

Unreality

GOLDEN TEXT | I Corinthians 1:20 Has

. . . Has God not exposed the foolishness of this world's wisdom?

RESPONSIVE READING | James 3:13–17 Matthew 7:15–20

- 13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
- 14 **But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.**
- 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
- 16 **For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.**
- 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
- 15 **Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**
- 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
- 17 **Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**
- 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

- 19 **Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**
- 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Section 1
The Bible

1 | Proverbs 2:6 the

6 the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

2 | Proverbs 9:6

6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

3 | I John 4:1, 4

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

4 | Romans 12:21

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

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5 | Ephesians 6:13 *take*, 17

13 take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

6 | Psalms 107:8, 13 *they*

8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

13 they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

*Section 1
Science and Health*

1 | 339:7-10

Since God is All, there is no room for His unlikeness. God, Spirit, alone created all, and called it

9 good. Therefore evil, being contrary to good, is unreal, and cannot be the product of God. Evil not produced by God

2 | 505:16-17, 21

Spirit imparts the understanding which uplifts consciousness and leads into all truth.

21 Understanding is the line of demarcation between the real and unreal. Spiritual understanding unfolds Mind, — Life, Truth, and Love, — and demonstrates the
24 divine sense, giving the spiritual proof of the universe in Christian Science.

3 | 207:9

9 We must learn that evil is the awful deception and unreality of existence. Evil is not supreme; good is not helpless; nor are the Subordination of evil
12 so-called laws of matter primary, and the law of Spirit secondary. Without this lesson, we lose sight of the perfect Father, or the divine Principle of man.

4 | 186:11-20

Evil is a negation, because it is the absence of truth.
12 It is nothing, because it is the absence of something. It is unreal, because it presupposes the absence of God, the omnipotent and omnipresent. Evil negative and self-destructive
15 Every mortal must learn that there is neither power nor reality in evil.

Evil is self-assertive. It says: "I am a real entity, overmastering good." This falsehood should strip evil of all pretensions. The only power of evil is to destroy itself. It can never destroy one iota of good.

5 | 571:15

15 At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory The armor of divinity
18 over evil. Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you. The cement of a higher humanity will unite all interests in the one
21 divinity.

Section 2
The Bible

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7 | Psalms 143:10

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

8 | Exodus 3:11 Moses, 12 (to ;)

11 Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? 12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee;

9 | Exodus 4:1-4, 6-8

1 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee. 2 And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4 And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

6 And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. 7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. 8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

6 | 480:2-5

3 Where the spirit of God is, and there is no place where God is not, evil becomes nothing, — the opposite of the something of Spirit.

7 | 321:6-29

6 The Hebrew Lawgiver, slow of speech, despaired of making the people understand what should be revealed to him. When, led by wisdom to cast down his rod, he saw it become a serpent, Moses fled before it; but wisdom bade him come back and handle the serpent, and then Moses' fear departed. In this incident was seen the actuality of Science. Matter was shown to be a belief only. The serpent, evil, under wisdom's bidding, was destroyed through understanding divine Science, and this proof was a staff upon which to lean. The illusion of Moses lost its power to alarm him, when he discovered that what he apparently saw was really but a phase of mortal belief.

Fear of the serpent overcome

It was scientifically demonstrated that leprosy was a creation of mortal mind and not a condition of matter, when Moses first put his hand into his bosom and drew it forth white as snow with the dread disease, and presently restored his hand to its natural condition by the same simple process. God had lessened

Leprosy healed

*Section 3
The Bible*

Moses' fear by this proof in divine Science, and the inward voice became to him the voice of God, which said:

27 "It shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign."

8 | 109:32

The three great verities of Spirit, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, — Spirit possessing all power, filling all space, constituting all Science, — contradict forever the belief that matter can be actual. These eternal verities reveal primeval existence as the radiant reality of God's creation, in which all that He has made is pronounced by His wisdom good.

God's
allness
learned

9 | 510:9

9 Truth and Love enlighten the understanding, in whose "light shall we see light;" and this illumination is reflected spiritually by all who walk in the light and turn away from a false material sense.

10 | 525:20–22

21 Everything good or worthy, God made. Whatever is valueless or baneful, He did not make, — hence its unreality.

No baneful
creation

10 | Isaiah 9:2 (to :), 6 (to 2nd :)

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

11 | Luke 2:52

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

12 | Luke 13:10–17

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. 15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed

from this bond on the sabbath day? 17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

13 | Romans 12:2 *be*

2 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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Science and Health*

11 | 131:26–29

The mission of Jesus confirmed prophecy, and explained the so-called miracles of olden time as natural demonstrations of the divine power, demonstrations which were not understood.

John the Baptist, and the Messiah

12 | 269:5

Jesus' demonstrations sift the chaff from the wheat, and unfold the unity and the reality of good, the unreality, the nothingness, of evil.

13 | 226:18

Human codes, scholastic theology, material medicine and hygiene, fetter faith and spiritual understanding. Divine Science rends asunder these fetters, and man's birthright of sole allegiance to his Maker asserts itself.

14 | xi:9–14

9 The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation.

15 | 276:12

12 The realization that all inharmony is unreal brings objects and thoughts into human view in their true light, and presents them as beautiful and immortal. Harmony in man is as real and immortal as in music. Discord is unreal and mortal.

*Section 4
The Bible*

14 | Acts 5:12 (to ;)

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people;

15 | Acts 20:7–12

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. 8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. 9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching,

he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. 10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. 11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. 12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

*Section 4
Science and Health*

16 | 245:27 (only), 32–1 Mind

27 Impossibilities never occur.

Mind

1 and its formations can never be annihilated.

17 | 424:5–11

Accidents are unknown to God, or immortal Mind,
6 and we must leave the mortal basis of belief Accidents
and unite with the one Mind, in order to unknown
change the notion of chance to the proper sense to God
9 of God’s unerring direction and thus bring out harmony.
Under divine Providence there can be no accidents,
since there is no room for imperfection in perfection.

18 | 470:18

18 The standard of perfection was originally
God and man. Has God taken down His own standard,
and has man fallen?

19 | 322:3

3 When understanding changes the standpoints of life and
intelligence from a material to a spiritual basis, we shall
gain the reality of Life, the control of Soul over Standpoints
6 sense, and we shall perceive Christianity, or changed
Truth, in its divine Principle. This must be the climax
before harmonious and immortal man is obtained and his
9 capabilities revealed. It is highly important — in view
of the immense work to be accomplished before this recog-
12 nition of divine Science can come — to turn our thoughts
towards divine Principle, that finite belief may be pre-
pared to relinquish its error.

20 | 428:3 (only)

3 Life is real, and death is the illusion.

*Section 5
The Bible*

16 | II Corinthians 10:7 (to ?)

7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?

17 | Isaiah 45:22

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the
earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

18 | John 6:63 (to :)

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth
nothing:

19 | Romans 8:5-9 *they* (to 1st.)

5 they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

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Science and Health*

21 | 356:15

15 Jesus knew, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing."

22 | 182:32-4

The law of Christ, or

1 Truth, makes all things possible to Spirit; but the so-called laws of matter would render Spirit of no avail, and
3 demand obedience to materialistic codes, thus departing from the basis of one God, one lawmaker.

23 | 359:29-21

A Christian Scientist and an opponent are like two
30 artists. One says: "I have spiritual ideals, Two different artists indestructible and glorious. When others see them as I do, in their true light and loveliness, — and
1 know that these ideals are real and eternal because drawn

3 from Truth, — they will find that nothing is lost, and all is won, by a right estimate of what is real."

The other artist replies: "You wrong my experience. I have no mind-ideals except those which are both mental
6 and material. It is true that materiality renders these ideals imperfect and destructible; yet I would not exchange mine for thine, for mine give me such personal
9 pleasure, and they are not so shockingly transcendental. They require less self-abnegation, and keep Soul well out of sight. Moreover, I have no notion of losing my old
12 doctrines or human opinions."

Dear reader, which mind-picture or externalized thought shall be real to you, — the material or the spiritual?
15 Both you cannot have. You are bringing out Choose ye to-day your own ideal. This ideal is either temporal or eternal. Either Spirit or matter is your model. If you
18 try to have two models, then you practically have none. Like a pendulum in a clock, you will be thrown back and forth, striking the ribs of matter and swinging between the
21 real and the unreal.

24 | 248:13-15, 26-29

We are all sculptors, working at various forms, moulding and chiseling thought. Mental sculpture

We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives. Perfect models

25 | 239:18–20

18 If divine Love is becoming nearer, dearer, and more real to us, matter is then submitting to Spirit. Standpoint revealed

26 | 468:12–13

12 Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal.

*Section 6
The Bible*

20 | I Corinthians 1:20 *hath*

20 hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 | Psalms 119:89, 104

89 For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.
104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

22 | I John 5:20

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

*Section 6
Science and Health*

27 | 192:27–29

27 We walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by following the example of our Master in the understanding of divine metaphysics.

28 | 489:28–29

Outside the
material sense of things, all is harmony.

Organic
construction
valueless

29 | 287:32–8

1 Truth cannot be contaminated by error. The statement that *Truth is real* necessarily includes the correlated statement, that *error, Truth's unlikeness, is unreal.*

3 The suppositional warfare between truth and error is only the mental conflict between the evidence of the spiritual senses and the testimony of the material senses, and this warfare between the Spirit and flesh will settle all questions through faith in and the understanding of divine Love.

The great
conflict

30 | 304:9–14, 20

9 This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into

12 sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can
never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind
nor life result in death.

21 as in music, and discord is unnatural, unreal.

31 | 506:10–11

Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony.

