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IS THE UNIVERSE, INCLUDING MAN,
EVOLVED BY ATOMIC FORCE?

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-- Golden Text --

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.

Responsive Reading

Mark 13:14-19,24-32

14 #But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house:

16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.

17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

24 #But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:

29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

32 #But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels

which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Section 1

Genesis 1:1,26,27

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

26 #And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 2:1,6,7,9

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

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.

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.

o300 Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 127:4

(Science and Christianity)

If God, the All-in-all, be the creator of the spiritual universe, including man, then everything entitled to a classification as truth, or Science, must be comprised in a knowledge or understanding of God, for there can be nothing beyond illimitable divinity.

oo30 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 299:18

(Knowledge and Truth)

Knowledge gained from material sense is figuratively represented in Scripture as a tree, bearing the fruits of sin, sickness, and death. Ought we not then to judge the knowledge thus obtained to be untrue and dangerous, since "the tree is known by his fruit"?

o100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 206:21

(Birth and death unreal)

Is God creating anew what He has already created? The Scriptures are definite on this point, declaring that His work was finished, nothing is new to God, and that it was good.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 524:28-4

(Creation reversed) 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.

oo30 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 295:5

not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

(Mortals unlike immortals)

God creates and governs the universe, including man. The universe is filled with spiritual ideas, which He evolves, and they are obedient to the Mind that makes them. Mortal mind would transform the spiritual into the material, and then recover man's original self in order to escape from the mortality of this error. 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.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Romans 3:19,20

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Section 2

Genesis 3:9,10

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

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

Habakkuk 3:2

2 O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

Psalms 25:1-3

1 Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 532:17-4

(Shame the effect of sin)

Knowledge and pleasure, evolved through material sense, produced the immediate fruits of fear and shame. Ashamed before Truth, error shrank abashed from the divine voice calling out to the corporeal senses. Its summons may be thus paraphrased: "Where art thou, man? Is Mind in matter? Is Mind capable of error as well as of truth, of evil as well as of good, when God is All and He is Mind and there is but one God, hence one Mind?"

Fear was the first manifestation of the error of material sense. Thus error began and will end the dream of matter. In the allegory the body had been naked, and Adam knew it not; but now error demands that mind shall see and feel through matter, the five senses. 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.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 537:19-24

(Inspired interpretation)

No one can reasonably doubt that the purpose of this allegory - this second account in Genesis - is to depict the falsity of error and the effects of error. Subsequent Bible revelation is coordinate with the Science of creation recorded in the first chapter of Genesis.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 523:3-10

(Mist, or false claim)

Because of its false basis, the mist of obscurity evolved by error deepens the false claim, and finally declares that God knows error and that error can improve His creation. Although presenting the exact opposite of Truth, the lie claims to be truth. The creations of matter arise from a mist or false claim, or from mystification, and not from the firmament, or understanding, which God erects between the true and false.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 140:28

(Anthropomorphism)

In the beginning God created man in His, God's, image; but mortals would procreate man, and make God in their own human image. What is the god of a mortal, but a mortal magnified?

Section 3

I Samuel 2:7,9,10

7 The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

Psalms 33:16,17

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Amos 2:6,14

6 #Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

14 Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself:

Romans 5:6,17

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall

reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

o2oo Chapter 7: Physiology - 188:4-8

(Embryonic sinful thoughts)

The belief of sin, which has grown terrible in strength and influence, is an unconscious error in the beginning, - an embryonic thought without motive; but afterwards it governs the so-called man.

o2oo Chapter 7: Physiology - 189:18-32

(Ascending the scale)

The human mortal mind, by an inevitable perversion, makes all things start from the lowest instead of from the highest mortal thought. The reverse is the case with all the formations of the immortal divine Mind. They proceed from the divine source; and so, in tracing them, we constantly ascend in infinite being.

(Human reproduction)

From mortal mind comes the reproduction of the species, - first the belief of inanimate, and then of animate matter. According to mortal thought, the development of embryonic mortal mind commences in the lower, basal portion of the brain, and goes on in an ascending scale by evolution, keeping always in the direct line of matter, for matter is the subjective condition of mortal mind.

o2oo Chapter 7: Physiology - 190:14

(Human frailty)

Human birth, growth, maturity, and decay are as the grass springing from the soil with beautiful green blades, afterwards to wither and return to its native nothingness. This mortal seeming is temporal; it never merges into immortal being, but finally disappears, and immortal man, spiritual and eternal, is found to be the real man.

oo4o Chapter 9: Creation - 260:19

(Requisite change of our ideals)

Mortals must change their ideals in order to improve their models. A sick body is evolved from sick thoughts. Sickness, disease, and death proceed from fear. Sensualism evolves bad physical and moral conditions.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 391:7-13

(Righteous rebellion)

Instead of blind and calm submission to the incipient or advanced stages of disease, rise in rebellion against them. Banish the belief that you can possibly entertain a single intruding pain which cannot be ruled out by the might of Mind, and in this way you can prevent the development of pain in the body. No law of God hinders this result.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine - 135:9

(Lawful wonders) Spiritual evolution alone is worthy of the exercise of divine power.

Section 4

Psalm 21:7,8,11

7 For the king trusteth in the Lord, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

I Timothy 5:24,25

24 Some men's sins are open
beforehand, going before to judgment;
and some men they follow after.

25 Likewise also the good works of
some are manifest beforehand; and they
that are otherwise cannot be hid.

Hebrews 4:12,13

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.

13 Neither is there any creature
that is not manifest in his sight:
but all things are naked and opened
unto the eyes of him with whom we
have to do.

Luke 12:2

2 For there is nothing covered,
that shall not be revealed; neither
hid, that shall not be known.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 551:12,22-27

(The ascent of species)

Evolution describes the gradations of human
belief, but it does not acknowledge the method of
divine Mind, nor see that material methods are
impossible in divine Science and that all Science is
of God, not of man.

(Transmitted peculiarities) The question of the
naturalist amounts to this: How can matter originate
or transmit mind? We answer that it cannot.

Darkness and doubt encompass thought, so long as
it bases creation on materiality. From a material

standpoint, "Canst thou by searching find out
God?"

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 547:17,25

(Embryonic evolution)

Briefly, this is Darwin's theory, - that Mind
produces its opposite, matter, and endues matter
with power to recreate the universe, including man.
Material evolution implies that the great First
Cause must become material, and afterwards must
either return to Mind or go down into dust and
nothingness.

(True theory of the universe)

The true theory of the universe, including man, is
not in material history but in spiritual development.
Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual,
and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the
spiritual and immortal.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 205:12

(Creation perfect)

God created all through Mind, and made all
perfect and eternal. Where then is the necessity for
recreation or procreation?

Section 5

II Peter 3:1,3,4

1 This second epistle, beloved, I
now write unto you; in both which I
stir up your pure minds by way of
remembrance:

3 Knowing this first, that there
shall come in the last days scoffers,
walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise
of his coming? for since the fathers
fell asleep, all things continue as
they were from the beginning of the

creation.

Matthew 24:38,39

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Jeremiah 51:53,60,63,64

53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the Lord.

60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon.

63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates:

64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

Revelation 18:21,23

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus

with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus Spiritualism - 96:21-27

(Arena of contest)

Mortal error will vanish in a moral chemicalization. This mental fermentation has begun, and will continue until all errors of belief yield to understanding. Belief is changeable, but spiritual understanding is changeless.

(Millennial glory)

As this consummation draws nearer, he who has shaped his course in accordance with divine Science will endure to the end.

0040 Chapter 9: Creation - 267:1-5

(The infinitude of God)

Every object in material thought will be destroyed, but the spiritual idea, whose substance is in Mind, is eternal. The offspring of God start not from matter or ephemeral dust. They are in and of Spirit, divine Mind, and so forever continue.

0002 Chapter 15: Genesis - 538:27-30

(Erroneous conception)

As both mortal man and sin have a beginning, they must consequently have an end, while the sinless, real man is eternal.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus Spiritualism - 95:19-22

(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.

2000 Chapter 3: Marriage - 68:27-2

(God's creation intact)

Christian Science presents unfoldment, not accretion; it manifests no material growth from molecule to mind, but an impartation of the divine Mind to man and the universe. Proportionately as human generation ceases, the unbroken links of eternal, harmonious being will be spiritually discerned; and man, not of the earth earthly but coexistent with God, will appear.

Section 6

Jeremiah 10:10-12

10 But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

Exodus 20:11

11 For in six days the Lord made

heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

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.

Romans 11:36

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

2000 Chapter 3: Marriage - 69:2-10

(God's creation intact)

The scientific fact that man and the universe are evolved from Spirit, and so are spiritual, is as fixed in divine Science as is the proof that mortals gain the sense of health only as they lose the sense of sin and disease. Mortals can never understand God's creation while believing that man is a creator. God's children already created will be cognized only as man finds the truth of being. Thus it is that the real, ideal man appears in proportion as the false and material disappears.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 303:5-16

(Mental propagation)

Multiplication of God's children comes from no power of propagation in matter, it is the reflection of Spirit.

The minutiae of lesser individualities reflect the one divine individuality and are comprehended in and formed by Spirit, not by material sensation. Whatever reflects Mind, Life, Truth, and Love, is

spiritually conceived and brought forth; but the statement that man is conceived and evolved both spiritually and materially, or by both God and man, contradicts this eternal truth. All the vanity of the ages can never make both these contraries true.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 509:13-14,24

(Rarefaction of thought)

Spirit creates no other than heavenly or celestial bodies, but the stellar universe is no more celestial than our earth.

(Divine nature appearing)

The periods of spiritual ascension are the days and seasons of Mind's creation, in which beauty, sublimity, purity, and holiness - yea, the divine nature - appear in man and the universe never to disappear.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 536:1

(New earth and no more sea)

In the Apocalypse it is written: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." In St. John's vision, heaven and earth stand for spiritual ideas, and the sea, as a symbol of tempest-tossed human concepts advancing and receding, is represented as having passed away. The divine understanding reigns, is all, and there is no other consciousness.

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