

Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?

GOLDEN TEXT | Romans 13:11 *now*

. . . NOW IT IS HIGH TIME TO AWAKE OUT OF SLEEP: FOR NOW IS OUR SALVATION NEARER THAN WHEN WE BELIEVED.

RESPONSIVE READING | Jeremiah 23:18 *who*, 23–25, 27, 28 (to 1st .), 32, 35
Ephesians 5:14 *Awake*

- 18 . . . who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?
- 23 **Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?**
- 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.
- 25 **I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.**
- 27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.
- 28 **The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.**
- 32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord.
- 35 **Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the Lord answered? and, What hath the Lord spoken?**

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

Section 1
The Bible

1 | Genesis 1:31 *God* (to 1st .)

31 God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

2 | Psalms 107:15

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

3 | Psalms 91:9, 10

9 Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

4 | Psalms 132:4, 5

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, 5 Until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

5 | Psalms 139:1, 3, 18 *when*

1 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
3 Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
18 when I awake, I am still with thee.

*Section 1
Science and Health*

1 | 472:24 All

24 All reality is in God and His creation, har-
 monious and eternal. That which He creates is good,
 and He makes all that is made. Therefore
 27 the only reality of sin, sickness, or death is Unrealities
that seem real
 the awful fact that unrealities seem real to human, erring
 belief, until God strips off their disguise. They are not
 30 true, because they are not of God. We learn in Christian
 1 Science that all inharmony of mortal mind or body is illu-
 sion, possessing neither reality nor identity though seeming
 3 to be real and identical.

2 | 277:10

If goodness and spirit-
 uality are real, evil and materiality are unreal and can-
 12 not be the outcome of an infinite God, good.

3 | 188:11

Mortal existence is a dream of pain and pleasure in
 12 matter, a dream of sin, sickness, and death; and it is like
 the dream we have in sleep, in which every one Disease
a dream
 recognizes his condition to be wholly a state of
 15 mind. In both the waking and the sleeping dream, the
 dreamer thinks that his body is material and the suffering
 is in that body.

4 | 215:15

15 We are sometimes led to believe that darkness is as real
 as light; but Science affirms darkness to be only a mortal

sense of the absence of light, at the coming of Light and
darkness
 18 which darkness loses the appearance of reality.
 So sin and sorrow, disease and death, are the suppositional
 absence of Life, God, and flee as phantoms of error before
 21 truth and love.

*Section 2
The Bible*

6 | Daniel 4:5

5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts
 upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

7 | Isaiah 2:22

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for
 wherein is he to be accounted of?

8 | Isaiah 26:19 *Awake (to :), 20 hide*

19 Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust:
 20 hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the
 indignation be overpast.

9 | Jeremiah 17:14

14 Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and
 I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

10 | Psalms 17:6 (to :), 15

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God:
 15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness:
 I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Section 2
Science and Health

5 | 417:20–21

To the Christian Science healer, sickness is a dream
21 from which the patient needs to be awakened.

6 | 530:26–29

The history of error is a dream-narrative. The dream
27 has no reality, no intelligence, no mind; therefore the
dreamer and dream are one, for neither is true nor real.

Scriptural
allegory

7 | 494:19

Reason, rightly di-
rected, serves to correct the errors of corporeal sense; but
21 sin, sickness, and death will seem real (even as the ex-
periences of the sleeping dream seem real) until the Sci-
ence of man’s eternal harmony breaks their illusion with
24 the unbroken reality of scientific being.

8 | 196:4–8

The power
of mortal mind over its own body is little understood.
6 Better the suffering which awakens mortal mind from
its fleshly dream, than the false pleasures
which tend to perpetuate this dream.

Sin destroyed
through
suffering

9 | 396:30

30 It breaks the dream of disease to under-
stand that sickness is formed by the human mind, not by
matter nor by the divine Mind.

10 | 347:23–31

If Christian Science takes away the popular gods, —
24 sin, sickness, and death, — it is Christ, Truth, who de-
stroys these evils, and so proves their nothingness.

The dream that matter and error are something
27 must yield to reason and revelation. Then mortals
will behold the nothingness of sickness and sin, and
sin and sickness will disappear from consciousness.
30 The harmonious will appear real, and the inharmo-
nious unreal.

Section 3
The Bible

11 | Genesis 2:1 *the*, 6, 7, 21 (to :)

1 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 nos-
trils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon
Adam, and he slept:

12 | I Corinthians 15:22

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be
made alive.

13 | Romans 8:1, 2

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

14 | Matthew 4:23

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

15 | Matthew 9:2–8

2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. 3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. 4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. 7 And he arose, and departed to his house. 8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

16 | Romans 6:14 *sin*

14 sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

*Section 3
Science and Health*

11 | 524:28–29, 31–3

Could Spirit evolve its opposite, matter, and give matter ability to sin and suffer?

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?

12 | 282:28–31

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. Truth is not inverted

13 | 411:20–21

The procuring cause and foundation of all sickness is fear, ignorance, or sin.

14 | 318:16

Is the sick man sinful above all others? No! but so far as he is discordant, he is not the image of God. Weary of their material beliefs, from which comes so much suffering, invalids grow more spiritual, as the error — or belief that life is in matter — yields to the reality of spiritual Life. Sickness as discord

15 | 475:28–31

Man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death. The real man cannot depart from holiness, nor can God, by whom man is evolved, engender the capacity or freedom to sin. Man unfallen

16 | 354:26

Sin should become unreal to every one. It is in itself inconsistent, a divided kingdom. Its supposed realism has no divine authority, and I rejoice in the apprehension of this grand verity.

17 | 442:19–22 *When*

When Christ the great physician

Christ changes a belief of sin or of sickness into a better belief, then belief melts into spiritual understanding, and sin, disease, and death disappear.

*Section 4
The Bible*

17 | John 5:2–9 (to :)

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. 5 And a certain man was

there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked:

18 | Isaiah 60:1

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

19 | I Thessalonians 5:5, 6 (to ;)

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others;

20 | Romans 13:11 *now* (to :)

11 now it is high time to awake out of sleep:

*Section 4
Science and Health*

18 | 395:6

6 Like the great Exemplar, the healer should speak to disease as one having authority over it, leaving Soul to master the false evidences of the corporeal senses and to assert its claims over mortality and disease. The same Principle cures both sin and Divine authority

sickness. When divine Science overcomes faith in a carnal mind, and faith in God destroys all faith in sin and in material methods of healing, then sin, disease, and death will disappear.

19 | 230:1

1 If sickness is real, it belongs to immortality; if true, it is a part of Truth. Would you attempt with drugs, or without, to destroy a quality or condition of Truth? But if sickness and sin are illusions, the awakening from this mortal dream, or illusion, will bring us into health, holiness, and immortality. This awakening is the forever coming of Christ, the advanced appearing of Truth, which casts out error and heals the sick. This is the salvation which comes through God, the divine Principle, Love, as demonstrated by Jesus.

20 | 418:12–16, 28

12 It must be clear to you that sickness is no more the reality of being than is sin. This mortal dream of sickness, sin, and death should cease through Christian Science. Then one disease would be as readily destroyed as another.

Truthful arguments

30 Speak the truth to every form of error. Tumors, ulcers, tubercles, inflammation, pain, deformed joints, are waking dream-shadows, dark images of mortal thought, which flee before the light of Truth.

Morality required

21 | 365:31

The poor suffering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace, patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear Father's loving-kindness.

22 | 67:28

Man delivered from sin, disease, and death presents the true likeness or spiritual ideal.

*Section 5
The Bible*

21 | John 11:1, 5–7, 11–13 *Our* (to :), 17, 32–34 *when*, 38 *It*, 39 (to 1st .), 41, 42 (to :), 43, 44

1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. 7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judæa again.

11 Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death:

17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

32 when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

38 It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. 39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone.

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always:

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

22 | Ephesians 5:14 *Awake*

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

*Section 5
Science and Health*

23 | 75:12

12 Jesus said of Lazarus: "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep." Jesus restored Lazarus by the understanding that
15 Lazarus had never died, not by an admis-
18 sion that his body had died and then lived again. Had Jesus believed that Lazarus had lived or died in his body, the Master would have stood on the same plane of belief as those who buried the body, and he could not have resuscitated it.

Raising
the dead

24 | 493:28–2

If Jesus awakened Lazarus from the dream, illusion, of death, this proved that the Christ could improve on a false sense. Who dares to doubt this consummate test of the power and willingness of divine Mind to hold man forever intact in his perfect state, and to govern man's entire action?

25 | 289:14

15 The fact that the Christ, or Truth, overcame and still overcomes death proves the "king of terrors" to be but a mortal belief, or error, which Truth destroys with the spiritual evidences of Life; and this shows that what appears to the senses to be death is but a mortal illusion, for to the real man and the real universe there is no death-process.

Death but
an illusion

26 | 251:8–12

In the illusion of death, mortals wake to the knowledge of two facts: (1) that they are not dead; (2) that they have but passed the portals of a new belief. Truth works out the nothingness of error in just these ways.

Illusion
of death

27 | 427:13–16, 29–3

15 Death is but another phase of the dream that existence can be material. Nothing can interfere with the harmony of being nor end the existence of man in Science.

Mortality
vanquished

No death
nor inaction

The dream of death must

30 be mastered by Mind here or hereafter. Thought
will waken from its own material declaration, "I am
dead," to catch this trumpet-word of Truth, "There
1 is no death, no inaction, diseased action, overaction, nor
reaction."

3 Life is real, and death is the illusion.

28 | 42:6

6 Death A belief
will be found at length to be a mortal dream, in death
which comes in darkness and disappears with the light.

Section 6
The Bible

23 | Judges 5:12 3rd *awake* (to 2nd :)

12 awake, awake, utter a song:

24 | Psalms 108:1–3 (to :)

1 O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise,
even with my glory. 2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself
will awake early. 3 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the
people:

25 | Revelation 19:6 *Alleluia*

6 Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Section 6
Science and Health

29 | 14:25–28

Entirely separate from the belief and dream of mate-
rial living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual under-
27 standing and the consciousness of man's dominion
over the whole earth.

30 | 218:32–2

1 When we wake to the truth of being, all disease,
pain, weakness, weariness, sorrow, sin, death, will be
unknown, and the mortal dream will forever cease.

31 | 249:8–10

9 Let us re- Renewed
joyce that we are subject to the divine "powers that be." selfhood
Such is the true Science of being.