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Subject: 01

GOD.

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-- Golden Text --

I John 4:12

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.

Responsive Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-13

1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the

Lord your God are alive every one of you this day.

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their

children.

11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

12 And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

## Section 1

Exodus 20:1-3

1 And God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

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Deuteronomy 4:33,35

33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

35 Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the Lord he

is God; there is none else beside him.

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Matthew 22:32

32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 466:28

(04) Question: What are spirits and souls?  
ADAM = Evil.  
Topic: Truth

(Mankind redeemed)

Science will declare God aright, and Christianity will demonstrate this declaration and its divine Principle, making mankind better physically, morally, and spiritually.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 467:3(begin The)-8

(05) Question: What are the demands of the Science of Soul?  
ADAM = The opposite of good,- of God and His creation.  
Topic: Love

(Two chief commands) The first demand of this Science is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." This me is Spirit. Therefore the command means this: Thou shalt have no intelligence, no life, no substance, no truth, no love, but that which is spiritual. The second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

3000 Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist -  
19:29-1

(Jesus' sinless career)

Jesus urged the commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," which may be rendered: Thou shalt have no belief of Life as mortal; thou shalt not know evil, for there is one Life, - even God, good.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being  
(PLATFORM) - 340:16-22

(- MORTAL MIND - Death)

(-Platform summation-) 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.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 275:10-14

(Divine synonyms)

To grasp the reality and order of being in its Science, you must begin by reckoning God as the divine Principle of all that really is. Spirit, Life, Truth, Love, combine as one, - and are the Scriptural names for God.

Section 2

Exodus 20:4-6

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any

graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

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Deuteronomy 4:15,16,23

15 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:

16 Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee.

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Psalms 106:19-21

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory

into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

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Romans 1:22,23

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 524:13(begin Genesis)-20

(Creation reversed) Genesis ii. 7. And the Lord God [Jehovah] formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Did the divine and infinite Principle become a finite deity, that He should now be called Jehovah? With a single command, Mind had made man, both male and female. How then could a material organization become the basis of man?

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 140:28

(Anthropomorphism)

In the beginning God created man in His, God's, image; but mortals would procreate man,

and make God in their own human image. What is the god of a mortal, but a mortal magnified?

o2oo Chapter 7: Physiology - 170:28

(Causation considered)

The description of man as purely physical, or as both material and spiritual, - but in either case dependent upon his physical organization, - is the Pandora box, from which all ills have gone forth, especially despair. Matter, which takes divine power into its own hands and claims to be a creator, is a fiction, in which paganism and lust are so sanctioned by society that mankind has caught their moral contagion.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 204:23

(Unscientific theories)

False and self-assertive theories have given sinners the notion that they can create what God cannot, - namely, sinful mortals in God's image, thus usurping the name without the nature of the image or reflection of divine Mind; but in Science it can never be said that man has a mind of his own, distinct from God, the all Mind.

o2oo Chapter 7: Physiology - 178:22

(Animal magnetism destroyed)

In proportion to our understanding of Christian Science, we are freed from the belief of heredity, of mind in matter or animal magnetism; and we disarm sin of its imaginary power in proportion to our spiritual understanding of the status of immortal being.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 301:17-23

(Inverted images and ideas)

As God is substance and man is the divine image and likeness, man should wish for, and in reality has, only the substance of good, the substance of Spirit, not matter. The belief that man has any other substance, or mind, is not spiritual and breaks the First Commandment, Thou shalt have one God, one Mind.

### Section 3

Exodus 20:7

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

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Leviticus 22:31,32

31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the Lord.

32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the Lord which hallow you,

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Matthew 15:7-9

7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

0004 Chapter 13: Teaching Christian Science - 453:21

(Knowledge and honesty)

The masquerader in this Science thanks God that there is no evil, yet serves evil in the name of good.

0300 Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 140:18-27

(The true worship) Worshipping through the medium of matter is paganism. Judaic and other rituals are but types and shadows of true worship. "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth."

(Anthropomorphism)

The Jewish tribal Jehovah was a man-projected God, liable to wrath, repentance, and human changeableness. The Christian Science God is universal, eternal, divine Love, which changeth not and causeth no evil, disease, nor death.

0020 Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered - 351:27

(Fruitless worship)

The Israelites centred their thoughts on the material in their attempted worship of the spiritual. To them matter was substance, and Spirit was shadow. They thought to worship Spirit from a material standpoint, but this was impossible. They might appeal to Jehovah, but their prayer brought down no proof that it was heard, because they did not sufficiently understand God to be able to demonstrate His power to heal, - to make harmony the reality and discord the unreality.

(Jehovah a tribal deity)

They called the Supreme Being by the national name of Jehovah. 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.

(Homer and Moses)

Pagan worship began with muscularity, but the law of Sinai lifted thought into the song of David. Moses advanced a nation to the worship of God in Spirit instead of matter, and illustrated the grand human capacities of being bestowed by immortal Mind.

#### Section 4

Exodus 20:8,11

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

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Ezekiel 20:12,13

12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am

the Lord that sanctify them.

13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

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John 7:23

23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?

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Matthew 12:11,12

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

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Mark 2:27,28

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

584:4(begin The) Chapter 17: Glossary  
(DAY)

The objects of time and sense disappear in the illumination of  
piritual understanding, and Mind measures time according to the  
ood that is unfolded. This unfolding is God's day, and "there  
hall be no night there."

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 519:25

(Resting in holy work)

God rests in action. Imparting has not impoverished, can never impoverish, the divine Mind. No exhaustion follows the action of this Mind, according to the apprehension of divine Science. The highest and sweetest rest, even from a human standpoint, is in holy work.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 520:10

(Love and man coexistent)

The numerals of infinity, called seven days, can never be reckoned according to the calendar of time. These days will appear as mortality disappears, and they will reveal eternity, newness of Life, in which all sense of error forever disappears and thought accepts the divine infinite calculus.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 509:24

(Divine nature appearing)

The periods of spiritual ascension are the days and seasons of Mind's creation, in which beauty, sublimity, purity, and holiness - yea, the divine nature - appear in man and the universe never to disappear.

3ooo Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist - 20:8

(Jesus' sinless career)

Jesus' history made a new calendar, which we call the Christian era; but he established no ritualistic worship. He knew that men can be baptized, partake of the Eucharist, support the clergy, observe the Sabbath, make long prayers, and yet be sensual and sinful.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 288:14

(The great conflict)

The lightnings and thunderbolts of error may burst and flash till the cloud is cleared and the tumult dies away in the distance. Then the raindrops of divinity refresh the earth. As St. Paul says: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (of Spirit).

Section 5

Exodus 20:12

12 #Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

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Leviticus 19:3

3 #Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

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Mark 7:10-13

10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die

the death:

11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

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Ephesians 6:1-4

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother;

(which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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Malachi 1:6

6 #A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye

say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 236:21

(Children's tractability)

Children should obey their parents; insubordination is an evil, blighting the buddings of self-government. Parents should teach their children at the earliest possible period the truths of health and holiness. Children are more tractable than adults, and learn more readily to love the simple verities that will make them happy and good.

2000 Chapter 3: Marriage - 62:4,22

(Propensities inherited)

The entire education of children should be such as to form habits of obedience to the moral and spiritual law, with which the child can meet and master the belief in so-called physical laws, a belief which breeds disease.

(The Mind creative)

The divine Mind, which forms the bud and blossom, will care for the human body, even as it clothes the lily; but let no mortal interfere with God's government by thrusting in the laws of erring, human concepts.

2000 Chapter 3: Marriage - 69:17-25(to ?")

(God's creation intact)

If Christian Scientists educate their own offspring spiritually, they can educate others spiritually and not conflict with the scientific sense of God's creation. Some day the child will ask his parent: "Do you keep the First Commandment? Do you have one God and creator, or is man a creator?" If the father replies, "God creates man through man," the child may ask, "Do you teach that Spirit creates materially,



or do you declare that Spirit is infinite, therefore matter is out of the question?"

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 479:1

(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

(Immortal birthright) If a child is the offspring of physical sense and not of Soul, the child must have a material, not a spiritual origin. With what truth, then, could the Scriptural rejoicing be uttered by any mother, "I have gotten a man from the Lord"? On the contrary, if aught comes from God, it cannot be mortal and material; it must be immortal and spiritual.

2ooo Chapter 3: Marriage - 63:5

(Spiritual origin)

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

Section 6

Exodus 20:13-17,22

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

22 #And the Lord said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

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Mark 10:17-21

17 #And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in

heaven: and come, take up the cross,  
and follow me.

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Matthew 5:19

19 Whosoever therefore shall break  
one of these least commandments, and  
shall teach men so, he shall be  
called the least in the kingdom of  
heaven: but whosoever shall do and  
teach them, the same shall be called  
great in the kingdom of heaven.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 489:13-17

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

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

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

(Decalogue disregarded)

Corporeal sense defrauds and lies; it breaks all  
the commands of the Mosaic Decalogue to meet  
its own demands. How then can this sense be the  
God-given channel to man of divine blessings or  
understanding?

2ooo Chapter 3: Marriage - 56:18

(Fidelity required) The commandment, "Thou  
shalt not commit adultery," is no less imperative  
than the one, "Thou shalt not kill."

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine -  
151:21-26

(Man governed by Mind)

The human mind has no power to kill or to

cure, and it has no control over God's man. The  
divine Mind that made man maintains His own  
image and likeness. The human mind is opposed  
to God and must be put off, as St. Paul declares.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 542:21-24

(Retribution and remorse)

Sin will receive its full penalty, both for what it  
is and for what it does. Justice marks the sinner,  
and teaches mortals not to remove the waymarks  
of God.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being  
(PLATFORM) - 340:4

(- MORTAL MIND - Death)

(-Platform summation-)

This text in the book of Ecclesiastes conveys  
the Christian Science thought, especially when  
the word duty, which is not in the original, is  
omitted: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole  
matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments:  
for this is the whole duty of man." In other  
words: Let us hear the conclusion of the whole  
matter: love God and keep His commandments:  
for this is the whole of man in His image and  
likeness. Divine Love is infinite. Therefore all  
that really exists is in and of God, and manifests  
His love.

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