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Mortals and Immortals

GOLDEN TEXT

II Chronicles 30:8 *yield (to :)*

... yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever:

RESPONSIVE READING

Matthew 5:14, 16, 38–41, 43–45 (to :), 48

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

16 **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 **But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.**

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41 **And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.**

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 **But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:

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

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **Colossians 3:10** *put*

10 put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

2 | **Psalms 119:1–4, 7, 10 (to :)**

1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. 3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. 4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee:

3 | [Psalms 17:15](#) / *will*

15 I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

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

1 | [4:17-22](#)

Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness.

*Watchfulness
requisite*

2 | [256:1-5](#) *The*

The finite must yield to the infinite. Advancing to a higher plane of action, thought rises from the material sense to the spiritual, from the scholastic to the inspirational, and from the mortal to the immortal.

*No material
creation*

3 | [215:23](#)

Every quality and condition of mortality is lost, swallowed up in immortality.

Mortal man is the antipode of immortal man in origin, in existence, and in his relation to God.

4 | [295:11](#)

Mortals are not like immortals, created in God's own image; but infinite Spirit being all, mortal consciousness will at last yield to the scientific fact and disappear, and the real sense of being, perfect and forever intact, will appear.

SECTION 2

The Bible

4 | [Ecclesiastes 10:4](#)

4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences.

5 | [Psalms 143:9, 10](#) (to 2nd ;)

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good;

6 | [Daniel 3:1, 8, 9, 12-19](#) (to :), [21, 24-28](#)

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was three-score cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the

Jews. ⁹ They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

¹² There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. ¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. ¹⁷ If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. ¹⁹ Then was

Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego:

²¹ Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. ²⁵ He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. ²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire. ²⁷ And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. ²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have

changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

Science and Health

5 | [192:10–13, 19–24 \(to 1st .\)](#)

Spirit *is* God.

Erring power is a material belief, a blind miscalled force, the offspring of will and not of wisdom, of the mortal mind and not of the immortal.

In Science, you can have no power opposed to God, and the physical senses must give up their false testimony. Your influence for good depends upon the weight you throw into the right scale. The good you do and embody gives you the only power obtainable.

The one
real power

6 | [277:7–9 As](#)

As God Himself is good and is Spirit, goodness and spirituality must be immortal.

7 | [81:28](#)

In Science, man's immortality depends upon that of God, good, and follows as a necessary consequence of the immortality of good.

8 | [283:1](#)

As mortals begin to understand Spirit, they give up the belief that there is any true existence apart from God.

9 | [195:11–12](#)

The point for each one to decide is, whether it is mortal mind or immortal Mind that is causative.

10 | [280:30–4](#)

The only excuse for entertaining human opinions and rejecting the Science of being is our mortal ignorance of Spirit, — ignorance which yields only to the understanding of divine Science, the understanding by which we enter into the kingdom of Truth on earth and learn that Spirit is infinite and supreme.

11 | [203:13](#)

Spiritual perception brings out the possibilities of being, destroys reliance on aught but God, and so makes man the image of his Maker in deed and in truth.

SECTION 3

The Bible

7 | [Matthew 14:14](#)

¹⁴ And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

8 | Matthew 15:30

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:

9 | Luke 9:1, 2

¹ Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. ² And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

10 | Luke 10:1

¹ After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

11 | James 5:16 pray

¹⁶ pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Science and Health**12 | 325:7**

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

13 | 369:19

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.

14 | 333:19-23

Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual 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

15 | 138:18-22, 25

Christians are under as direct orders now, as they were then, to be Christlike, to possess the Christ-spirit, to follow the Christ-example, and to heal the sick as well as the sinning.

New era
in Jesus

The Christian can prove this to-day as readily as it was proved centuries ago.

16 | 184:27

A woman, whom I cured of consumption, always breathed with great difficulty when the wind was from the east. I sat silently by her side a few moments. Her breath came gently. The inspirations were deep and natural. I then requested her to look at the weather-vane. She looked and saw that it pointed due east. The wind had not changed, but her thought of it had and so her difficulty in breathing had gone. The wind had not produced the difficulty. My metaphysical treatment changed the action of her belief on the

lungs, and she never suffered again from east winds, but was restored to health.

17 | [194:8, 13](#)

When one's false belief is Change of belief corrected, Truth sends a report of health over the body.

Every theory opposed to this fact (as I learned in metaphysics) would presuppose man, who is immortal in spiritual understanding, a mortal in material belief.

18 | [162:9](#)

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.

19 | [412:4](#)

Mentally and silently plead the case scientifically for Truth. You may vary the arguments to meet the peculiar or general symptoms of the case you treat, but be thoroughly persuaded in your own mind concerning the truth which you think or speak, and you will be the victor.

SECTION 4

The Bible

12 | [Matthew 21:10, 11, 14, 23–31](#) *the chief (to 1st .)*

¹⁰ And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying,

Who is this? ¹¹ And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

²³ the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? ²⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? ²⁶ But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. ²⁷ And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to-day in my vineyard. ²⁹ He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. ³⁰ And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. ³¹ Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first.

13 | Romans 6:16–18

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

14 | Romans 5:21 as

21 as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Science and Health**20 | 30:30–32**

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

21 | 251:13

Sickness, as well as sin, is an error that Christ, Truth, alone can destroy.

22 | 450:15–19

Some people yield slowly to the touch of Truth. Few yield without a struggle, and many are reluctant to acknowledge that they have yielded; but unless this admission is made, evil will boast itself above good.

Touchstone
of Science

23 | 568:30–32

Self-abnegation, by which we lay down all for Truth, or Christ, in our warfare against error, is a rule in Christian Science.

24 | 370:2–5

To be immortal, we must forsake the mortal sense of things, turn from the lie of false belief to Truth, and gather the facts of being from the divine Mind.

No healing
in sin

25 | 201:9

Passions, selfishness, false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirituality, and the superabundance of being is on the side of God, good.

26 | 476:9–13

God is the Principle of man, and man is the idea of God. Hence man is not mortal nor material. Mortals will disappear, and immortals, or the children of God, will appear as the only and eternal verities of man.

Mortals are
not immortals

SECTION 5**The Bible****15 | II Timothy 1:2 Grace, 9, 10**

2 Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, 10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

16 | [Revelation 12:1, 5, 6, 10 \(to :\)](#)

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

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:

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27 | [573:3](#)

The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see, — that which is invisible to the uninspired thought. This testimony of Holy Writ sustains the fact in Science, that

the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the unillumined human mind, the vision is material. This shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages of consciousness.

28 | [547:28](#)

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

29 | [561:20–25](#)

In divine revelation, material and corporeal selfhood disappear, and the spiritual idea is understood.

The woman in the Spiritual
sunlight Apocalypse symbolizes generic man, the spiritual idea of God; she illustrates the coincidence of God and man as the divine Principle and divine idea.

30 | [562:11–17](#)

The spiritual idea is Spiritual idea
crowned crowned with twelve stars.

The twelve tribes of Israel with all mortals, — separated by belief from man's divine origin and the true idea, — will through much tribulation yield to the activities of the divine Principle of man in the harmony of Science. These are the stars in the crown of rejoicing.

31 | 565:13–18

The impersonation of the spiritual idea had a brief history in the earthly life of our Master; but “of his kingdom there shall be no end,” for Christ, God’s idea, will eventually rule all nations and peoples —

imperatively, absolutely, finally — with divine Science.

32 | 476:17–18

Mortality is finally swallowed up in immortality.

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