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LIFE.

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-- Golden Text --

Proverbs 16:22

22 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

Responsive Reading

John 8:1,2,19,47-58

1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

49 Jesus answered, I have not a

devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Section 1

Deuteronomy 30:11,14-16,20

11 #For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 #See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

20 That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

John 1:1,4

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

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 288:20

(The chief stones in the temple)

The chief stones in the temple of Christian Science are to be found in the following postulates: that Life is God, good, and not evil; that Soul is sinless, not to be found in the body; that Spirit is not, and cannot be, materialized; that Life is not subject to death; that the spiritual real man has no birth, no material life, and no death.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) - 331:1-6

(- MORTAL MIND - A suppositional material sense, ^alias^ the belief that sensation is in matter, which is sensationless)

(-4- Life the creator)

IV. God is divine Life, and Life is no more confined to the forms which reflect it than substance is in its shadow. If life were in mortal man or material things, it would be subject to their limitations and would end in death. Life is Mind, the creator reflected in His creations.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 276:17

(Perfection requisite)

If God is admitted to be the only Mind and Life, there ceases to be any opportunity for sin and death. When we learn in Science how to be perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect, thought is turned into new and healthy channels, - towards the contemplation of things immortal and away from materiality to the Principle of the universe, including harmonious man.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 428:15

(Intelligent consecration)

We should consecrate existence, not "to the unknown God" whom we "ignorantly worship," but to the eternal builder, the everlasting Father, to the Life which mortal sense cannot impair nor mortal belief destroy. We must realize the ability of mental might to offset human misconceptions and to replace them with the life which is spiritual, not material.

Section 2

Luke 12:1,4,22,23

1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

22 #And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

John 3:5-7,25,27,36

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot

enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

25 #Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 554:8

(Our conscious development)

Error is always error. It is no thing. Any statement of life, following from a

misconception of life, is erroneous, because it is
destitute of any knowledge of the so-called
selfhood of life, destitute of any knowledge of its
origin or existence. The mortal is unconscious of
his foetal and infantile existence; but as he grows
up into another false claim, that of self-conscious
matter, he learns to say, "I am somebody; but
who made me?" Error replies, "God made you."
The first effort of error has been and is to impute
to God the creation of whatever is sinful and
mortal; but infinite Mind sets at naught such a
mistaken belief.

oo2o Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered -
357:25

(One supremacy)

If what opposes God is real, there must be two
powers, and God is not supreme and infinite.
Can Deity be almighty, if another mighty and
self-creative cause exists and sways mankind?
Has the Father "Life in Himself," as the
Scriptures say, and, if so, can Life, or God, dwell
in evil and create it? Can matter drive Life,
Spirit, hence, and so defeat omnipotence?

Section 3

Proverbs 4:7,10,13

7 Wisdom is the principal thing;
therefore get wisdom: and with all
thy getting get understanding.

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my
sayings; and the years of thy life
shall be many.

13 Take fast hold of instruction;
let her not go: keep her; for she is
thy life.

Jeremiah 9:23,24

23 #Thus saith the Lord, Let not
the wise man glory in his wisdom,
neither let the mighty man glory in
his might, let not the rich man glory
in his riches:

24 But let him that glorieth glory
in this, that he understandeth and
knoweth me, that I am the Lord which
exercise lovingkindness, judgment,
and righteousness, in the earth: for
in these things I delight, saith the
Lord.

John 17:1,3

1 These words spake Jesus, and
lifted up his eyes to heaven, and
said, Father, the hour is come;
glorify thy Son, that thy Son also
may glorify thee:

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

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 323:24

(Need and supply)
The true idea of God gives the true
understanding of Life and Love, robs the grave
of victory, takes away all sin and the delusion
that there are other minds, and destroys
mortality.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 303:16

(Mental propagation)
Divine Science lays the axe at the root of the

illusion that life, or mind, is formed by or is in the material body, and Science will eventually destroy this illusion through the self-destruction of all error and the beatified understanding of the Science of Life.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 283:13-31

(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. The divine Principle, or Life, cannot be practically demonstrated in length of days, as it was by the patriarchs, unless its Science be accurately stated. We must receive the divine Principle in the understanding, and live it in daily life; and unless we so do, we can no more demonstrate Science, than we can teach and illustrate geometry by calling a curve a straight line or a straight line a sphere.

4000 Chapter 1: Prayer - 10:15

(The chalice sacrificial)

Spiritual attainments open the door to a higher understanding of the divine Life.

Section 4

John 10:7,8,10,15-17

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

Acts 3:13-15

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead;

whereof we are witnesses.

3000 Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist - 29:32

(Spiritual conception)

Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-conscious communion with God. Hence he could give a more spiritual idea of life than other men, and could demonstrate the Science of Love - his Father or divine Principle.

3000 Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist - 51:6-24

(Life-power indestructible)

Jesus could have withdrawn himself from his enemies. He had power to lay down a human sense of life for his spiritual identity in the likeness of the divine; but he allowed men to attempt the destruction of the mortal body in order that he might furnish the proof of immortal life. Nothing could kill this Life of man. 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.

(Example for our salvation)

His consummate example was for the salvation of us all, but only through doing the works which he did and taught others to do. His purpose in healing was not alone to restore health, but to demonstrate his divine Principle. He was inspired by God, by Truth and Love, in all that he said and did.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 288:27

(The Christ-element)

Science reveals the glorious possibilities of

immortal man, forever unlimited by the mortal senses. The Christ-element in the Messiah made him the Way-shower, Truth and Life.

Section 5

Isaiah 57:15,19

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him.

Isaiah 58:8

8 #Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward.

Jeremiah 30:17

17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

Revelation 22:1,2

1 And he shewed me a pure river of

water of life, clear as crystal,
proceeding out of the throne of God
and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it,
and on either side of the river, was
there the tree of life, which bare
twelve manner of fruits, and yielded
her fruit every month: and the leaves
of the tree were for the healing of
the nations.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine -
120:15

(Health and the senses)

Health is not a condition of matter, but of
Mind; nor can the material senses bear reliable
testimony on the subject of health. The Science
of Mind-healing shows it to be impossible for
aught but Mind to testify truly or to exhibit the
real status of man. Therefore the divine Principle
of Science, reversing the testimony of the
physical senses, reveals man as harmoniously
existent in Truth, which is the only basis of
health; and thus Science denies all disease, heals
the sick, overthrows false evidence, and refutes
materialistic logic.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice -
406:1-6

(The leaves of healing)

The Bible contains the recipe for all healing.
"The leaves of the tree were for the healing of
the nations." Sin and sickness are both healed by
the same Principle. The tree is typical of man's
divine Principle, which is equal to every
emergency, offering full salvation from sin,
sickness, and death.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice -
425:14-17,32

(The lungs reformed)

If the body is diseased, this is but one of the
beliefs of mortal mind. Mortal man will be less
mortal, when he learns that matter never
sustained existence and can never destroy God,
who is man's Life.

(Soundness maintained)

Discard all notions about lungs, tubercles,
inherited consumption, or disease arising from
any circumstance, and you will find that mortal
mind, when instructed by Truth, yields to divine
power, which steers the body into health.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice -
400:9-11

(Eradicate error from thought)

Mortals obtain the harmony of health, only as
they forsake discord, acknowledge the
supremacy of divine Mind, and abandon their
material beliefs.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine -
152:21

(The author's experiments in medicine)

The author's medical researches and
experiments had prepared her thought for the
metaphysics of Christian Science. Every material
dependence had failed her in her search for truth;
and she can now understand why, and can see the
means by which mortals are divinely driven to a
spiritual source for health and happiness.

Section 6

Ezekiel 37:1,9,11-14

1 The hand of the Lord was upon
me, and carried me out in the spirit
of the Lord, and set me down in the

midst of the valley which was full of bones,

9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

11 #Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord.

John 3:8,11

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee,

We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

I Corinthians 15:26,28

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

584:9-15 Chapter 17: Glossary (DEATH)

DEATH. An illusion, the lie of life in matter; the unreal and untrue; the opposite of Life.

Matter has no life, hence it has no real existence. Mind is immortal. The flesh, warring against Spirit; that which frets itself free from one belief only to be fettered by another, until every belief of life where Life is not yields to eternal Life.

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 227:21-26

(Standard of liberty)

Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and cries: "Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sickness, sin, and death!" Jesus marked out the way. Citizens of the world, accept the "glorious liberty of the children of God," and be free! This is your divine right.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 428:30

(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. We must begin, however, with the more simple demonstrations of control, and the sooner we begin the better. The final demonstration takes time for its accomplishment. When walking, we are guided by the eye. We look before our feet, and if we are wise, we look beyond a single step in the line of spiritual advancement.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 426:23-28

(Christian standard)

The relinquishment of all faith in death and also of the fear of its sting would raise the standard of health and morals far beyond its present elevation, and would enable us to hold the banner of Christianity aloft with unflinching faith in God, in Life eternal.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 427:22

(Mortality vanquished)

God, Life, Truth, and Love make man undying. Immortal Mind, governing all, must be acknowledged as supreme in the physical realm, so-called, as well as in the spiritual.

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