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Subject: 13

REALITY.

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-- Golden Text --

James 1:17

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Responsive Reading

John 6:33,58-69

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66 #From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

Section 1

Job 8:20

20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers:

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Luke 6:40

40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

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Romans 12:2

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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I Corinthians 13:9,10

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

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Hebrews 4:14

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Hebrews 5:9

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

0020 Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered - 353:16-19

(Superstition obsolete)

All the real is eternal. Perfection underlies

reality. Without perfection, nothing is wholly real. All things will continue to disappear, until perfection appears and reality is reached.

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 233:8-10

(Perfection gained slowly)

In the midst of imperfection, perfection is seen and acknowledged only by degrees. The ages must slowly work up to perfection.

0300 Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 130:9

(Excuses for ignorance)

It is unwise to doubt if reality is in perfect harmony with God, divine Principle, - if Science, when understood and demonstrated, will destroy all discord, - since you admit that God is omnipotent; ;for from this premise it follows that good and its sweet concords have all-power.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 414:28

(Cure of insanity)

Remember that man's perfection is real and unimpeachable, whereas imperfection is blameworthy, unreal, and is not brought about by divine Love.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) - 337:16,24

(- MORTAL MIND - Sin)

(-26- Purity the path to perfection)

In proportion to his purity is man perfect; and perfection is the order of celestial being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life's spiritual ideal.

(-27- True idea of man)

Eternal things (verities) are God's thoughts as they exist in the spiritual realm of the real. Temporal things are the thoughts of mortals and are the unreal, being the opposite of the real or the spiritual and eternal.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 555:23-27,32

(The origin of divinity)

We lose our standard of perfection and set aside the proper conception of Deity, when we admit that the perfect is the author of aught that can become imperfect, that God bestows the power to sin, or that Truth confers the ability to err. Truth fosters the idea of Truth, and not the belief in illusion or error. That which is real, is sustained by Spirit.

Section 2

Numbers 24:10,12,13

10 #And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times.

12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,

13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the Lord saith, that will I speak?

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Micah 6:5,9

5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord.

9 The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

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Isaiah 61:1-3

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

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I Corinthians 1:10

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by

the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that ye all speak the same thing, and  
that there be no divisions among you;  
but that ye be perfectly joined  
together in the same mind and in the  
same judgment.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being  
(PLATFORM) - 331:11(begin The  
ScripturChapter 10: Science of Being -  
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(- MORTAL MIND - Nothing claiming to be  
something, for Mind is immortal)

(-5- Allness of Spirit) The Scriptures imply  
that God is All-in-all. From this it follows that  
nothing possesses reality nor existence except  
the divine Mind and His ideas. The Scriptures  
also declare that God is Spirit.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 281:14

(God and His image)

The one Ego, the one Mind or Spirit called  
God, is infinite individuality, which supplies all  
form and comeliness and which reflects reality  
and divinity in individual spiritual man and  
things.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 207:27-31

(One primal cause)

The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all  
things. The spiritual fact, repeated in the action  
of man and the whole universe, is harmonious  
and is the ideal of Truth. Spiritual facts are not  
inverted; the opposite discord, which bears no  
resemblance to spirituality, is not real.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 470:11

(10) Question: What is Mind?  
ADAM = Nothingness.

(The divine standard of perfection)

Divine Science explains the abstract statement  
that there is one Mind by the following self-  
evident proposition: If God, or good, is real, then  
evil, the unlikeness of God, is unreal. And evil  
can only seem to be real by giving reality to the  
unreal. The children of God have but one Mind.  
How can good lapse into evil, when God, the  
Mind of man, never sins? The standard of  
perfection was originally God and man. Has God  
taken down His own standard, and has man  
fallen?

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 277:24-26

(Material error)

The realm of the real is Spirit. The unlikeness  
of Spirit is matter, and the opposite of the real is  
not divine, - it is a human concept.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 275:10-  
12,20

(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.

(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.

Section 3

Job 6:15,17,18

15 My brethren have dealt  
deceitfully as a brook, and as the

stream of brooks they pass away;

17 What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.

Job 8:9

9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:)

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Isaiah 1:3,4

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

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I Corinthians 1:21-24

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

oo2o Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered - 352:5

(Spirit the tangible)

Our Master declared that his material body was not spirit, evidently considering it a mortal and material belief of flesh and bones, whereas the Jews took a diametrically opposite view. To Jesus, not materiality, but spirituality, was the reality of man's existence, while to the rabbis the spiritual was the intangible and uncertain, if not the unreal.

oo2o Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered - 353:1

(The real and the unreal)

The Christianly scientific real is the sensuous unreal. Sin, disease, whatever seems real to material sense, is unreal in divine Science. The physical senses and Science have ever been antagonistic, and they will so continue, till the testimony of the physical senses yields entirely to Christian Science.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 494:19

(22b) Question: ...and show how it is to be healed?

ADAM = The usurper of Spirit's creation, called self-creative matter.

Topic: God the Preserver of Man

(Reason and Science)

Reason, rightly directed, serves to correct the errors of corporeal sense; but sin, sickness, and death will seem real (even as the experiences of the sleeping dream seem real) until the Science of man's eternal harmony breaks their illusion

with the unbroken reality of scientific being.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 292:27

(Immortal man)

This carnal material mentality, misnamed mind, is mortal. Therefore man would be annihilated, were it not for the spiritual real man's indissoluble connection with his God, which Jesus brought to light. In his resurrection and ascension, Jesus showed that a mortal man is not the real essence of manhood, and that this unreal material mortality disappears in presence of the reality.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being  
(PLATFORM) - 335:27

(- MORTAL MIND - Material senses)

(-20- The one divine Mind) Reality is spiritual, harmonious, immutable, immortal, divine, eternal. Nothing unspiritual can be real, harmonious, or eternal. Sin, sickness, and mortality are the suppositional antipodes of Spirit, and must be contradictions of reality.

Section 4

Job 6:24,25,28,30

24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

25 How forcible are right words!  
but what doth your arguing reprove?

28 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you if I lie.

30 Is there iniquity in my tongue?

cannot my taste discern perverse things?

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Malachi 3:16,18

16 #Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

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Luke 12:56,57

56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?

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Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 505:20-22

(Understanding imparted)

Spiritual sense is the discernment of spiritual good. Understanding is the line of demarcation between the real and unreal.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus Spiritualism - 83:25-32

(Conflicting standpoints)

There is mortal mind-reading and immortal Mind-reading. The latter is a revelation of divine purpose through spiritual understanding, by which man gains the divine Principle and explanation of all things. Mortal mind-reading and immortal Mind-reading are distinctly opposite standpoints, from which cause and effect are interpreted. The act of reading mortal mind investigates and touches only human beliefs.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus Spiritualism - 95:13-22

(Spiritual insight)

The greater or lesser ability of a Christian Scientist to discern thought scientifically, depends upon his genuine spirituality. This kind of mind-reading is not clairvoyance, but it is important to success in healing, and is one of the special characteristics thereof.

(Christ's reappearance)

We welcome the increase of knowledge and the end of error, because even human invention must have its day, and we want that day to be succeeded by Christian Science, by divine reality.

0002 Chapter 15: Genesis - 538:4

(Spiritual gateway) Truth is a two-edged sword, guarding and guiding. Truth places the cherub wisdom at the gate of understanding to note the proper guests. Radiant with mercy and justice, the sword of Truth gleams afar and indicates the infinite distance between Truth and

error, between the material and spiritual, - the unreal and the real.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 302:3-9

(Identity not lost)

The material body and mind are temporal, but the real man is spiritual and eternal. The identity of the real man is not lost, but found through this explanation; for the conscious infinitude of existence and of all identity is thereby discerned and remains unchanged. It is impossible that man should lose aught that is real, when God is all and eternally his.

Section 5

I Samuel 17:45,47

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.

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II Chronicles 14:11

11 And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against

this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.

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Romans 8:26-28,31

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

o100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 228:14

(God-given dominion) Mortals will some day assert their freedom in the name of Almighty God. Then they will control their own bodies through the understanding of divine Science. Dropping their present beliefs, they will recognize harmony as the spiritual reality and discord as the material unreality.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus Spiritualism - 92:25

(Opposing power)

We should blush to call that real which is only a mistake. The foundation of evil is laid on a belief in something besides God. This belief tends to support two opposite powers, instead of urging the claims of Truth alone. The mistake of thinking that error can be real, when it is merely the absence of truth, leads to belief in the superiority of error.

o300 Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 130:32

(All evil unnatural)

Truth should not seem so surprising and unnatural as error, and error should not seem so real as truth. Sickness should not seem so real as health. There is no error in Science, and our lives must be governed by reality in order to be in harmony with God, the divine Principle of all being.

o300 Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 151:20

(Man governed by Mind)

Every function of the real man is governed by the divine 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. All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and follow the leadings of truth.

Section 6

Luke 4:14,33-35



14 #And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

33 #And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

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Romans 7:25

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

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I Corinthians 15:25,26,28

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

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.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 109:4

(Scientific evidence)

Christian Science reveals incontrovertibly that Mind is All-in-all, that the only realities are the divine Mind and idea. This great fact is not, however, seen to be supported by sensible evidence, until its divine Principle is demonstrated by healing the sick and thus proved absolute and divine. This proof once seen, no other conclusion can be reached.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 474:18

(13) Question: Is there no sin?

ADAM = The opposite of Spirit and His creations.

Topic: Reality

(Divine fulfilment)

Now Jesus came to destroy sin, sickness, and death; yet the Scriptures aver, "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Is it possible, then, to believe that the evils which Jesus lived to destroy are real or the offspring of the divine will?

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 318:16

(Sickness as discord)

Is the sick man sinful above all others? No! but so far as he is discordant, he is not the image of God. Weary of their material beliefs, from which comes so much suffering, invalids grow more spiritual, as the error - or belief that life is in matter - yields to the reality of spiritual Life.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 472:5-8

(11) Question: Are doctrines and creeds a benefit to man?

ADAM = The first god of mythology.

Topic: Substance

13 2 - Material error

13 2 - Divine synonyms

13 2 - The divine completeness

(God's law destroys evil)

13 3 - Spirit the tangible

The way which leads to Christian Science is straight and narrow. God has set His signet upon Science, making it coordinate with all that is real and only with that which is harmonious and eternal.

13 3 - The real and the unreal

13 3 - Reason and Science

13 3 - Immortal man

13 3 - -20- The one divine Mind

13 4 - Understanding imparted

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 480:29

13 4 - Conflicting standpoints

13 4 - Spiritual insight

(16) Question: Does brain think, and do nerves feel, and is there intelligence in matter?

13 4 - Christ's reappearance

13 4 - Spiritual gateway

ADAM = A product of nothing as the mimicry of something.

13 4 - Identity not lost

13 5 - God-given dominion

Topic: Doctrine of Atonement

13 5 - Opposing power

13 5 - All evil unnatural

13 5 - Man governed by Mind

(Vapor and nothingness)

13 6 - Scientific evidence

If sin, sickness, and death were understood as nothingness, they would disappear. As vapor melts before the sun, so evil would vanish before the reality of good. One must hide the other.

13 6 - Divine fulfilment

13 6 - Sickness as discord

How important, then, to choose good as the reality! Man is tributary to God, Spirit, and to nothing else. God's being is infinity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Like the archpriests of yore, man is free "to enter into the holiest," - the realm of God.

13 6 - God's law destroys evil

13 6 - Vapor and nothingness

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