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ADAM AND FALLEN MAN.

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-- Golden Text --

Genesis 3:11,23

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Responsive Reading

Genesis 5:3-5

3 #And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Genesis 6:5-13,17

5 #And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the

thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9 #These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven;

and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

## Section 1

Genesis 2:7-9,16,17,21,22

7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 #And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 526:14-5

(Record of error)

The first mention of evil is in the legendary Scriptural text in the second chapter of Genesis. God pronounced good all that He created, and the Scriptures declare that He created all. The "tree of life" stands for the idea of Truth, and the sword which guards it is the type of divine Science. The "tree of knowledge" stands for the erroneous doctrine that the knowledge of evil is as real, hence as God-bestowed, as the knowledge of good. Was evil instituted through God, Love? Did He create this fruit-bearer of sin in contradiction of the first creation? This second biblical account is a picture of error throughout.

(Garden of Eden)

Genesis ii. 15. And the Lord God [Jehovah] took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to dress it and to keep it.

The name Eden, according to Cruden, means pleasure, delight. In this text Eden stands for the mortal, material body. God could not put Mind into matter nor infinite Spirit into finite form to dress it and keep it, - to make it beautiful or to cause it to live and grow. Man is God's reflection, needing no cultivation, but ever beautiful and complete.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 524:22-6

(Creation reversed)

Matter is not the reflection of Spirit, yet God is reflected in all His creation. Is this addition to His creation real or unreal? Is it the truth, or is it a lie concerning man and God?

It must be a lie, for God presently curses the ground. Could Spirit evolve its opposite, matter, and give matter ability to sin and suffer? Is

Spirit, God, injected into dust, and eventually ejected at the demand of matter? Does Spirit enter dust, and lose therein the divine nature and omnipotence? Does Mind, God, enter matter to become there a mortal sinner, animated by the breath of God? In this narrative, the validity of matter is opposed, not the validity of Spirit or Spirit's creations. Man reflects God; mankind represents the Adamic race, and is a human, not a divine, creation.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 528:22

(Hypnotic surgery)

Beholding the creations of his own dream and calling them real and God-given, Adam - alias error - gives them names. Afterwards he is supposed to become the basis of the creation of woman and of his own kind, calling them mankind, - that is, a kind of man.

## Section 2

Genesis 3:1-5,9,12-15

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the

woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 533:12,26

(The beguiling first lie)

The allegory shows that the snake-talker utters the first voluble lie, which beguiles the woman and demoralizes the man. Adam, alias mortal error, charges God and woman with his own dereliction, saying, "The woman, whom Thou gavest me, is responsible." According to this belief, the rib taken from Adam's side has grown

into an evil mind, named woman, who aids man to make sinners more rapidly than he can alone. Is this an help meet for man?

(False womanhood)

Truth, cross-questioning man as to his knowledge of error, finds woman the first to confess her fault. She says, "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat;" as much as to say in meek penitence, "Neither man nor God shall father my fault." She has already learned that corporeal sense is the serpent. Hence she is first to abandon the belief in the material origin of man and to discern spiritual creation. This hereafter enabled woman to be the mother of Jesus and to behold at the sepulchre the risen Saviour, who was soon to manifest the deathless man of God's creating. This enabled woman to be first to interpret the Scriptures in their true sense, which reveals the spiritual origin of man.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 534:12(begin The Son)

(Spirit and flesh) The Son of the Virgin-mother unfolded the remedy for Adam, or error; and the Apostle Paul explains this warfare between the idea of divine power, which Jesus presented, and mythological material intelligence called energy and opposed to Spirit.

ooo1 Chapter 16: The Apocalypse - 564:24-26,31

(Doom of the dragon)

From Genesis to the Apocalypse, sin, sickness, and death, envy, hatred, and revenge, - all evil, - are typified by a serpent, or animal subtlety.

In Genesis, this allegorical, talking serpent typifies mortal mind, "more subtle than any beast of the field." In the Apocalypse, when nearing its doom, this evil increases and becomes the great red dragon, swollen with sin, inflamed with war against spirituality, and ripe for destruction. It is

full of lust and hate, loathing the brightness of divine glory.

Section 3

Job 4:12,17-19

12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.

17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

19 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?

Job 11:4-6

4 For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.

5 But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;

6 And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.

Job 14:1,2

1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a

shadow, and continueth not.

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Romans 9:7,8

7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

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John 3:6

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

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 532:10,31

(Progeny cursed) Adam and his progeny were cursed, not blessed; and this indicates that the divine Spirit, or Father, condemns material man and remands him to dust.

(Fear comes of error)

The first impression material man had of himself was one of nakedness and shame. Had he lost man's rich inheritance and God's behest, dominion over all the earth? No! This had never been bestowed on Adam.

580:21 Chapter 17: Glossary  
(ADAM)

The name Adam represents the false supposition that Life is not eternal, but has beginning and end; that the infinite enters the finite, that intelligence passes into non-intelligence, and that Soul dwells in material

sense; that immortal Mind results in matter, and matter in mortal mind; that the one God and creator entered what He created, and then disappeared in the atheism of matter.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 476:13

(14) Question: What is man?

ADAM = That which is not the image and likeness of good, but a material belief, opposed to the one Mind, or Spirit.

Topic: Unreality

(Mortals are not immortals)

Mortals are not fallen children of God. They never had a perfect state of being, which may subsequently be regained. They were, from the beginning of mortal history, "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity." Mortality is finally swallowed up in immortality. Sin, sickness, and death must disappear to give place to the facts which belong to immortal man.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 545:31-3

(Mortality mythical)

"As in Adam [error] all die, even so in Christ [Truth] shall all be made alive." The mortality of man is a myth, for man is immortal. The false belief that spirit is now submerged in matter, at some future time to be emancipated from it, - this belief alone is mortal.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being  
(PLATFORM) - 338:27

(- MORTAL MIND - That which neither exists in Science nor can be recognized by the spiritual sense)

(-29- Adam not ideal man) Jehovah declared the ground was accursed; and from this ground,

or matter, sprang Adam, notwithstanding God had blessed the earth "for man's sake." From this it follows that Adam was not the ideal man for whom the earth was blessed. The ideal man was revealed in due time, and was known as Christ Jesus.

#### Section 4

John 3:13-15,31

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 #And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

John 12:31,32

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

John 1:11-13

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to

them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 282:28-31

(Truth is not inverted)

Whatever indicates the fall of man or the opposite of God or God's absence, is the Adam-dream, which is neither Mind nor man, for it is not begotten of the Father.

oo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 258:25

(Individual permanency)

Mortals have a very imperfect sense of the spiritual man and of the infinite range of his thought. To him belongs eternal Life. Never born and never dying, it were impossible for man, under the government of God in eternal Science, to fall from his high estate.

oo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 259:6-11

(God's man discerned)

In divine Science, man is the true image of God. The divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted their lives higher than their poor thought-models would allow, - thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick, sinning, and dying.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 478:30

(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

holdest thy tongue when the wicked  
devoureth the man that is more  
righteous than he?

(Immortal birthright)

Mortal man is really a self-contradictory  
phrase, for man is not mortal, "neither indeed can  
be;" man is immortal. 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.

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Psalm 66:18

18 If I regard iniquity in my  
heart, the Lord will not hear me:

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Hebrews 11:3

3 Through faith we understand that  
the worlds were framed by the word of  
God, so that things which are seen  
were not made of things which do  
appear.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 303:28

(Man's entity spiritual) Spiritual man is the  
image or idea of God, an idea which cannot be  
lost nor separated from its divine Principle.  
When the evidence before the material senses  
yielded to spiritual sense, the apostle declared  
that nothing could alienate him from God, from  
the sweet sense and presence of Life and Truth.

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John 1:18

18 No man hath seen God at any  
time; the only begotten Son, which is  
in the bosom of the Father, he hath  
declared him.

Section 5

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Matthew 22:32

Habakkuk 1:1,12,13

1 The burden which Habakkuk the  
prophet did see.

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.

12 #Art thou not from everlasting,  
O Lord my God, mine Holy One? we shall  
not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained  
them for judgment; and, O mighty God,  
thou hast established them for  
correction.

oo2o Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered -  
356:19,30

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to  
behold evil, and canst not look on  
iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon  
them that deal treacherously, and

(Copartnership impossible) God is as  
incapable of producing sin, sickness, and death  
as He is of experiencing these errors. How then  
is it possible for Him to create man subject to  
this triad of errors, - man who is made in the  
divine likeness?

(Two infinite creators absurd)

Does subsequent follow its antecedent? It does. Was there original self-creative sin? Then there must have been more than one creator, more than one God. In common justice, we must admit that God will not punish man for doing what He created man capable of doing, and knew from the outset that man would do. God is "of purer eyes than to behold evil." We sustain Truth, not by accepting, but by rejecting a lie.

0002 Chapter 15: Genesis - 539:10-19

(Only one standard)

God could never impart an element of evil, and man possesses nothing which he has not derived from God. How then has man a basis for wrongdoing? Whence does he obtain the propensity or power to do evil? Has Spirit resigned to matter the government of the universe?

(A type of falsehood)

The Scriptures declare that God condemned this lie as to man's origin and character by condemning its symbol, the serpent, to grovel beneath all the beasts of the field.

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 206:25

(Birth and death unreal)

Can there be any birth or death for man, the spiritual image and likeness of God? Instead of God sending sickness and death, He destroys them, and brings to light immortality. Omnipotent and infinite Mind made all and includes all. This Mind does not make mistakes and subsequently correct them. God does not cause man to sin, to be sick, or to die.

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 214:9

(Adam and the senses)

Adam, represented in the Scriptures as formed from dust, is an object-lesson for the human mind. The material senses, like Adam, originate

in matter and return to dust, - are proved non-intelligent. They go out as they came in, for they are still the error, not the truth of being. When it is learned that the spiritual sense, and not the material, conveys the impressions of Mind to man, then being will be understood and found to be harmonious.

Section 6

Isaiah 44:6

6 Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

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Exodus 20:3

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

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Revelation 1:8

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

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John 8:58

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

John 17:5,24

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.



24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

oo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 267:8

(The infinitude of God)

It is generally conceded that God is Father, eternal, self-created, infinite. If this is so, the forever Father must have had children prior to Adam. The great I AM made all "that was made." Hence man and the spiritual universe coexist with God.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 554:4

(Being is immortal)

There is no such thing as mortality, nor are there properly any mortal beings, because being is immortal, like Deity, - or, rather, being and Deity are inseparable.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) - 333:26

(- MORTAL MIND - A belief that life, substance, and intelligence are in and of matter)

(-13- The divine Principle and idea)

The divine image, idea, or Christ was, is, and ever will be inseparable from the divine Principle, God. Jesus referred to this unity of his spiritual identity thus: "Before Abraham was, I am;" "I and my Father are one;" "My Father is greater than I." The one Spirit includes all identities.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 557:18-27

(The curse removed)

Divine Science rolls back the clouds of error with the light of Truth, and lifts the curtain on man as never born and as never dying, but as coexistent with his creator.

Popular theology takes up the history of man as if he began materially right, but immediately fell into mental sin; whereas revealed religion proclaims the Science of Mind and its formations as being in accordance with the first chapter of the Old Testament, when God, Mind, spake and it was done.

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