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Christian Science

GOLDEN TEXT

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 9:6 (to 2nd :), 7; Luke 2:14, 25, 27–32

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.

25 **And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.**

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 **Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,**

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 **For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,**

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 **A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.**

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **Isaiah 7:14** *the*

14 the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

2 | **Matthew 2:1, 2, 9–11 and**

¹ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, ² Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

⁹ and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. ¹¹ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

3 | **I John 1:3, 4**

³ That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

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

1 | **95:23–25**

Led by a solitary star amid the darkness, the Magi of old foretold the Messiahship of Truth.

2 | 117:27

Truth is a revelation.

3 | vii:10

The Wisemen were led to behold and to follow this daystar of divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

4 | 332:23–29

Jesus was the son of a virgin. He was appointed to speak God’s word and to appear to mortals in such a form of humanity as they could understand as well as perceive. Mary’s conception of him was spiritual, for only purity could reflect Truth and Love, which were plainly incarnate in the good and pure Christ Jesus.

Christ
Jesus

5 | 109:24

When a new spiritual idea is borne to earth, the prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is renewedly fulfilled: “Unto us a child is born, . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful.”

6 | 107:1–10

In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science. God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute divine Principle of scientific mental healing.

Christian
Science
discovered

This apodictical Principle points to the revelation of Immanuel, “God with us,” — the sovereign ever-presence, delivering the children of men from every ill “that flesh is heir to.”

Mission of
Christian
Science

7 | **110:13–17**

In following these leadings of scientific revelation, the Bible was my only textbook. The Scriptures were illumined; reason and revelation were reconciled, and afterwards the truth of Christian Science was demonstrated.

Scriptural
foundations

SECTION 2

The Bible

4 | **I John 5:1 (to :), 20 (to 1st .)**

¹ Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:

²⁰ And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ.

5 | **John 4:7, 9–11, 13, 14, 19, 25 I know, 26**

⁷ There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

25 I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

6 | **Matthew 9:35**

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

7 | John 12:44

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

8 | John 15:26 *when*

²⁶ when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

9 | Hebrews 13:8

⁸ Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.

Science and Health**8 | 325:7**

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

9 | 131:26–30

The mission of Jesus confirmed prophecy, and explained the so-called miracles of olden time as natural demonstrations of the divine power, demonstrations which were not understood. Jesus' works established his claim to the Messiahship.

10 | 473:28–29

He proved what he taught. This is the Science of Christianity.

11 | 123:16–29

The term CHRISTIAN SCIENCE was introduced by the author to designate the scientific system of divine healing.

The revelation consists of two parts:

1. The discovery of this divine Science of Mind-healing, through a spiritual sense of the Scriptures and through the teachings of the Comforter, as promised by the Master.

2. The proof, by present demonstration, that the so-called miracles of Jesus did not specially belong to a dispensation now ended, but that they illustrated an ever-operative divine Principle. The operation of this Principle indicates the eternity of the scientific order and continuity of being.

12 | 112:16

From the infinite One in Christian Science comes one Principle and its infinite idea, and with this infinitude come spiritual rules, laws, and their demonstration, which, like the great Giver, are “the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever;” for thus are the divine Principle of healing and the Christ-idea characterized in the epistle to the Hebrews.

Unchanging
Principle

SECTION 3

The Bible

10 | **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.

11 | **Mark 13:7 when (to :), 8 (to 2nd :)**

⁷ when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled:

⁸ For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles:

12 | **John 14:1, 12, 18, 26 the, 27 (to 1st .)**

¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

¹² Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

²⁶ the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said

unto you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

13 | I John 4:14

¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

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13 | 332:19

Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost, or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.

Holy Ghost
or Comforter

14 | 96:4–7, 12–15

Love will finally mark the hour of harmony, and spiritualization will follow, for Love is Spirit. Before error is wholly destroyed, there will be interruptions of the general material routine.

The darkest
hours of all

This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismay; on the other side there will be Science and peace.

Arena of
contest

15 | 326:12–14

We must forsake the foundation of material systems, however time-honored, if we would gain the Christ as our only Saviour.

16 | 264:24

Spiritual living and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love.

Spiritual
proofs of
existence

17 | 55:16–22, 27

My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as himself, — when he shall realize God’s omnipotence and the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done and is doing for mankind. The promises will be fulfilled.

In the words of St. John: “He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you *forever*.” This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science.

SECTION 4

The Bible

14 | **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.

15 | **Mark 1:14 Jesus, 40–42**

¹⁴ Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

⁴⁰ And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. ⁴¹ And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. ⁴² And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

16 | **Matthew 10:1, 7, 8**

¹ And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

⁷ And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

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18 | 147:6

Late in the nineteenth century I demonstrated the divine rules of Christian Science. They were submitted to the broadest practical test, and everywhere, when honestly applied under circumstances where demonstration was humanly possible, this Science showed that Truth had lost none of its divine and healing efficacy, even though centuries had passed away since Jesus practised these rules on the hills of Judæa and in the valleys of Galilee.

19 | 43:28

The Science Jesus taught and lived must triumph over all material beliefs about life, substance, and intelligence, and the multitudinous errors growing from such beliefs.

20 | 252:7-8, 15-18, 31-14

When false human beliefs learn even a little of their own falsity, they begin to disappear.

The false evidence of material sense contrasts strikingly with the testimony of Spirit. Material sense lifts its voice with the arrogance of reality and says:

I am wholly dishonest, and no man knoweth it.

Spirit, bearing opposite testimony, saith:

I am Spirit. Man, whose senses are spiritual, is my likeness. He reflects the infinite understanding, for I am Infinity. The beauty of holiness, the perfection of be-

Testimony
of Soul

ing, imperishable glory, — all are Mine, for I am God. I give immortality to man, for I am Truth. I include and impart all bliss, for I am Love. I give life, without beginning and without end, for I am Life. I am supreme and give all, for I am Mind. I am the substance of all, because I AM THAT I AM.

I hope, dear reader, I am leading you into the understanding of your divine rights, your heaven-bestowed harmony, — that, as you read, you see there is no cause (outside of erring, mortal, material sense which is not power) able to make you sick or sinful; and I hope that you are conquering this false sense.

Heaven-
bestowed
prerogative

21 | 496:15

Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing, based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, overlying, and encompassing all true being.

SECTION 5

The Bible

17 | Acts 5:12 (to ;)

¹² And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people;

18 | Acts 10:34, 35

³⁴ Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: ³⁵ But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

19 | Acts 11:1, 4 Peter, 5 (to 1st :), 11, 12, 15, 17, 18

¹ And the apostles and brethren that were in Judæa heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

⁴ Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, ⁵ I was in the city of Joppa praying:

¹¹ And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Cæsarea unto me. ¹² And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

¹⁷ Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? ¹⁸ When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

20 | Ephesians 4:7 unto

7 unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Science and Health**22 | 494:11**

It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

23 | 26:30–32

His proof of Christianity was no form or system of religion and worship, but Christian Science, working out the harmony of Life and Love.

24 | 328:30

The purpose of his great life-work extends through time and includes universal humanity. Its Principle is infinite, reaching beyond the pale of a single period or of a limited following. As time moves on, the healing elements of pure Christianity will be fairly dealt with; they will be sought and taught, and will glow in all the grandeur of universal goodness.

25 | 97:29

Christianity is again demonstrating the Life that is Truth, and the Truth that is Life, by the

Christianity
still rejected

apostolic work of casting out error and healing the sick. Earth has no repayment for the persecutions which attend a new step in Christianity; but the spiritual recompense of the persecuted is assured in the elevation of existence above mortal discord and in the gift of divine Love.

26 | **13:2–3**

Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals.

SECTION 6

The Bible

21 | **Ephesians 2:4 God, 6–8 hath**

⁴ God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

⁶ hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: ⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

22 | **I Peter 4:10**

¹⁰ As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

23 | I John 4:11

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

Science and Health**27 | 494:15 (only)**

The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love.

28 | 265:24–26

The aspiration after heavenly good comes even before we discover what belongs to wisdom and Love.

29 | 380:22–25

Many years ago the author made a spiritual discovery, the scientific evidence of which has accumulated to prove that the divine Mind produces in man health, harmony, and immortality.

A higher
discovery

30 | xii:23–26

In the spirit of Christ's charity, — as one who “hopeth all things, endureth all things,” and is joyful to bear consolation to the sorrowing and healing to the sick, — she commits these pages to honest seekers for Truth.

31 | 570:14–18, 23–24

Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the

Receptive
hearts

desert — are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ's name, and never fear the consequences.

Those ready for the blessing you impart will give thanks.

32 | **113:5-6**

The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love.

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