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IS THE UNIVERSE, INCLUDING MAN,
EVOLVED BY ATOMIC FORCE?

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-- Golden Text --

Isaiah 45:23

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 31:2-8,13-15

2 For what portion of God is there
from above? and what inheritance of
the Almighty from on high?

3 Is not destruction to the wicked?
and a strange punishment to the
workers of iniquity?

4 Doth not he see my ways, and
count all my steps?

5 If I have walked with vanity, or
if my foot hath hastened to deceit;

6 Let me be weighed in an even
balance that God may know mine
integrity.

7 If my step hath turned out of the

way, and mine heart walked after mine
eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to
mine hands;

8 Then let me sow, and let another
eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted
out.

13 If I did despise the cause of my
manservant or of my maidservant, when
they contended with me;

14 What then shall I do when God
riseth up? and when he visiteth, what
shall I answer him?

15 Did not he that made me in the
womb make him? and did not one
fashion us in the womb?

Psalm 33:8-12

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord:
let all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was done; he
commanded, and it stood fast.

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.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God
is the Lord: and the people whom he
hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Section 1

Isaiah 48:1,3,5,12,13

1 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

12 #Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

John 1:1,3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 520:23

(Growth is from Mind)

Here is the emphatic declaration that God creates all through Mind, not through matter, - that the plant grows, not because of seed or soil, but because growth is the eternal mandate of Mind. Mortal thought drops into the ground, but the immortal creating thought is from above, not from beneath. Because Mind makes all, there is nothing left to be made by a lower power. Spirit acts through the Science of Mind, never causing man to till the ground, but making him superior to the soil. Knowledge of this lifts man above the sod, above earth and its environments, to conscious spiritual harmony and eternal being.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 518:27

(Perfection of creation)

The divine Principle, or Spirit, comprehends and expresses all, and all must therefore be as perfect as the divine Principle is perfect. Nothing is new to Spirit. Nothing can be novel to eternal Mind, the author of all things, who from all eternity knoweth His own ideas. Deity was satisfied with His work. How could He be otherwise, since the spiritual creation was the outgrowth, the emanation, of His infinite self-containment and immortal wisdom?

Section 2

Job 34:12-18

12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?

14 If he set his heart upon man if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

16 If now thou hast understanding,
hear this: hearken to the voice of my
words.

17 Shall even he that hateth right
govern? and wilt thou condemn him that
is most just?

18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou
art wicked? and to princes, Ye are
ungodly?

Isaiah 45:9

9 Woe unto him that striveth with
his Maker! Let the potsherd strive
with the potsherds of the earth.
Shall the clay say to him that
fashioneth it, What makest thou? or
thy work, He hath no hands?

I Corinthians 2:14(begin the)

he natural man receiveth not the
things of the Spirit of God: for they
are foolishness unto him: neither can
he know them, because they are
spiritually discerned.

I Corinthians 3:19,20

19 For the wisdom of this world is
foolishness with God. For it is
written, He taketh the wise in their
own craftiness.
20 And again, The Lord knoweth the
thoughts of the wise, that they are
vain.

0002 Chapter 15: Genesis - 545:11

(Mental tillage)

The notion of a material universe is utterly
opposed to the theory of man as evolved from
Mind. Such fundamental errors send falsity into all
human doctrines and conclusions, and do not
accord infinity to Deity. Error tills the whole
ground in this material theory, which is entirely a
false view, destructive to existence and happiness.
Outside of Christian Science all is vague and
hypothetical, the opposite of Truth; yet this
opposite, in its false view of God and man,
impudently demands a blessing.

0002 Chapter 15: Genesis - 522:18

(Erroneous representation)

In this erroneous theory, matter takes the place of
Spirit. Matter is represented as the life-giving
principle of the earth. Spirit is represented as
entering matter in order to create man. God's
glowing denunciations of man when not found in
His image, the likeness of Spirit, convince reason
and coincide with revelation in declaring this
material creation false.

0200 Chapter 7: Physiology - 189:18-21

(Ascending the scale)

The human mortal mind, by an inevitable
perversion, makes all things start from the lowest
instead of from the highest mortal thought.

0040 Chapter 9: Creation - 255:11-14

(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.

0300 Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine -
124:14

(Right interpretation)

The universe, like man, is to be interpreted by

Science from its divine Principle, God, and then it can be understood; but when explained on the basis of physical sense and represented as subject to growth, maturity, and decay, the universe, like man, is, and must continue to be, an enigma.

Section 3

Job 14:4

4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

Galatians 4:22-25

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

I John 3:9,10

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not

righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 552:32-4

(Better basis than embryology)

Naturalists describe the origin of mortal and material existence in the various forms of embryology, and accompany their descriptions with important observations, which should awaken thought to a higher and purer contemplation of man's origin.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 553:10

One of our ablest naturalists has said: "We have no right to assume that individuals have grown or been formed under circumstances which made material conditions essential to their maintenance and reproduction, or important to their origin and first introduction." Why, then, is the naturalist's basis so materialistic, and why are his deductions generally material?

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 549:13

(The three processes)

According to recent lore, successive generations do not begin with the birth of new individuals, or personalities, but with the formation of the nucleus, or egg, from which one or more individualities subsequently emerge; and we must therefore look upon the simple ovum as the germ, the starting-point, of the most complicated corporeal structures, including those which we call human. Here these material researches culminate in such vague hypotheses as must necessarily attend false systems, which rely upon physics and are devoid of metaphysics.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 124:7

(Physical science a blind belief) Having neither moral might, spiritual basis, nor holy Principle of

its own, this belief mistakes effect for cause and seeks to find life and intelligence in matter, thus limiting Life and holding fast to discord and death. In a word, human belief is a blind conclusion from material reasoning. This is a mortal, finite sense of things, which immortal Spirit silences forever.

Section 4

Job 32:4,5,7-9

4 Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he.

5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

9 Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

I Corinthians 1:20,26,27,29

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish

things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 548:18-29

(Prediction of a naturalist)

Speaking of the origin of mortals, a famous naturalist says: "It is very possible that many general statements now current, about birth and generation, will be changed with the progress of information." Had the naturalist, through his tireless researches, gained the diviner side in Christian Science, - so far apart from his material sense of animal growth and organization, - he would have blessed the human race more abundantly.

(Methods of reproduction)

Natural history is richly endowed by the labors and genius of great men. Modern discoveries have brought to light important facts in regard to so-called embryonic life.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 547:9

(Embryonic evolution)

The late Louis Agassiz, by his microscopic examination of a vulture's ovum, strengthens the thinker's conclusions as to the scientific theory of creation. Agassiz was able to see in the egg the earth's atmosphere, the gathering clouds, the moon and stars, while the germinating speck of so-called embryonic life seemed a small sun. In its history of mortality, Darwin's theory of evolution from a material basis is more consistent than most theories. Briefly, this is Darwin's theory, - that Mind produces its opposite, matter, and endues matter with power to recreate the universe, including man. Material evolution implies that the great First Cause must become material, and afterwards must either return to Mind or go down

into dust and nothingness.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 551:22-28(to 2nd .)

(Transmitted peculiarities) The question of the naturalist amounts to this: How can matter originate or transmit mind? We answer that it cannot.

Darkness and doubt encompass thought, so long as it bases creation on materiality. From a material standpoint, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" All must be Mind, or else all must be matter. Neither can produce the other.

Section 5

Jeremiah 6:16-19

16 Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

18 #Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them.

19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

Philipians 3:13-16

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are

behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

2ooo Chapter 3: Marriage - 62:27-1

(Superior law of Soul)

The higher nature of man is not governed by the lower; if it were, the order of wisdom would be reversed. Our false views of life hide eternal harmony, and produce the ills of which we complain. Because mortals believe in material laws and reject the Science of Mind, this does not make materiality first and the superior law of Soul last.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 127:30

(No physical science)

Christian Science eschews what is called natural science, in so far as this is built on the false hypotheses that matter is its own lawgiver, that law is founded on material conditions, and that these are final and overrule the might of divine Mind. Good is natural and primitive. It is not miraculous to itself.

oo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 264:7-19,24

(Mind's true camera)

Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if

they would gain the true sense of things. Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm of Mind? We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being.

(Self-completeness)

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man, multitudinous objects of creation, which before were invisible, will become visible. When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-completeness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness.

(Spiritual proofs of existence)

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.

2000 Chapter 3: Marriage - 69:2-5

(God's creation intact)

The scientific fact that man and the universe are evolved from Spirit, and so are spiritual, is as fixed in divine Science as is the proof that mortals gain the sense of health only as they lose the sense of sin and disease.

Section 6

Colossians 2:8,9

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

I John 1:5

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

I John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 279:22

(Pantheistic tendencies)

Every system of human philosophy, doctrine, and medicine is more or less infected with the pantheistic belief that there is mind in matter; but this belief contradicts alike revelation and right reasoning. A logical and scientific conclusion is reached only through the knowledge that there are not two bases of being, matter and mind, but one alone, - Mind.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 274:7

(Material knowledge illusive)

Natural science, as it is commonly called, is not really natural nor scientific, because it is deduced from the evidence of the material senses. Ideas, on the contrary, are born of Spirit, and are not mere inferences drawn from material premises.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 275:14-24

(Divine synonyms)

All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being,

immortality, cause, and effect belong to God. These are His attributes, the eternal manifestations of the infinite divine Principle, Love. No wisdom is wise but His wisdom; no truth is true, no love is lovely, no life is Life but the divine; no good is, but the good God bestows.

(The divine completeness)

Divine metaphysics, as revealed to spiritual understanding, shows clearly that all is Mind, and that Mind is God, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, - that is, all power, all presence, all Science. Hence all is in reality the manifestation of Mind.

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