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Subject: 01

GOD.

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-- Golden Text --

Isaiah 45:22,23

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

23 I have sworn by myself, the word
is gone out of my mouth in
righteousness, and shall not return,
That unto me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear.

Responsive Reading

Job 35:1-14

1 Elihu spake moreover, and said,

2 Thinkest thou this to be right,
that thou saidst, My righteousness is
more than God's?

3 For thou saidst, What advantage
will it be unto thee? and, What
profit shall I have, if I be cleansed
from my sin?

4 I will answer thee, and thy
companions with thee.

5 Look unto the heavens, and see;

and behold the clouds which are
higher than thou.

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou
against him? or if thy transgressions
be multiplied, what doest thou unto
him?

7 If thou be righteous, what givest
thou him? or what receiveth he of
thine hand?

8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as
thou art; and thy righteousness may
profit the son of man.

9 By reason of the multitude of
oppressions they make the oppressed
to cry: they cry out by reason of the
arm of the mighty.

10 But none saith, Where is God my
maker, who giveth songs in the night;

11 Who teacheth us more than the
beasts of the earth, and maketh us
wiser than the fowls of heaven?

12 There they cry, but none giveth
answer, because of the pride of evil
men.

13 Surely God will not hear vanity,
neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 Although thou sayest thou shalt
not see him, yet judgment is before
him; therefore trust thou in him.

Section 1

Isaiah 43:10-13(to ;)

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the

Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour.

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.

13 Yea, before the day was I am he;

Psalm 90:1,2,4

1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 465:8-1

(01) Question: What is God?

ADAM = Error.

Topic: God

Question. - What is God?

Answer. - God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love.

Question. - Are these terms synonymous?

Answer. - They are. They refer to one absolute God. They are also intended to express the nature, essence, and wholeness of Deity. The attributes of God are justice, mercy, wisdom, goodness, and so on.

Question. - Is there more than one God or Principle?

Answer. - There is not. Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) - 330:11

(- MORTAL MIND - Nothing claiming to be something, for Mind is immortal)

(-1- The deific supremacy)

I. God is infinite, the only Life, substance, Spirit, or Soul, the only intelligence of the universe, including man. Eye hath neither seen God nor His image and likeness. Neither God nor the perfect man can be discerned by the material senses. The individuality of Spirit, or the infinite, is unknown, and thus a knowledge of it is left either to human conjecture or to the revelation of divine Science.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 117:7-10

(Spiritual language)

Christian Science attaches no physical nature and significance to the Supreme Being or His manifestation; mortals alone do this.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) -

331:11-13

(- MORTAL MIND - Nothing claiming to be something, for Mind is immortal)

(-5- Allness of Spirit)

V. The Scriptures imply that God is All-in-all. From this it follows that nothing possesses reality nor existence except the divine Mind and His ideas.

Section 2

Deuteronomy 3:24

24 O Lord God, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

Isaiah 12:6

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Psalms 63:1,2,6,7

1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

6 When I remember thee upon my bed,

and meditate on thee in the night watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

Matthew 15:29-31

29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

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:

31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 203:17-18

(Suicide and sin)

We are prone to believe either in more than one Supreme Ruler or in some power less than God.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 380:28

(A higher discovery)

Nothing is more disheartening than to believe that there is a power opposite to God, or good, and that God endows this opposing power with strength to be used against Himself, against Life, health, harmony.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 228:25-27

I declare things that are right.

(Priestly pride humbled)

There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all-power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God.

24 Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 473:7-12

(13) Question: Is there no sin?

ADAM = The opposite of Spirit and His creations.

Topic: Reality

James 1:17

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.

(Christ the ideal Truth)

The God-principle is omnipresent and omnipotent. God is everywhere, and nothing apart from Him is present or has power. Christ is the ideal Truth, that comes to heal sickness and sin through Christian Science, and attributes all power to God.

I Peter 1:15,16

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 249:8,13-16

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

(Renewed selfhood)

Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine "powers that be." Such is the true Science of being. Any other theory of Life, or God, is delusive and mythological.

Habakkuk 1:12,13

12 #Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.

Either there is no omnipotence, or omnipotence is the only power. God is the infinite, and infinity never began, will never end, and includes nothing unlike God.

Section 3

Isaiah 45:19,24

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness,

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

Psalm 71:16,22

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

22 I will also praise thee with the psalter, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

o100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 229:9

(No union of opposites) Not far removed from infidelity is the belief which unites such opposites as sickness and health, holiness and unholiness, calls both the offspring of spirit, and at the same time admits that Spirit is God, - virtually declaring Him good in one instance and evil in another.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 492:7-11

(21) Question: Do the five corporeal senses constitute man?

ADAM = Life's counterfeit, which ultimates in death.

Topic: Ancient and Modern Necromany, alies Mesmerism, and Hypnotism, Denounced

(Mind one and all)

Being is holiness, harmony, immortality. It is already proved that a knowledge of this, even in small degree, will uplift the physical and moral standard of mortals, will increase longevity, will purify and elevate character.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 546:5

(Mortality mythical)

If Mind, God, creates error, that error must exist in the divine Mind, and this assumption of error

would dethrone the perfection of Deity.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 481:3-4

(16) Question: Does brain think, and do nerves feel, and is there intelligence in matter?

ADAM = A product of nothing as the mimicry of something.

Topic: Doctrine of Atonement

(Vapor and nothingness)

God's being is infinity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss.

o100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 253:2

(Testimony of Soul)

The beauty of holiness, the perfection of being, 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.

Section 4

Numbers 23:3-5,17-19

3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the Lord will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place.

4 And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the Lord put a word in

Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the Lord spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

I John 4:12,20

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 116:24

(Divine personality)

As the words person and personal are commonly and ignorantly employed, they often lead, when applied to Deity, to confused and erroneous conceptions of divinity and its distinction from humanity. If the term personality, as applied to God, means infinite personality, then God is infinite

Person, - in the sense of infinite personality, but not in the lower sense. An infinite Mind in a finite form is an absolute impossibility.

oo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 255:11-18

(Finite views of Deity)

Mortal man has made a covenant with his eyes to belittle Deity with human conceptions. In league with material sense, mortals take limited views of all things. That God is corporeal or material, no man should affirm.

The human form, or physical finiteness, cannot be made the basis of any true idea of the infinite Godhead. Eye hath not seen Spirit, nor hath ear heard His voice.

oo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 256:13-16,25

(No divine corporeality)

The everlasting I AM is not bounded nor compressed within the narrow limits of physical humanity, nor can He be understood aright through mortal concepts.

A finite and material sense of God leads to formalism and narrowness; it chills the spirit of Christianity.

oo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 258:1-6

(Infinite physique impossible)

A mortal, corporeal, or finite conception of God cannot embrace the glories of limitless, incorporeal Life and Love. Hence the unsatisfied human craving for something better, higher, holier, than is afforded by a material belief in a physical God and man.

Section 5

Job 32:8

8 But there is a spirit in man: and

the inspiration of the Almighty
giveth them understanding.

Psalm 119:27,130

27 Make me to understand the way of
thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy
wondrous works.

130 The entrance of thy words
giveth light; it giveth understanding
unto the simple.

John 17:24-26

24 Father, I will that they also,
whom thou hast given me, be with me
where I am; that they may behold my
glory, which thou hast given me: for
thou lovedst me before the foundation
of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world
hath not known thee: but I have known
thee, and these have known that thou
hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them
thy name, and will declare it: that
the love wherewith thou hast loved me
may be in them, and I in them.

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Topic: Doctrine of Atonement

(The fruit forbidden)

Material sense never helps mortals to understand

Spirit, God. Through spiritual sense only, man
comprehends and loves Deity.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 505:20

(Understanding imparted)

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.

ooo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 258:19,31-1

(Infinity's reflection)

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. The human capacities are enlarged and
perfected in proportion as humanity gains the true
conception of man and God.

(God's man discerned)

Through spiritual sense you can discern the heart
of divinity, and thus begin to comprehend in
Science the generic term man.

ooo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 259:11

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.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 203:7-8,12

(Our belief and understanding)

If God were understood instead of being merely
believed, this understanding would establish
health.

This thought incites to a more exalted worship

and self-abnegation. Spiritual perception brings out victory, and the majesty: for all the possibilities of being, destroys reliance on aught that is in the heaven and in the earth but God, and so makes man the image of his Maker earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, in deed and in truth. O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Section 6

Isaiah 45:14

14 Thus saith the Lord, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.

Daniel 4:3,35

3 How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

I Chronicles 29:11-13

11 Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the

12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

Revelation 19:5,6

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 135:1-6,17

(Lawful wonders)

The Psalmist sang: "What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? Thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams, and ye little hills, like lambs? Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob."

(Fear and sickness identical)

There is to-day danger of repeating the offence of the Jews by limiting the Holy One of Israel and asking: "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" What cannot God do?

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 133:29-1

(Priestly learning)

The Jewish conception of God, as Yawah, Jehovah, or only a mighty hero and king, has not quite given place to the true knowledge of God. Creeds and rituals have not cleansed their hands of rabbinical lore.

oo1 Chapter 16: The Apocalypse - 576:26-4

(Divine sense of Deity)

The term Lord, as used in our version of the Old Testament, is often synonymous with Jehovah, and expresses the Jewish concept, not yet elevated to deific apprehension through spiritual transfiguration. Yet the word gradually approaches a higher meaning. This human sense of Deity yields to the divine sense, even as the material sense of personality yields to the incorporeal sense of God and man as the infinite Principle and infinite idea, as one Father with His universal family, held in the gospel of Love.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) - 340:15

(- MORTAL MIND - Death)

(-Platform summation-)

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (Exodus xx. 3.) The First Commandment is my favorite text. It demonstrates Christian Science. It inculcates the tri-unity of God, Spirit, Mind; it signifies that man shall have no other spirit or mind but God, eternal good, and that all men shall have one Mind. The divine Principle of the First Commandment bases the Science of being, by which man demonstrates health, holiness, and life eternal. One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends

wars; fulfils the Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, - whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 140:25-27

(Anthropomorphism) The Christian Science God is universal, eternal, divine Love, which changeth not and causeth no evil, disease, nor death.

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