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-- Golden Text --

Jeremiah 8:19

19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the Lord in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?

Responsive Reading

Jeremiah 5:1,2,20-26,29,31

1 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

2 And though they say, The Lord liveth; surely they swear falsely.

20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

22 Fear ye not me? saith the Lord:

will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

23 But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.

24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 #Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.

26 For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

29 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Section 1

Jeremiah 16:20

20 Shall a man make gods unto

himself, and they are no gods?

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Job 35:13

13 Surely God will not hear vanity,  
neither will the Almighty regard it.

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Isaiah 51:15,16

15 But I am the Lord thy God, that  
divided the sea, whose waves roared:  
The Lord of hosts is his name.

16 And I have put my words in thy  
mouth, and I have covered thee in the  
shadow of mine hand, that I may plant  
the heavens, and lay the foundations  
of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou  
art my people.

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Malachi 1:11

11 For from the rising of the sun  
even unto the going down of the same  
my name shall be great among the  
Gentiles; and in every place incense  
shall be offered unto my name, and a  
pure offering: for my name shall be  
great among the heathen, saith the  
Lord of hosts.

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Psalms 46:10

10 Be still, and know that I am  
God: I will be exalted among the  
heathen, I will be exalted in the  
earth.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 268:1-9

(Materialistic challenge)

In the material world, thought has brought to

light with great rapidity many useful wonders. With  
like activity have thought's swift pinions been  
rising towards the realm of the real, to the spiritual  
cause of those lower things which give impulse to  
inquiry. Belief in a material basis, from which may  
be deduced all rationality, is slowly yielding to the  
idea of a metaphysical basis, looking away from  
matter to Mind as the cause of every effect.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 270:5

(Rejected theories)

Matter and Mind are opposites. One is contrary to  
the other in its very nature and essence; hence both  
cannot be real. If one is real, the other must be  
unreal. Only by understanding that there is but one  
power, - not two powers, matter and Mind, - are  
scientific and logical conclusions reached. Few  
deny the hypothesis that intelligence, apart from  
man and matter, governs the universe; and it is  
generally admitted that this intelligence is the  
eternal Mind or divine Principle, Love.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 276:31-10

(Like evolving like)

Intelligence never produces non-intelligence; but  
matter is ever non-intelligent and therefore cannot  
spring from intelligence. To all that is unlike  
unerring and eternal Mind, this Mind saith, "Thou  
shalt surely die;" and elsewhere the Scripture says  
that dust returns to dust. The non-intelligent  
relapses into its own unreality. Matter never  
produces mind. The immortal never produces the  
mortal. Good cannot result in evil. As God Himself  
is good and is Spirit, goodness and spirituality must  
be immortal.

Their opposites, evil and matter, are mortal error,  
and error has no creator.

Section 2

Psalms 83:1,18

1 Keep not thou silence, O God:

hold not thy peace, and be not still,  
O God.

18 That men may know that thou,  
whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the  
most high over all the earth.

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Mark 12:13-17

13 #And they send unto him certain  
of the Pharisees and of the Herodians,  
to catch him in his words.

14 And when they were come, they  
say unto him, Master, we know that  
thou art true, and carest for no man:  
for thou regardest not the person of  
men, but teachest the way of God in  
truth: Is it lawful to give tribute  
to Caesar, or not?

15 Shall we give, or shall we not  
give? But he, knowing their  
hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt  
ye me? bring me a penny, that I may  
see it.

16 And they brought it. And he  
saith unto them, Whose is this image  
and superscription? And they said  
unto him, Caesar's.

17 And Jesus answering said unto  
them, Render to Caesar the things  
that are Caesar's, and to God the  
things that are God's. And they  
marvelled at him.

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Matthew 6:24

24 #No man can serve two masters:  
for either he will hate the one, and  
love the other; or else he will hold  
to the one, and despise the other. Ye

cannot serve God and mammon.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 274:25

(Impossible partnership)

The conventional firm, called matter and mind,  
God never formed. Science and understanding,  
governed by the unerring and eternal Mind, destroy  
the imaginary copartnership, matter and mind,  
formed only to be destroyed in a manner and at a  
period as yet unknown. This suppositional  
partnership is already obsolete, for matter,  
examined in the light of divine metaphysics,  
disappears.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 269:3

(Confusion confounded)

From first to last the supposed coexistence of  
Mind and matter and the mingling of good and evil  
have resulted from the philosophy of the serpent.  
Jesus' demonstrations sift the chaff from the wheat,  
and unfold the unity and the reality of good, the  
unreality, the nothingness, of evil.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 492:29

(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

(Victory for Truth)

The conservative theory, long believed, is that  
there are two factors, matter and mind, uniting on  
some impossible basis. This theory would keep  
truth and error always at war. Victory would perch  
on neither banner. On the other hand, Christian  
Science speedily shows Truth to be triumphant. To  
corporeal sense, the sun appears to rise and set, and  
the earth to stand still; but astronomical science  
contradicts this, and explains the solar system as

working on a different plan. All the evidence of physical sense and all the knowledge obtained from physical sense must yield to Science, to the immortal truth of all things.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus Spiritualism - 78:24

(Spirit intangible)

God is not in the medley where matter cares for matter, where spiritism makes many gods, and hypnotism and electricity are claimed to be the agents of God's government.

Section 3

Proverbs 28:10

10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.

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Jeremiah 30:3

3 For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

Jeremiah 50:6

6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

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Colossians 2:18,19

18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

0020 Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered - 347:26-31

(Essential element of Christianity)

The dream that matter and error are something must yield to reason and revelation. Then mortals will behold the nothingness of sickness and sin, and sin and sickness will disappear from consciousness. The harmonious will appear real, and the inharmonious unreal.

0004 Chapter 13: Teaching Christian Science - 450:27-29

(False claims annihilated)

Who, that has felt the perilous beliefs in life, substance, and intelligence separated from God, can say that there is no error of belief?

0003 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 485:7-10

(19) Question: Is materiality the concomitant of spirituality, and is material sense a necessary preliminary to the understanding and expression of Spirit?

ADAM = An inverted image of Spirit.

Topic: Adam and Fallen Man

(Error only ephemeral)

If the unimportant and evil appear, only soon to disappear because of their uselessness or their iniquity, then these ephemeral views of error ought to be obliterated by Truth.

oo2o Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered - 353:19

(Superstition obsolete)

We must give up the spectral at all points. We must not continue to admit the somethingness of superstition, but we must yield up all belief in it and be wise. When we learn that error is not real, we shall be ready for progress, "forgetting those things which are behind."

Section 4

Jeremiah 8:15

15 We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!

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Psalms 30:1,2

1 I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

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Luke 8:43-48

43 #And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,

44 Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood

stanch'd.

45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.

47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 273:1-2

(God the Principle of all)

Matter and its claims of sin, sickness, and death are contrary to God, and cannot emanate from Him.

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.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice -  
423:15

(Coping with difficulties)

The matter-physician deals with matter as both his foe and his remedy. He regards the ailment as weakened or strengthened according to the evidence which matter presents. The metaphysician, making Mind his basis of operation irrespective of matter and regarding the truth and harmony of being as superior to error and discord, has rendered himself strong, instead of weak, to cope with the case; and he proportionately strengthens his patient with the stimulus of courage and conscious power. Both Science and consciousness are now at work in the economy of being according to the law of Mind, which ultimately asserts its absolute supremacy.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice -  
425:23

(The lungs reformed)

Consciousness constructs a better body when faith in matter has been conquered. Correct material belief by spiritual understanding, and Spirit will form you anew. You will never fear again except to offend God, and you will never believe that heart or any portion of the body can destroy you.

Section 5

Psalm 38:6

6 I am troubled; I am bowed down  
greatly; I go mourning all the day  
long.

Psalm 40:1,3

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;  
and he inclined unto me, and heard my  
cry.

3 And he hath put a new song in my  
mouth, even praise unto our God: many  
shall see it, and fear, and shall  
trust in the Lord.

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Colossians 3:2,9,10

2 Set your affection on things  
above, not on things on the earth.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing  
that ye have put off the old man with  
his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man,  
which is renewed in knowledge after  
the image of him that created him:

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Philipians 4:7

7 And the peace of God, which  
passeth all understanding, shall keep  
your hearts and minds through Christ  
Jesus.

0200 Chapter 7: Physiology - 171:17

(Matter versus Spirit)

Mistaking his origin and nature, man believes himself to be combined matter and Spirit. He believes that Spirit is sifted through matter, carried on a nerve, exposed to ejection by the operation of matter. The intellectual, the moral, the spiritual, - yea, the image of infinite Mind, - subject to non-intelligence!

0200 Chapter 7: Physiology - 172:15

(Degrees of development)

If man was first a material being, he must have passed through all the forms of matter in order to become man. If the material body is man, he is a portion of matter, or dust. On the contrary, man is the image and likeness of Spirit; and the belief that

there is Soul in sense or Life in matter obtains in mortals, alias mortal mind, to which the apostle refers when he says that we must "put off the old man."

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 294:19

(Mythical pleasure)

The lines of demarcation between immortal man, representing Spirit, and mortal man, representing the error that life and intelligence are in matter, show the pleasures and pains of matter to be myths, and human belief in them to be the father of mythology, in which matter is represented as divided into intelligent gods. Man's genuine selfhood is recognizable only in what is good and true. Man is neither self-made nor made by mortals. God created man.

0300 Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 126:2

(Mortal nothingness) Error will be no longer used in stating truth. The problem of nothingness, or "dust to dust," will be solved, and mortal mind will be without form and void, for mortality will cease when man beholds himself God's reflection, even as man sees his reflection in a glass.

## Section 6

John 20:1,2,11,15-19,24-29

1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the

Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

11 #But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

19 #Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

24 #But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord.

But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 #And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 317:16-4

(The cup of Jesus)

The individuality of man is no less tangible because it is spiritual and because his life is not at the mercy of matter. The understanding of his spiritual individuality makes man more real, more formidable in truth, and enables him to conquer sin, disease, and death. Our Lord and Master presented himself to his disciples after his resurrection from the grave, as the self-same Jesus whom they had loved before the tragedy on Calvary.

(Material skepticism)

To the materialistic Thomas, looking for the ideal Saviour in matter instead of in Spirit and to the testimony of the material senses and the body, more than to Soul, for an earnest of immortality, - to him Jesus furnished the proof that he was unchanged by

the crucifixion. To this dull and doubting disciple Jesus remained a fleshly reality, so long as the Master remained an inhabitant of the earth. Nothing but a display of matter could make existence real to Thomas. For him to believe in matter was no task, but for him to conceive of the substantiality of Spirit - to know that nothing can efface Mind and immortality, in which Spirit reigns - was more difficult.

3000 Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist - 42:15-25

(Death outdone)

The resurrection of the great demonstrator of God's power was the proof of his final triumph over body and matter, and gave full evidence of divine Science, - evidence so important to mortals. The belief that man has existence or mind separate from God is a dying error. This error Jesus met with divine Science and proved its nothingness. Because of the wondrous glory which God bestowed on His anointed, temptation, sin, sickness, and death had no terror for Jesus. Let men think they had killed the body! Afterwards he would show it to them unchanged.

3000 Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist - 45:28

(After the resurrection) The reappearing of Jesus was not the return of a spirit. He presented the same body that he had before his crucifixion, and so glorified the supremacy of Mind over matter.

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