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Subject: 03

LIFE.

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-- Golden Text --

Colossians 3:3

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Responsive Reading

I John 3:14-24

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Section 1

Psalm 36:7,9

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

9 For with thee is the fountain of

life: in thy light shall we see light.

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John 17:3

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

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Romans 8:6

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 289:32

(Spiritual offspring)

Because Life is God, Life must be eternal, self-existent. Life is the everlasting I AM, the Being who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 550:20-23

(Stages of existence)

If Life has any starting-point whatsoever, then the great I AM is a myth. If Life is God, as the Scriptures imply, then Life is not embryonic, it is infinite.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 428:30-4

(Careful guidance)

The author has healed hopeless organic disease, and raised the dying to life and health through the understanding of God as the only Life. It is a sin to believe that aught can overpower omnipotent and eternal Life, and this Life must be brought to light by the understanding that there is no death, as well as by other graces of Spirit.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 471:29

(11) Question: Are doctrines and creeds a benefit to man?

ADAM = The first god of mythology.

Topic: Substance

(The test of experience)

Since then her highest creed has been divine Science, which, reduced to human apprehension, she has named Christian Science. This Science teaches man that God is the only Life, and that this Life is Truth and Love; that God is to be understood, adored, and demonstrated; that divine Truth casts out suppositional error and heals the sick.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 283:13-24

(Source of all life and action)

But what say prevalent theories? They insist that Life, or God, is one and the same with material life so-called. They speak of both Truth and error as mind, and of good and evil as spirit. They claim that to be life which is but the objective state of material sense, - such as the structural life of the tree and of material man, - and deem this the manifestation of the one Life, God.

(Spiritual structure)

This false belief as to what really constitutes life so detracts from God's character and nature, that the true sense of His power is lost to all who cling to this falsity.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 289:1

(The Christ-element)

Truth demonstrated is eternal life. Mortal man can never rise from the temporal debris of error, belief in sin, sickness, and death, until he learns that God is the only Life. The belief that life and sensation are in the body should be overcome by the understanding of what constitutes man as the image of God. Then Spirit will have overcome the flesh.

## Section 2

Ecclesiastes 2:3,10,11,17

3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

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Job 17:14,15

14 I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.

15 And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

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Proverbs 15:24

24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

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Luke 12:15

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 319:1,5-7

(Sickness as discord)

The delusion that there is life in matter has no kinship with the Life supernal.

(Unscientific introspection)

To calculate one's life-prospects from a material basis, would infringe upon spiritual law and misguide human hope.

o2oo Chapter 7: Physiology - 200:9-13

(A mortal not man)

Life is, always has been, and ever will be independent of matter; for Life is God, and man is the idea of God, not formed materially but spiritually, and not subject to decay and dust.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 287:24

(Error unveiled) The supposition that life, substance, and intelligence are in matter, or of it, is an error. Matter is neither a thing nor a person, but merely the objective supposition of Spirit's opposite. The five material senses testify to truth and error as united in a mind both good and evil. Their false evidence will finally yield to Truth, - to the recognition of Spirit and of the spiritual creation.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 469:1

(08) Question: What is Life?

ADAM = Dust to dust.

Topic: Mind

(Eternity of Life)

Life is neither in nor of matter. What is termed matter is unknown to Spirit, which includes in itself all substance and is Life eternal. Matter is a human concept. Life is divine Mind. Life is not limited. Death and finiteness are unknown to Life. If Life ever had a beginning, it would also have an ending.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 239:29

(Antagonistic sources)

The perfect Mind sends forth perfection, for God is Mind. Imperfect mortal mind sends forth its own resemblances, of which the wise man said, "All is vanity."

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 550:10

(Deep-reaching interrogations)

Of what avail is it to investigate what is miscalled material life, which ends, even as it begins, in nameless nothingness? The true sense of being and its eternal perfection should appear now, even as it will hereafter.

Section 3

Job 33:14,27,28

14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

27 He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

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Isaiah 50:10,11

10 #Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.

11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

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John 3:19,21

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be

made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

John 8:12

12 #Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 12:35,36

35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

0002 Chapter 15: Genesis - 548:9-13

(The clouds dissolving)

How little light or heat reach our earth when clouds cover the sun's face! So Christian Science can be seen only as the clouds of corporeal sense roll away. Earth has little light or joy for mortals before Life is spiritually learned.

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 215:11-21

(Real being never lost)

Spiritual vision is not subordinate to geometric altitudes. Whatever is governed by God, is never for an instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence and Life.

(Light and darkness)

We are sometimes led to believe that darkness is as real as light; but Science affirms darkness to be only a mortal sense of the absence of light, at the

coming of which darkness loses the appearance of reality. So sin and sorrow, disease and death, are the suppositional absence of Life, God, and flee as phantoms of error before truth and love.

0200 Chapter 7: Physiology - 174:9

(Rise of thought)

The footsteps of thought, rising above material standpoints, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller; but the angels of His presence - the spiritual intuitions that tell us when "the night is far spent, the day is at hand" - are our guardians in the gloom. Whoever opens the way in Christian Science is a pilgrim and stranger, marking out the path for generations yet unborn.

0200 Chapter 7: Physiology - 191:8

(The immortal birth)

As a material, theoretical life-basis is found to be a misapprehension of existence, the spiritual and divine Principle of man dawns upon human thought, and leads it to "where the young child was," - even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual sense of being and of what Life includes. Thus the whole earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light, chasing away the darkness of error.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) - 335:22

(- MORTAL MIND - Material senses)

(-19- Soul and Spirit one)

Only by losing the false sense of Soul can we gain the eternal unfolding of Life as immortality brought to light.

Section 4

Psalm 30:4,5

4 Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

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Proverbs 6:23

23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

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Romans 8:3,4

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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Galatians 2:18-20

18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live

by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

o01o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 381:15

(No laws of matter)

God is the lawmaker, but He is not the author of barbarous codes. In infinite Life and Love there is no sickness, sin, nor death, and the Scriptures declare that we live, move, and have our being in the infinite God.

o10o Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 253:25

(Right endeavor possible)

Do not believe in any supposed necessity for sin, disease, or death, knowing (as you ought to know) that God never requires obedience to a so-called material law, for no such law exists. The belief in sin and death is destroyed by the law of God, which is the law of Life instead of death, of harmony instead of discord, of Spirit instead of the flesh.

o20o Chapter 7: Physiology - 183:26

(Belief and understanding)

Truth casts out all evils and materialistic methods with the actual spiritual law, - the law which gives sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, voice to the dumb, feet to the lame. If Christian Science dishonors human belief, it honors spiritual understanding; and the one Mind only is entitled to honor.

o10o Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 244:7

(Deformity and perfection)

If we were to derive all our conceptions of man from what is seen between the cradle and the grave, happiness and goodness would have no abiding-

place in man, and the worms would rob him of the flesh; but Paul writes: "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 311:19

(Soul impeccable)

So long as we believe that soul can sin or that immortal Soul is in mortal body, we can never understand the Science of being. When humanity does understand this Science, it will become the law of Life to man, - even the higher law of Soul, which prevails over material sense through harmony and immortality.

0200 Chapter 7: Physiology - 167:6

(Health from reliance on spirituality) We apprehend Life in divine Science only as we live above corporeal sense and correct it. Our proportionate admission of the claims of good or of evil determines the harmony of our existence, - our health, our longevity, and our Christianity.

Section 5

Psalm 118:17,18

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

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I Corinthians 15:19,20

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

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I Peter 4:6

6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

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John 5:26

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;  
John 12:25

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 436:12

(Counsel for defence)

Laying down his life for a good deed, Mortal Man should find it again. Such acts bear their own justification, and are under the protection of the Most High.

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 254:16

(Patience and final perfection)

During the sensual ages, absolute Christian Science may not be achieved prior to the change called death, for we have not the power to demonstrate what we do not understand. But the human self must be evangelized. This task God

demands us to accept lovingly to-day, and to abandon so fast as practical the material, and to work out the spiritual which determines the outward and actual.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus Spiritualism - 77:9-21

(Second death) Death will occur on the next plane of existence as on this, until the spiritual understanding of Life is reached. Then, and not until then, will it be demonstrated that "the second death hath no power."

(A dream vanishing)

The period required for this dream of material life, embracing its so-called pleasures and pains, to vanish from consciousness, "knoweth no man . . . neither the Son, but the Father." This period will be of longer or shorter duration according to the tenacity of error. Of what advantage, then, would it be to us, or to the departed, to prolong the material state and so prolong the illusion either of a soul inert or of a sinning, suffering sense, - a so-called mind fettered to matter.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 429:31-3

(Life all-inclusive)

Jesus said (John viii. 51), "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." That statement is not confined to spiritual life, but includes all the phenomena of existence. Jesus demonstrated this, healing the dying and raising the dead.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 430:9

Belief in sickness and death, as certainly as belief in sin, tends to shut out the true sense of Life and health. When will mankind wake to this great fact in Science?

4000 Chapter 1: Prayer - 6:14

(Pardon and amendment)

To reach heaven, the harmony of being, we must understand the divine Principle of being.

Section 6

John 5:26

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

John 6:57

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

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I John 5:11,12

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

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John 5:26

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

John 6:40

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 410:4-9

(Life eternal and present)

"This is life eternal," says Jesus, - is, not shall be; and then he defines everlasting life as a present knowledge of his Father and of himself, - the knowledge of Love, Truth, and Life. "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

3000 Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist - 51:12

(Life-power indestructible)

Jesus could give his temporal life into his enemies' hands; but when his earth-mission was accomplished, his spiritual life, indestructible and eternal, was found forever the same. He knew that matter had no life and that real Life is God; therefore he could no more be separated from his spiritual Life than God could be extinguished.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) - 337:16

(- MORTAL MIND - Sin)

(-26- Purity the path to perfection)

In proportion to his purity is man perfect; and perfection is the order of celestial being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life's spiritual ideal.

0003 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 468:27-29

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Topic: Mind

(Eternity of Life) Life is without beginning and without end. Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of Life, and time is no part of eternity.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 324:32

(Abiding in Life)

Jesus said substantially, "He that believeth in me shall not see death." That is, he who perceives the true idea of Life loses his belief in death. 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. Such a one abideth in Life, - life obtained not of the body incapable of supporting life, but of Truth, unfolding its own immortal idea. Jesus gave the true idea of being, which results in infinite blessings to mortals.

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