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Subject: 21

SOUL AND BODY.

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-- Golden Text --

Psalm 86:4

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant:
for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my
soul.

Responsive Reading

Acts 2:22,24-28,38,41-43,46,47

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these
words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man
approved of God among you by miracles
and wonders and signs, which God did
by him in the midst of you, as ye
yourselves also know:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having
loosed the pains of death: because it
was not possible that he should be
holden of it.

25 For David speaketh concerning
him, I foresaw the Lord always before
my face, for he is on my right hand,
that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice,
and my tongue was glad; moreover also
my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my
soul in hell, neither wilt thou

suffer thine Holy One to see
corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the
ways of life; thou shalt make me full
of joy with thy countenance.

38 Then Peter said unto them,
Repent, and be baptized every one of
you in the name of Jesus Christ for
the remission of sins, and ye shall
receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

41 #Then they that gladly received
his word were baptized: and the same
day there were added unto them about
three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in
the apostles' doctrine and
fellowship, and in breaking of bread,
and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul:
and many wonders and signs were done
by the apostles.

46 And they, continuing daily with
one accord in the temple, and breaking
bread from house to house, did eat
their meat with gladness and
singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour
with all the people. And the Lord
added to the church daily such as
should be saved.

Section 1

Psalm 103:1-5

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and
all that is within me, bless his holy
name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Lamentations 3:24,25,57,58

24 The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25 The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

57 Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.

58 O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 477:19-2

(15) Question: What are body and Soul?
ADAM = A so-called finite mind, producing other minds, thus making "gods many and lords many."
Topic: Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?

(Reflection of Spirit)
Question. - What are body and Soul?
Answer. - Identity is the reflection of Spirit, the reflection in multifarious forms of the living Principle, Love. Soul is the substance, Life, and

intelligence of man, which is individualized, but not in matter. Soul can never reflect anything inferior to Spirit.

(Man inseperable from Spirit)

Man is the expression of Soul. The Indians caught some glimpses of the underlying reality, when they called a certain beautiful lake "the smile of the Great Spirit." Separated from man, who expresses Soul, Spirit would be a nonentity; man, divorced from Spirit, would lose his entity. But there is, there can be, no such division, for man is coexistent with God.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 482:3

(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

(Soul defined)

Human thought has adulterated the meaning of the word soul through the hypothesis that soul is both an evil and a good intelligence, resident in matter. The proper use of the word soul can always be gained by substituting the word God, where the deific meaning is required. In other cases, use the word sense, and you will have the scientific signification. As used in Christian Science, Soul is properly the synonym of Spirit, or God; but out of Science, soul is identical with sense, with material sensation.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 207:15

(Evident impossibilities)

Body is not first and Soul last, nor is evil mightier than good. The Science of being repudiates self-evident impossibilities, such as the amalgamation of Truth and error in cause or effect. Science separates the tares and wheat in time of harvest.

o2oo Chapter 7: Physiology - 167:1-6

(Health from reliance on spirituality)

Should we implore a corporeal God to heal the sick out of His personal volition, or should we understand the infinite divine Principle which heals? If we rise no higher than blind faith, the Science of healing is not attained, and Soul-existence, in the place of sense-existence, is not comprehended.

Section 2

Ezekiel 18:1,4,5,7,9

1 The word of the Lord came unto me again, saying,

4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

5 #But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,

7 And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

I John 1:3

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly

our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

I John 3:5

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

I John 5:18

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 310:18-26

(Soul imperishable)

Soul changeth not. We are commonly taught that there is a human soul which sins and is spiritually lost, - that soul may be lost, and yet be immortal. If Soul could sin, Spirit, Soul, would be flesh instead of Spirit. It is the belief of the flesh and of material sense which sins. If Soul sinned, Soul would die. Sin is the element of self-destruction, and spiritual death is oblivion. If there was sin in Soul, the annihilation of Spirit would be inevitable.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 311:7-25

(Sin only of the flesh)

Soul is immortal because it is Spirit, which has no element of self-destruction. Is man lost spiritually? No, he can only lose a sense material. All sin is of the flesh. It cannot be spiritual. Sin exists here or hereafter only so long as the illusion of mind in matter remains. It is a sense of sin, and not a sinful soul, which is lost. Evil is destroyed by the sense of good.

(Soul impeccable)

Through false estimates of soul as dwelling in sense and of mind as dwelling in matter, belief strays into a sense of temporary loss or absence of soul, spiritual truth. This state of error is the mortal dream of life and substance as existent in matter, and is directly opposite to the immortal reality of

being. So long as we believe that soul can sin or that immortal Soul is in mortal body, we can never understand the Science of being. When humanity does understand this Science, it will become the law of Life to man, - even the higher law of Soul, which prevails over material sense through harmony and immortality.

Section 3

Job 19:25-27

25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

I Corinthians 15:50-52

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 320:24

(Job, on the resurrection)

The one important interpretation of Scripture is the spiritual. For example, the text, "In my flesh shall I see God," gives a profound idea of the divine power to heal the ills of the flesh, and encourages mortals to hope in Him who healeth all our diseases; whereas this passage is continually quoted as if Job intended to declare that even if disease and worms destroyed his body, yet in the latter days he should stand in celestial perfection before Elohim, still clad in material flesh, - an interpretation which is just the opposite of the true, as may be seen by studying the book of Job. As Paul says, in his first epistle to the Corinthians, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God."

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 288:20

(The chief stones in the temple)

The chief stones in the temple of Christian Science are to be found in the following postulates: that Life is God, good, and not evil; that Soul is sinless, not to be found in the body; that Spirit is not, and cannot be, materialized; that Life is not subject to death; that the spiritual real man has no birth, no material life, and no death.

3oo0 Chapter 2: Atonement and Eucharist - 39:10

(A belief suicidal)

The educated belief that Soul is in the body causes mortals to regard death as a friend, as a stepping-stone out of mortality into immortality and bliss. The Bible calls death an enemy, and Jesus overcame death and the grave instead of yielding to them. He was "the way." To him, therefore, death was not the threshold over which he must pass into living glory.

Section 4

Isaiah 55:1-3,12,13

1 Ho, every one that thirsteth,

come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Matthew 11:25,28-30

25 #At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

28 #Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

2000 Chapter 3: Marriage - 60:29-11

(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 ascendency over the evil and the spiritual over the animal, or happiness will never be won. The attainment of this celestial condition would improve our progeny, diminish crime, and give higher aims to ambition. Every valley of sin must be exalted, and every mountain of selfishness be brought low, that the highway of our God may be prepared in Science.

4000 Chapter 1: Prayer - 12:31(begin In)

(Love impartial and universal) In divine Science, where prayers are mental, all may avail themselves of God as "a very present help in trouble." Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals. It is the open fount which cries, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 210:11

(Jesus' disregard of matter)

Knowing that Soul and its attributes were forever manifested through man, the Master healed the

sick, gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, feet to the lame, thus bringing to light the scientific action of the divine Mind on human minds and bodies and giving a better understanding of Soul and salvation. Jesus healed sickness and sin by one and the same metaphysical process.

Section 5

Luke 1:46,47,49,50

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

John 15:7,11

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

John 16:22,24

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

4000 Chapter 1: Prayer - 14:12-18

(Spiritualized consciousness)

Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual, - neither in nor of matter, - and the body will then utter no complaints. If suffering from a belief in sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well. Sorrow is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spiritual Life, Truth, and Love.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 298:13-20

(Truth's witness)

Spiritual sense, contradicting the material senses, involves intuition, hope, faith, understanding, fruition, reality. Material sense expresses the belief that mind is in matter. This human belief, alternating between a sense of pleasure and pain, hope and fear, life and death, never reaches beyond the boundary of the mortal or the unreal. When the real is attained, which is announced by Science, joy is no longer a trembler, nor is hope a cheat.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 390:4

(Ultimate harmony)

We cannot deny that Life is self-sustained, and we should never deny the everlasting harmony of Soul, simply because, to the mortal senses, there is seeming discord. It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony. Truth will at length compel us all to exchange the pleasures and pains of sense for the joys of Soul.

Section 6

II Corinthians 5:1,6,8,16

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

Revelation 21:2-4,23

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten

thereof.

582:14 Chapter 17: Glossary
(BRIDE)

BRIDE. Purity and innocence, conceiving man in the idea of God; a sense of Soul, which has spiritual bliss and enjoys but cannot suffer.

ooo1 Chapter 16: The Apocalypse - 574:25

(Spiritual wedlock)

Think of this, dear reader, for it will lift the sackcloth from your eyes, and you will behold the soft-winged dove descending upon you. The very circumstance, which your suffering sense deems wrathful and afflictive, Love can make an angel entertained unawares. Then thought gently whispers: "Come hither! Arise from your false consciousness into the true sense of Love, and behold the Lamb's wife, - Love wedded to its own spiritual idea." Then cometh the marriage feast, for this revelation will destroy forever the physical plagues imposed by material sense.

ooo1 Chapter 16: The Apocalypse - 576:8-25

(The shrine celestial)

In Revelation xxi. 22, further describing this holy city, the beloved Disciple writes: -

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

There was no temple, - that is, no material structure in which to worship God, for He must be worshipped in spirit and in love. The word temple also means body. The Revelator was familiar with Jesus' use of this word, as when Jesus spoke of his material body as the temple to be temporarily rebuilt (John ii. 21). What further indication need we of the real man's incorporeality

than this, that John saw heaven and earth with "no temple [body] therein"? This kingdom of God "is within you," - is within reach of man's consciousness here, and the spiritual idea reveals it. In divine Science, man possesses this recognition of harmony consciously in proportion to his understanding of God.

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