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Subject: 20

MORTALS AND IMMORTALS.

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-- Golden Text --

Revelation 2:10

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Responsive Reading

Zechariah 7:8-14

8 #And the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, saying,

9 Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

10 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the Lord of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts.

13 Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the Lord of hosts:

14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.
Zechariah 8:1,3,7,8,16,17

1 Again the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying,

3 Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain.

7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

16 #These are the things that ye shall do; speak ye every man the

truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the Lord.

Section 1

Jeremiah 7:1,3,22-27

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

3 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt

unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them:

26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.

Isaiah 6:9

9 #And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

Ephesians 4:17,18

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 215:8

(Real being never lost)

Mortals are unacquainted with the reality of existence, because matter and mortality do not reflect the facts of Spirit.

0040 Chapter 9: Creation - 263:1-10

(Human egotism)

Mortals are egotists. They believe themselves to be independent workers, personal authors, and even privileged originators of something which Deity would not or could not create. The creations of mortal mind are material. Immortal spiritual man alone represents the truth of creation.

(Mortal man a mis-creator)

When mortal man blends his thoughts of existence with the spiritual and works only as God works, he will no longer grope in the dark and cling to earth because he has not tasted heaven.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus Spiritualism - 85:23-27

(Hypocrisy condemned)

Both Jew and Gentile may have had acute corporeal senses, but mortals need spiritual sense. Jesus knew the generation to be wicked and adulterous, seeking the material more than the spiritual. His thrusts at materialism were sharp, but needed.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 371:7

(Ghost-stories inducing fear)

By those uninstructed in Christian Science, nothing is really understood of material existence. Mortals are believed to be here without their consent and to be removed as involuntarily, not knowing why nor when. As frightened children look everywhere for the imaginary ghost, so sick humanity sees danger in every direction, and looks for relief in all ways except the right one. Darkness induces fear. The adult, in bondage to his beliefs, no more

comprehends his real being than does the child; and the adult must be taken out of his darkness, before he can get rid of the illusive sufferings which through the gloaming. The way in divine Science is the only way out of this condition.

Section 2

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

15 #The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the Lord said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

Acts 3:13,19,22,25,26

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.

19 #Repent ye therefore, and be
converted, that your sins may be
blotted out, when the times of
refreshing shall come from the
presence of the Lord;

22 For Moses truly said unto the
fathers, A prophet shall the Lord
your God raise up unto you of your
brethren, like unto me; him shall ye
hear in all things whatsoever he
shall say unto you.

25 Ye are the children of the
prophets, and of the covenant which
God made with our fathers, saying
unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall
all the kindreds of the earth be
blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having
raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to
bless you, in turning away every one
of you from his iniquities.

0020 Chapter 11: Some Objections Answered -
350:24

(The divine life-link)

"The Word was made flesh." Divine Truth
must be known by its effects on the body as well
as on the mind, before the Science of being can
be demonstrated. Hence its embodiment in the
incarnate Jesus, - that life-link forming the
connection through which the real reaches the
unreal, Soul rebukes sense, and Truth destroys
error.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being
(PLATFORM) - 332:11,23-30

(- MORTAL MIND - The opposite of Spirit,
and therefore the opposite of God, or good)

(-9- The Son of God)

The Christ is incorporeal, spiritual, - yea, the
divine image and likeness, dispelling the
illusions of the senses; the Way, the Truth, and
the Life, healing the sick and casting out evils,
destroying sin, disease, and death. As Paul says:
"There is one God, and one mediator between
God and men, the man Christ Jesus." The
corporeal man Jesus was human.

(-11- Christ Jesus)

XI. Jesus was the son of a virgin. He was
appointed to speak God's word and to appear to
mortals in such a form of humanity as they could
understand as well as perceive. Mary's
conception of him was spiritual, for only purity
could reflect Truth and Love, which were plainly
incarnate in the good and pure Christ Jesus. He
expressed the highest type of divinity, which a
fleshly form could express in that age.

3000 Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist -
20:16

(Perfect example)

"Despised and rejected of men," returning
blessing for cursing, he taught mortals the
opposite of themselves, even the nature of God;
and when error felt the power of Truth, the
scourge and the cross awaited the great Teacher.
Yet he swerved not, well knowing that to obey
the divine order and trust God, saves retracing
and traversing anew the path from sin to
holiness.

Section 3

I Corinthians 15:34,53,54

34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Psalm 50:16,18,19,21

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

James 1:12

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life,

which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 283:1

(Truth is not inverted)

As mortals begin to understand Spirit, they give up the belief that there is any true existence apart from God.

oo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 265:3

(Godward gravitation)

Man understands spiritual existence in proportion as his treasures of Truth and Love are enlarged. Mortals must gravitate Godward, their affections and aims grow spiritual, - they must near the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper sense of the infinite, - in order that sin and mortality may be put off.

oo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 264:7-19

(Mind's true camera)

Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things. Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm of Mind? We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being.

(Self-completeness)

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man, multitudinous objects of creation, which before were invisible, will become visible. When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-completeness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 543:8-15

(Dwelling in dreamland)

In divine Science, the material man is shut out from the presence of God. The five corporeal senses cannot take cognizance of Spirit. They cannot come into His presence, and must dwell in dream-land, until mortals arrive at the understanding that material life, with all its sin, sickness, and death, is an illusion, against which divine Science is engaged in a warfare of extermination.

Section 4

Isaiah 55:7-9

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 #For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Ephesians 5:8,11,13,14

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for

whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 295:11

(Mortals unlike immortals)

Mortals are not like immortals, created in God's own image; but infinite Spirit being all, mortal consciousness will at last yield to the scientific fact and disappear, and the real sense of being, perfect and forever intact, will appear.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being (PLATFORM) - 337:20

(- MORTAL MIND - Sickness)

(-27- True idea of man)

XXVII. The true idea of man, as the reflection of the invisible God, is as incomprehensible to the limited senses as is man's infinite Principle. The visible universe and material man are the poor counterfeits of the invisible universe and spiritual 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.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 215:22

(Light and darkness)

With its divine proof, Science reverses the evidence of material sense. Every quality and condition of mortality is lost, swallowed up in immortality. Mortal man is the antipode of immortal man in origin, in existence, and in his relation to God.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 302:3-9

Matthew 5:43-45

(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.

43 #Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 491:11

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

(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

I Peter 1:13-15

(Man linked with Spirit)

Matter cannot connect mortals with the true origin and facts of being, in which all must end. It is only by acknowledging the supremacy of Spirit, which annuls the claims of matter, that mortals can lay off mortality and find the indissoluble spiritual link which establishes man forever in the divine likeness, inseparable from his creator.

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

Section 5

Romans 8:14

Isaiah 63:16

16 Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

ooo4 Chapter 13: Teaching Christian Science - 444:27

Section 6

(Charity to those opposed)

Immortals, or God's children in divine Science, are one harmonious family; but mortals, or the "children of men" in material sense, are discordant and oftentimes false brethren.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 476:1,21-5

(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

(Man unfallen) God's man. Mortals are the counterfeit of immortals. They are the children of the wicked one, or the one evil, which declares that man begins in dust or as a material embryo. In divine Science, God and the real man are inseparable as divine Principle and idea.

(Imperishable identity)

Learn this, O mortal, and earnestly seek the spiritual status of man, which is outside of all material selfhood. Remember that the Scriptures say of mortal man: "As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more."

(The kingdom within)

When speaking of God's children, not the children of men, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you;" that is, Truth and Love reign in the real man, showing that man in God's image is unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy.

Isaiah 57:15,18,19

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.

18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

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.

Deuteronomy 33:27,28

27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

28 Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

I Timothy 6:12

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto

thou art also called, and hast
professed a good profession before
many witnesses.

Revelation 21:7

7 He that overcometh shall inherit
all things; and I will be his God, and
he shall be my son.

o100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 247:13-24

(Eternal beauty)

Immortality, exempt from age or decay, has a
glory of its own, - the radiance of Soul. Immortal
men and women are models of spiritual sense,
drawn by perfect Mind and reflecting those
higher conceptions of loveliness which transcend
all material sense.

(The divine loveliness)

Comeliness and grace are independent of
matter. Being possesses its qualities before they
are perceived humanly. Beauty is a thing of life,
which dwells forever in the eternal Mind and
reflects the charms of His goodness in
expression, form, outline, and color.

o100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 248:4

(Love's endowment)

One marvels that a friend can ever seem less
than beautiful. Men and women of riper years
and larger lessons ought to ripen into health and
immortality, instead of lapsing into darkness or
gloom. Immortal Mind feeds the body with
supernal freshness and fairness, supplying it with
beautiful images of thought and destroying the
woes of sense which each day brings to a nearer
tomb.

o200 Chapter 7: Physiology - 191:24

(Spiritual freedom)

The Science of being reveals man and
immortality as based on Spirit. Physical sense
defines mortal man as based on matter, and from
this premise infers the mortality of the body.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus
Spiritualism - 81:25

(Mind's manifestations immortal)

Though the inharmony resulting from material
sense hides the harmony of Science, inharmony
cannot destroy the divine Principle of Science. In
Science, man's immortality depends upon that of
God, good, and follows as a necessary
consequence of the immortality of good.

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