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Reality

GOLDEN TEXT

Psalms 40:5

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 139:1, 3, 7–11, 17, 18, 23, 24; Romans 8:28, 31

¹ O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

³ **Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.**

⁷ Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

⁸ **If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.**

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 **Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.**

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

17 **How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!**

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

23 **Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:**

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

28 **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **Philippians 4:8** *whatsoever, 9 and the*

⁸ whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

⁹ and the God of peace shall be with you.

2 | **Jeremiah 29:11**

¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

3 | **Psalms 33:4, 5, 10, 11**

⁴ For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. ⁵ He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

¹⁰ The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. ¹¹ The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

4 | **Isaiah 25:1**

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.

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

1 | **275:6–14**

The starting-point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He is divine Principle.

To grasp the reality and order of being in its Science, you must begin by reckoning God as the divine Principle of all that really is. Spirit, Life, Truth, Love, combine as one, — and are the Scriptural names for God.

Divine
synonyms

2 | **505:16–17, 20–29**

Spirit imparts the understanding which uplifts consciousness and leads into all truth.

Spiritual sense is the discernment of spiritual good. Understanding is the line of demarcation between the real and unreal. Spiritual understanding unfolds Mind, — Life, Truth, and Love, — and demonstrates the divine sense, giving the spiritual proof of the universe in Christian Science.

This understanding is not intellectual, is not the result of scholarly attainments; it is the reality of all

Original
reflected

things brought to light. God's ideas reflect the immortal, unerring, and infinite.

3 | 287:11–12 (to ?)

Did God, Truth, create error?

Divine
allness

4 | 474:26–29

If evil is real, Truth must make it so; but error, not Truth, is the author of the unreal, and the unreal vanishes, while all that is real is eternal.

Truth
destroys falsity

5 | 368:2–4

The confidence inspired by Science lies in the fact that Truth is real and error is unreal.

Real and
counterfeit

SECTION 2

The Bible

5 | Mark 1:14 *Jesus, 15, 23–27 (to 2nd ?)*

¹⁴ Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

²³ And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, ²⁴ Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

²⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. ²⁶ And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this?

6 | **John 12:44**

⁴⁴ Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

7 | **John 8:46**

⁴⁶ Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

8 | **Matthew 5:17**

¹⁷ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

9 | **Matthew 8:14–16**

¹⁴ And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. ¹⁵ And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. ¹⁶ When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

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6 | 136:32–1

Jesus patiently persisted in teaching and demonstrating the truth of being.

7 | 474:16–20

If sin, sickness, and death are as real as Life, Truth, and Love, then they must all be from the same source; God must be their author. Now Jesus came to destroy sin, sickness, and death; yet the Scriptures aver, “I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.”

Divine
fulfilment

8 | 230:1–2, 4

If sickness is real, it belongs to immortality; if true, it is a part of Truth.

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.

9 | 335:27

Reality is spiritual, harmonious, immutable, immortal, divine, eternal. Nothing unspiritual can be real, harmonious, or eternal. Sin, sickness, and mortali-

The one
divine Mind

ty are the suppositional antipodes of Spirit, and must be contradictions of reality.

10 | 337:29–1

Subject sickness, sin, and death to the rule of health and holiness in Christian Science, and you ascertain that this Science is demonstrably true, for it heals the sick and sinning as no other system can.

Truth
demonstrated

11 | 418:5, 20–22

Stick to the truth of being in contradistinction to the error that life, substance, or intelligence can be in matter. Plead with an honest conviction of truth and a clear perception of the unchanging, unerring, and certain effect of divine Science. Then, if your fidelity is half equal to the truth of your plea, you will heal the sick.

Christian
pleading

Truth is affirmative, and confers harmony. All metaphysical logic is inspired by this simple rule of Truth, which governs all reality.

SECTION 3

The Bible

10 | Proverbs 1:10 *if*, 20, 33 *whoso*

¹⁰ if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

²⁰ Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

³³ whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

11 | Acts 13:1 (to ;), 2, 4, 6–10, 11 And immediately

¹ Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers;

² As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

⁴ So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

⁶ And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus: ⁷ Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, ¹⁰ And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

¹¹ And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 | II Corinthians 4:3 if, 4

³ if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: ⁴ In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

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12 | 205:15, 32

Befogged in error (the error of believing that matter can be intelligent for good or evil), we can catch clear glimpses of God only as the mists disperse, or as they melt into such thinness that we perceive the divine image in some word or deed which indicates the true idea, — the supremacy and reality of good, the nothingness and unreality of evil.

Perceiving
the divine
image

When we fully understand our relation to the Divine, we can have no other Mind but His, — no other Love, wisdom, or Truth, no other sense of Life, and no consciousness of the existence of matter or error.

13 | 54:8–10 All

All must sooner or later plant themselves in Christ, the true idea of God.

14 | 277:7 As

As God Himself is good and is Spirit, goodness and spirituality must be immortal. Their opposites, evil and matter, are mortal error, and error has no creator. If goodness and spirituality are real, evil and materiality are unreal and cannot be the outcome of an infinite God, good.

15 | 207:9–13

We must learn that evil is the awful deception and unreality of existence. Evil is not supreme; good is not helpless; nor are the so-called laws of matter primary, and the law of Spirit secondary.

Subordination
of evil

16 | 239:20, 25–27

The objects we pursue and the spirit we manifest reveal our standpoint, and show what we are winning.

If action proceeds from the divine Mind, action is harmonious.

SECTION 4

The Bible

13 | **I Corinthians 11:18 *when (to ;)***

¹⁸ when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you;

14 | **I Corinthians 1:3, 10**

³ Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

15 | **Malachi 2:10 (to 2nd ?)**

¹⁰ Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?

16 | **James 3:14 *if***

¹⁴ if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

17 | **Ephesians 4:31, 32**

³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
³² And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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17 | 469:30–5

With one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and with one Mind and that God, or good, the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth, and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science.

18 | 35:19–25 2nd Our

Our church is built on the divine Principle, Love. We can unite with this church only as we are new-born of Spirit, as we reach the Life which is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the sick.

Spiritual
Eucharist

19 | 208:20

Let us learn of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain forever unseen.

20 | 186:22–24

If we concede the same reality to discord as to harmony, discord has as lasting a claim upon us as has harmony.

21 | 131:3

There is no error in Science, and our lives must be governed by reality in order to be in harmony with God, the divine Principle of all being.

22 | 130:9

It is unwise to doubt if reality is in perfect harmony with God, divine Principle, — if Science, when understood and demonstrated, will destroy all discord, — since you admit that God is omnipotent; for from this premise it follows that good and its sweet concords have all-power.

SECTION 5

The Bible

18 | Romans 8:35 (to 1st ?), 38, 39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

19 | Acts 20:7–12

⁷ And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready

to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. ⁸ And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. ⁹ And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. ¹⁰ And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. ¹¹ When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. ¹² And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

20 | Galatians 5:25

²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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23 | 124:25–26 (to 1st.)

Spirit is the life, substance, and continuity of all things.

24 | 472:24–30 All

All reality is in God and His creation, harmonious and eternal. That which He creates is good, and He makes all that is made. Therefore the only reality of sin, sickness, or death is the awful fact that unrealities seem

Unrealities
that seem real

real to human, erring belief, until God strips off their disguise. They are not true, because they are not of God.

25 | 186:25 (only)

If death is as real as Life, immortality is a myth.

26 | 545:32–1

The mortality of man is a myth, for man is immortal.

27 | 347:3

It is said by one critic, that to verify this wonderful philosophy Christian Science declares that whatever is mortal or discordant has no origin, existence, nor realness. Nothing really has Life but God, who is infinite Life; hence all is Life, and death has no dominion. This writer infers that if anything needs to be doctored, it must be the one God, or Mind. Had he stated his syllogism correctly, the conclusion would be that there is nothing left to be doctored.

28 | 427:1–9, 30

If it is true that man lives, this fact can never change in Science to the opposite belief that man dies. Life is the law of Soul, even the law of the spirit of Truth, and Soul is never without its representative. Man's individual being can no more die nor disappear in unconsciousness than can Soul, for both are immortal. If man believes in death now, he must disbelieve in it when learning that there is no reality in death, since the truth of being is deathless.

Life not
contingent
on matter

Thought will waken from its own material declaration, “I am dead,” to catch this trumpet-word of Truth, “There is no death, no inaction, diseased action, overaction, nor reaction.”

29 | 487:27

The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality.

SECTION 6

The Bible

21 | III John 1:2, 4, 11 (to :)

² Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

¹¹ Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God:

22 | I Peter 3:13

¹³ And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

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30 | 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.

31 | 325:2–5

He who has the true idea of good loses all sense of evil, and by reason of this is being ushered into the undying realities of Spirit.

Abiding
in Life

32 | 207:27 (only)

The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all things.

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