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CHRIST JESUS.

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-- Golden Text --

Matthew 16:16,17

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Responsive Reading

II Peter 1:1-11,17,18

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us

exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

## Section 1

Matthew 2:1,2

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea 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.

Matthew 3:1-3

1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

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John 1:29,32-34

29 #The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

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I John 4:15

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) - 332:23

(- MORTAL MIND - The belief that life has a beginning and therefore an end)

(-11- Christ Jesus)

XI. 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. He expressed the highest type of divinity, which a fleshly form could express in that age. Into the real and ideal man the fleshly element cannot enter. Thus it is that Christ illustrates the coincidence, or spiritual agreement, between God and man in His image.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 312:31

(The one anointed)

Jesus' spiritual origin and his demonstration of divine Principle richly endowed him and entitled him to sonship in Science. He was the son of a

virgin. The term Christ Jesus, or Jesus the Christ (to give the full and proper translation of the Greek), may be rendered "Jesus the anointed," Jesus the God-crowned or the divinely royal man, as it is said of him in the first chapter of Hebrews: -

ooo1 Chapter 16: The Apocalypse - 561:32-7(to .)

(Spiritual idea revealed)

John the Baptist prophesied the coming of the immaculate Jesus, and John saw in those days the spiritual idea as the Messiah, who would baptize with the Holy Ghost, - divine Science. As Elias presented the idea of the fatherhood of God, which Jesus afterwards manifested, so the Revelator completed this figure with woman, typifying the spiritual idea of God's motherhood.

Section 2

John 1:40,41

40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.  
John 4:21,24-26

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

25 The woman saith unto him, 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.

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Luke 7:19,22,23

19 #And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

23 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

1ooo Chapter 4: Christian Science versus Spiritualism - 95:23

(Christ's reappearance)

Led by a solitary star amid the darkness, the Magi of old foretold the Messiahship of Truth. Is the wise man of to-day believed, when he beholds the light which heralds Christ's eternal dawn and describes its effulgence?

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 131:26-9

(John the Baptist, and the Messiah)

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. In reply to John's inquiry, "Art thou he that should come," Jesus returned an affirmative reply, recounting his works instead of referring to his doctrine, confident that this exhibition of the divine power to heal would fully answer the question. Hence his reply: "Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me."

oo2o Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered - 360:32-13

(Choose ye today)

The Jew believes that the Messiah or Christ has not yet come; the Christian believes that Christ is God. Here Christian Science intervenes, explains these doctrinal points, cancels the disagreement, and settles the question. Christ, as the true spiritual idea, is the ideal of God now and forever, here and everywhere. The Jew who believes in the First Commandment is a monotheist; he has one omnipresent God. Thus the Jew unites with the Christian's doctrine that God is come and is present now and forever. The Christian who believes in the First Commandment is a monotheist. Thus he virtually unites with the Jew's belief in one God, and recognizes that Jesus Christ is not God, as Jesus himself declared, but is the Son of God.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 482:19

(17) Question: Is it important to understand these explanations in order to heal the sick?

ADAM = Unreality as opposed to the great reality of spiritual existence and creation.

(Sonship of Jesus)

Jesus was the highest human concept of the perfect man. He was inseparable from Christ, the Messiah, - the divine idea of God outside the flesh. This enabled Jesus to demonstrate his control over matter. Angels announced to the Wisemen of old this dual appearing, and angels whisper it, through faith, to the hungering heart in every age.

Section 3

Matthew 15:22,24

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 18:11

11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

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II Corinthians 4:3,4

3 But 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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Acts 3:22,25,26

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.  
Acts 13:46

46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

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John 1:11,12

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 140:23-24

(Anthropomorphism)

The Jewish tribal Jehovah was a man-projected God, liable to wrath, repentance, and human changeableness.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 524:8

(Jehovah a tribal deity)

In that name of Jehovah, the true idea of God seems almost lost. God becomes "a man of war," a tribal god to be worshipped, rather than Love, the divine Principle to be lived and loved.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 315:11

(The true sonship)

The opposite and false views of the people hid from their sense Christ's sonship with God. They could not discern his spiritual existence. Their carnal minds were at enmity with it. Their thoughts were filled with mortal error, instead of with God's spiritual idea as presented by Christ Jesus. The likeness of God we lose sight of through sin, which beclouds the spiritual sense of Truth; and we realize this likeness only when we subdue sin and prove man's heritage, the liberty of the sons of God.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 133:24

(Judaism antipathetic) That he made "himself equal with God," was one of the Jewish accusations against him who planted Christianity on the foundation of Spirit, who taught as he was inspired by the Father and would recognize no life, intelligence, nor substance outside of God.

3ooo Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist - 41:28

(Immortal achieval)  
The truth taught by Jesus, the elders scoffed at. and hath learned of the Father,  
Why? Because it demanded more than they were cometh unto me.  
willing to practise. It was enough for them to  
believe in a national Deity; but that belief, from  
their time to ours, has never made a disciple who  
could cast out evils and heal the sick.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 311:12

(Sin only of the flesh)  
It is a sense of sin, and not a sinful soul, which  
is lost. Evil is destroyed by the sense of good.

Section 4

John 14:5,6

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we  
know not whither thou goest; and how  
can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the  
way, the truth, and the life: no man  
cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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I Timothy 2:5

5 For there is one God, and one  
mediator between God and men, the man  
Christ Jesus;

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John 6:44,45

44 No man can come to me, except  
the Father which hath sent me draw  
him: and I will raise him up at the  
last day.

45 It is written in the prophets,  
And they shall be all taught of God.

Every man therefore that hath heard,

and hath learned of the Father,

Why? Because it demanded more than they were cometh unto me.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 288:29

(The Christ-element) The Christ-element in the  
Messiah made him the Way-shower, Truth and  
Life.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being  
(PLATFORM) - 332:11

(- MORTAL MIND - The opposite of Spirit,  
and therefore the opposite of God, or good)

(-9- The Son of God)

The Christ is incorporeal, spiritual, - yea, the  
divine image and likeness, dispelling the  
illusions of the senses; the Way, the Truth, and  
the Life, healing the sick and casting out evils,  
destroying sin, disease, and death. As Paul says:  
"There is one God, and one mediator between  
God and men, the man Christ Jesus." The  
corporeal man Jesus was human.

3oo Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist - 30:5

(Jesus the way-shower)

Born of a woman, Jesus' advent in the flesh  
partook partly of Mary's earthly condition,  
although he was endowed with the Christ, the  
divine Spirit, without measure. This accounts for  
his struggles in Gethsemane and on Calvary, and  
this enabled him to be the mediator, or way-  
shower, between God and men. Had his origin  
and birth been wholly apart from mortal usage,  
Jesus would not have been appreciable to mortal  
mind as "the way."

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 315:29-3

(Jesus as mediator)

Wearing in part a human form (that is, as it seemed to mortal view), being conceived by a human mother, Jesus was the mediator between Spirit and the flesh, between Truth and error. Explaining and demonstrating the way of divine Science, he became the way of salvation to all who accepted his word. From him mortals may learn how to escape from evil.

## Section 5

John 5:22,26,27

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

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

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 8:15,16

15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

John 12:31,32

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

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Acts 10:42

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

Acts 17:31

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

3000 Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist - 30:19

(Rebukes helpful)

As the individual ideal of Truth, Christ Jesus came to rebuke rabbinical error and all sin, sickness, and death, - to point out the way of Truth and Life. This ideal was demonstrated throughout the whole earthly career of Jesus, showing the difference between the offspring of Soul and of material sense, of Truth and of error.

4000 Chapter 1: Prayer - 6:23-6

(Divine severity)

Jesus uncovered and rebuked sin before he cast it out. Of a sick woman he said that Satan had bound her, and to Peter he said, "Thou art an offence unto me." He came teaching and showing men how to destroy sin, sickness, and death. He said of the fruitless tree, "[It] is hewn down."

It is believed by many that a certain magistrate, who lived in the time of Jesus, left this record: "His rebuke is fearful." The strong language of our Master confirms this description.

The only civil sentence which he had for error was, "Get thee behind me, Satan." Still stronger

evidence that Jesus' reproof was pointed and pungent is found in his own words, - showing the necessity for such forcible utterance, when he cast out devils and healed the sick and sinning.

0004 Chapter 13: Teaching Christian Science - 444:16-19

(Charity to those opposed)

Let us be faithful in pointing the way through Christ, as we understand it, but let us also be careful always to "judge righteous judgment," and never to condemn rashly.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 291:28

(Day of judgment)

No final judgment awaits mortals, for the judgment-day of wisdom comes hourly and continually, even the judgment by which mortal man is divested of all material error. As for spiritual error there is none.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 441:33

(Charge of the Chief Justice)

We have no trials for sickness before the tribunal of divine Spirit. There, Man is adjudged innocent of transgressing physical laws, because there are no such laws. Our statute is spiritual, our Government is divine. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Section 6

John 14:12,16,17

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.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

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Hebrews 9:28

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

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II Peter 3:10,13

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

0300 Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 117:29-9

(Leaven of Truth)

Jesus bade his disciples beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees, which he



defined as human doctrines. His parable of the "leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened," impels the inference that the spiritual leaven signifies the Science of Christ and its spiritual interpretation, - an inference far above the merely ecclesiastical and formal applications of the illustration.

Did not this parable point a moral with a prophecy, foretelling the second appearing in the flesh of the Christ, Truth, hidden in sacred secrecy from the visible world?

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 126:22

(Biblical basis)

I have set forth Christian Science and its application to the treatment of disease just as I have discovered them. I have demonstrated through Mind the effects of Truth on the health, longevity, and morals of men; and I have found nothing in ancient or in modern systems on which to found my own, except the teachings and demonstrations of our great Master and the lives of prophets and apostles. The Bible has been my only authority. I have had no other guide in "the straight and narrow way" of Truth.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 127:26

(No physical science)

Science is an emanation of divine Mind, and is alone able to interpret God aright. It has a spiritual, and not a material origin. It is a divine utterance, - the Comforter which leadeth into all truth.

oo01 Chapter 16: The Apocalypse - 565:13-22

(The conflict with purity)

The impersonation of the spiritual idea had a brief history in the earthly life of our Master; but

Christ, God's idea, will eventually rule all nations and peoples - imperatively, absolutely, finally - with divine Science. This immaculate idea, represented first by man and, according to the Revelator, last by woman, will baptize with fire; and the fiery baptism will burn up the chaff of error with the fervent heat of Truth and Love, melting and purifying even the gold of human character.

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