal was demonstrated throughout the whole earthly ca-

Rebukes
helpful

reer of Jesus, showing the difference between the offspring of Soul and of material sense, of Truth and of error.

14 | 94:1-3

Jesus taught but one God, one Spirit, who makes man in the image and likeness of Himself, — of Spirit, not of matter.

15 | 265:10

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.

16 | 228:3

The transmission of disease or of certain idiosyncrasies of mortal mind would be impossible if this great fact of being were learned, — namely, that nothing inharmonious can enter being, for Life *is* God. Heredity is a prolific subject for mortal belief to pin theories upon; but if we learn that nothing is real but the right, we shall have no dangerous inheritances, and fleshly ills will disappear.

No fleshly
heredity

17 | 280:25-30

Rightly understood, instead of possessing a sentient material form, man has a sensationless body; and God, the Soul of man and of all existence, being perpetual in His own individuality, harmony, and

Sensationless
body

immortality, imparts and perpetuates these qualities in man,
— through Mind, not matter.

18 | 390:20, 32

Suffer no claim of sin or of sickness to grow upon the thought. Dismiss it with an abiding conviction that it is illegitimate, because you know that God is no more the author of sickness than He is of sin. You have no law of His to support the necessity either of sin or sickness, but you have divine authority for denying that necessity and healing the sick.

Rise in the conscious strength of the spirit of Truth to overthrow the plea of mortal mind, *alias* matter, arrayed against the supremacy of Spirit. 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 art whole!”

19 | 67:28

Man delivered from sin, disease, and death presents the true likeness or spiritual ideal.

SECTION 4

The Bible

12 | **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.

13 | **Luke 7:11–16** *he*

¹¹ he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. ¹² Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. ¹⁴ And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. ¹⁵ And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. ¹⁶ And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

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20 | 332:9–15 *Christ*

Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness. The Christ is incorporeal, spiritual, — yea, the divine image and likeness, dispelling the illusions of the senses; the Way, the Truth, and the Life, healing the sick and casting out evils, destroying sin, disease, and death.

The Son
of God

21 | 317:16–18

The individuality of man is no less tangible because it is spiritual and because his life is not at the mercy of matter.

22 | 369:5–7, 16

In proportion as matter loses to human sense all entity as man, in that proportion does man become its master.

Jesus never asked if disease were acute or chronic, and he never recommended attention to laws of health, never gave drugs, never prayed to know if God were willing that a man should live. He understood man, whose Life is God, to be immortal, and knew that man has not two lives, one to be destroyed and the other to be made indestructible.

The Christ
treatment

23 | 258:19–21, 25

The infinite Principle is reflected by the infinite idea and spiritual individuality, but the material so-called senses have no cognizance of either Principle or its idea.

Mortals have a very imperfect sense of the spiritual man and of the infinite range of his thought. To him belongs eternal Life. Never born and never dying, it were impossible for man, under the government of God in eternal Science, to fall from his high estate.

Individual
permanency

24 | 289:14

The fact that the Christ, or Truth, overcame and still overcomes death proves the “king of terrors” to be but a mortal belief, or error, which Truth destroys with the spiritual evidences of Life; and this shows that what appears to the senses to be death is but a mortal illusion, for to the real man and the real universe there is no death-process.

Death but
an illusion

25 | 259:1

Man is not absorbed in Deity, and man cannot lose his individuality, for he reflects eternal Life; nor is he an isolated, solitary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all substance.

God’s man
discerned

SECTION 5

The Bible

14 | **Matthew 17:1–5**

¹ And after six days 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. ³ And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. ⁴ Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. ⁵ While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

15 | **Isaiah 25:1, 7, 8**

¹ O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

⁷ And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

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26 | 281:14

The one Ego, the one Mind or Spirit called God, is infinite individuality, which supplies all form and comeliness and which reflects reality and divinity in individual spiritual man and things.

27 | 336:14–15

The spiritual man's consciousness and individuality are reflections of God.

28 | 259:6–11

In divine Science, man is the true image of God. The divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted their lives higher than their poor thought-models would allow, — thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick, sinning, and dying.

29 | 285:2

Man's individuality is not material. This Science of being obtains not alone hereafter in what men call Paradise, but here and now; it is the great fact of being for time and eternity.

30 | 513:17

Spirit diversifies, classifies, and individualizes all thoughts, which are as eternal as the Mind conceiving them; but the intelligence, existence, and continu-

Continuity
of thoughts

ity of all individuality remain in God, who is the divinely creative Principle thereof.

31 | 286:31-1

Sin, sickness, and death are comprised in human material belief, and belong not to the divine Mind. They are without a real origin or existence.

32 | 248:29

Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

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