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SUBSTANCE.

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-- Golden Text --

Proverbs 8:5,18

5 O ye simple, understand wisdom:
and, ye fools, be ye of an
understanding heart.

18 Riches and honour are with me;
yea, durable riches and
righteousness.

Responsive Reading

Ezekiel 27:2-5,7,10,12,16,17,27,34-36

2 Now, thou son of man, take up a
lamentation for Tyrus;

3 And say unto Tyrus, O thou that
art situate at the entry of the sea,
which art a merchant of the people
for many isles, Thus saith the Lord
God; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of
perfect beauty.

4 Thy borders are in the midst of
the seas, thy builders have perfected
thy beauty.

5 They have made all thy ship
boards of fir trees of Senir: they
have taken cedars from Lebanon to
make masts for thee.

7 Fine linen with brodered work
from Egypt was that which thou

spreadest forth to be thy sail; blue
and purple from the isles of Elishah
was that which covered thee.

10 They of Persia and of Lud and of
Phut were in thine army, thy men of
war: they hanged the shield and
helmet in thee; they set forth thy
comeliness.

12 Tarshish was thy merchant by
reason of the multitude of all kind
of riches; with silver, iron, tin,
and lead, they traded in thy fairs.

16 Syria was thy merchant by reason
of the multitude of the wares of thy
making: they occupied in thy fairs
with emeralds, purple, and brodered
work, and fine linen, and coral, and
agate.

17 Judah, and the land of Israel,
they were thy merchants: they traded
in thy market wheat of Minnith, and
Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.

27 Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy
merchandise, thy mariners, and thy
pilots, thy calkers, and the
occupiers of thy merchandise, and all
thy men of war, that are in thee, and
in all thy company which is in the
midst of thee, shall fall into the
midst of the seas in the day of thy
ruin.

34 In the time when thou shalt be
broken by the seas in the depths of
the waters thy merchandise and all
thy company in the midst of thee
shall fall.

35 All the inhabitants of the isles
shall be astonished at thee, and

their kings shall be sore afraid,
they shall be troubled in their
countenance.

36 The merchants among the people
shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a
terror, and never shalt be any more.

Section 1

Proverbs 8:1,4,18-21,34,35

1 Doth not wisdom cry? and
understanding put forth her voice?

4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my
voice is to the sons of man.

18 Riches and honour are with me;
yea, durable riches and
righteousness.

19 My fruit is better than gold,
yea, than fine gold; and my revenue
than choice silver.

20 I lead in the way of
righteousness, in the midst of the
paths of judgment:

21 That I may cause those that love
me to inherit substance; and I will
fill their treasures.

34 Blessed is the man that heareth
me, watching daily at my gates,
waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 For whoso findeth me findeth
life, and shall obtain favour of the
Lord.

Psalm 123:1

1 Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O

thou that dwellest in the heavens.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) -
335:12

(- MORTAL MIND - The subjective states of
error)

(-18- The only substance)

Spirit is the only substance, the invisible and
indivisible infinite God. Things spiritual and eternal
are substantial. Things material and temporal are
insubstantial.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 508:5

(Ever-appearing creation)

The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a
seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it. Mind is
the Soul of all. Mind is Life, Truth, and Love which
governs all.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 509:20

(Divine nature appearing)

So-called mineral, vegetable, and animal
substances are no more contingent now on time or
material structure than they were when "the
morning stars sang together." Mind made the "plant
of the field before it was in the earth." 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.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 468:16-24

(07) Question: What is Substance?

ADAM = A belief in intelligent matter, finiteness,
and mortality.

Topic: Soul

(Spiritual synonyms)

Question. - What is substance?

Answer. - Substance is that which is eternal and incapable of discord and decay. Truth, Life, and Love are substance, as the Scriptures use this word in Hebrews: "The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Spirit, the synonym of Mind, Soul, or God, is the only real substance. The spiritual universe, including individual man, is a compound idea, reflecting the divine substance of Spirit.

Section 2

Matthew 19:16,21-26,29

16 #And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

23 #Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is

impossible; but with God all things are possible.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Proverbs 13:7

7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus Spiritualism - 91:25

(Erroneous postulates)

The first erroneous postulate of belief is, that substance, life, and intelligence are something apart from God.

0020 Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered - 349:31

(Substance spiritual)

In Christian Science, substance is understood to be Spirit, while the opponents of Christian Science believe substance to be matter. They think of matter as something and almost the only thing, and of the things which pertain to Spirit as next to nothing, or as very far removed from daily experience. Christian Science takes exactly the opposite view.

0040 Chapter 9: Creation - 257:4-14

(Matter is not substance)

If matter, so-called, is substance, then Spirit, matter's unlikeness, must be shadow; and shadow cannot produce substance. The theory that Spirit is

not the only substance and creator is pantheistic heterodoxy, which ultimates in sickness, sin, and death; it is the belief in a bodily soul and a material mind, a soul governed by the body and a mind in matter. This belief is shallow pantheism.

Mind creates His own likeness in ideas, and the substance of an idea is very far from being the supposed substance of non-intelligent matter.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 480:1-5

(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

(Spiritual reflection) When the substance of Spirit appears in Christian Science, the nothingness of matter is recognized. Where the spirit of God is, and there is no place where God is not, evil becomes nothing, - the opposite of the something of Spirit.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 311:26-31

(Soul impeccable)

The objects cognized by the physical senses have not the reality of substance. They are only what mortal belief calls them. Matter, sin, and mortality lose all supposed consciousness or claim to life or existence, as mortals lay off a false sense of life, substance, and intelligence.

Section 3

Matthew 6:9,10,28-30,34

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be

done in earth, as it is in heaven.

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Proverbs 10:2,3

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

3 The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 312:1

(Sense-dreams)

How true it is that whatever is learned through material sense must be lost because such so-called knowledge is reversed by the spiritual facts of being in Science. That which material sense calls intangible, is found to be substance. What to material sense seems substance, becomes nothingness, as the sense-dream vanishes and reality appears.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice -
428:8-12,26

(Vision opening)

To divest thought of false trusts and material evidences in order that the spiritual facts of being may appear, - this is the great attainment by means of which we shall sweep away the false and give place to the true.

(The present immortality)

The evidence of man's immortality will become more apparent, as material beliefs are given up and the immortal facts of being are admitted.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus
Spiritualism - 90:8

(Mind is substance)

Divest yourself of the thought that there can be substance in matter, and the movements and transitions now possible for mortal mind will be found to be equally possible for the body. Then being will be recognized as spiritual, and death will be obsolete, though now some insist that death is the necessary prelude to immortality.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus
Spiritualism - 91:16

(Man's genuine being)

Absorbed in material selfhood we discern and reflect but faintly the substance of Life or Mind. The denial of material selfhood aids the discernment of man's spiritual and eternal individuality, and destroys the erroneous knowledge gained from matter or through what are termed the material senses.

Section 4

Nehemiah 9:19-25

19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

25 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged,

vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

Luke 12:22,31

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.

31 #But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

ooo4 Chapter 13: Teaching Christian Science - 451:2,11

(False claims annihilated) Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate. They must renounce aggression, oppression and the pride of power. Christianity, with the crown of Love upon her brow, must be their queen of life.

(Treasure in heaven)

They must not only seek, but strive, to enter the narrow path of Life, for "wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." Man walks in the direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affections are spiritual, they come from above, not from beneath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 241:5,19

(The doom of sin)

Sensual treasures are laid up "where moth and

rust doth corrupt." Mortality is their doom. Sin breaks in upon them, and carries off their fleeting joys. The sensualist's affections are as imaginary, whimsical, and unreal as his pleasures. Falsehood, envy, hypocrisy, malice, hate, revenge, and so forth, steal away the treasures of Truth. Stripped of its coverings, what a mocking spectacle is sin!

(Spirit transforms)

The substance of all devotion is the reflection and demonstration of divine Love, healing sickness and destroying sin. Our Master said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

2ooo Chapter 3: Marriage - 60:29-6

(Spiritual concord)

Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind, and happiness would be more readily attained and would be more secure in our keeping, if sought in Soul. Higher enjoyments alone can satisfy the cravings of immortal man. We cannot circumscribe happiness within the limits of personal sense. The senses confer no real enjoyment.

(Ascendency of good)

The good in human affections must have ascendancy over the evil and the spiritual over the animal, or happiness will never be won.

Section 5

Mark 6:45-51

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he

alone on the land.

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:

50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 369:5

(Man's entity)

In proportion as matter loses to human sense all entity as man, in that proportion does man become its master. He enters into a diviner sense of the facts, and comprehends the theology of Jesus as demonstrated in healing the sick, raising the dead, and walking over the wave. All these deeds manifested Jesus' control over the belief that matter is substance, that it can be the arbiter of life or the constructor of any form of existence.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 329:7

(Imitation of Jesus)

Because you cannot walk on the water and raise the dead, you have no right to question the great might of divine Science in these directions. Be thankful that Jesus, who was the true demonstrator of Science, did these things, and left his example

for us. In Science we can use only what we understand. We must prove our faith by demonstration.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 326:3

(Loving God supremely)

If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, it must be in the way of God's appointing. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." He, who would reach the source and find the divine remedy for every ill, must not try to climb the hill of Science by some other road. All nature teaches God's love to man, but man cannot love God supremely and set his whole affections on spiritual things, while loving the material or trusting in it more than in the spiritual.

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 228:20-29(to 2nd .)

(God-given dominion)

If we follow the command of our Master, "Take no thought for your life," we shall never depend on bodily conditions, structure, or economy, but we shall be masters of the body, dictate its terms, and form and control it with Truth.

(Priestly pride humbled)

There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all-power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God. The humble Nazarene overthrew the supposition that sin, sickness, and death have power. He proved them powerless.

Section 6

Isaiah 33:5,6,20,21

5 The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and

strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure.

20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

21 But there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.
Isaiah 60:18-21

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 278:32

(Substance is Spirit)

Which ought to be substance to us, - the erring, changing, and dying, the mutable and mortal, or the unerring, immutable, and immortal? A New Testament writer plainly describes faith, a quality of mind, as "the substance of things hoped for."

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.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 302:14-19

(Definition of man)

Continuing our definition of man, let us remember that harmonious and immortal man has existed forever, and is always beyond and above the mortal illusion of any life, substance, and intelligence as existent in matter. This statement is based on fact, not fable.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 209:16-30

(Spiritual translation)

The compounded minerals or aggregated substances composing the earth, the relations which constituent masses hold to each other, the magnitudes, distances, and revolutions of the celestial bodies, are of no real importance, when we remember that they all must give place to the spiritual fact by the translation of man and the universe back into Spirit. In proportion as this is done, man and the universe will be found harmonious and eternal.

Material substances or mundane formations, astronomical calculations, and all the paraphernalia of speculative theories, based on the hypothesis of material law or life and intelligence resident in

matter, will ultimately vanish, swallowed up in the infinite calculus of Spirit.

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