

# Adam and Fallen Man

GOLDEN TEXT | Ecclesiastes 7:13 (to :), 29 *God* (to ;)

CONSIDER THE WORK OF GOD: . . . GOD HATH MADE MAN UPRIGHT;

RESPONSIVE READING | Genesis 1:1, 3, 4, 26 (to :), 27, 31 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .);

2:1, 6–8, 21 (to :)

Romans 13:11 *now*, 12

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.  
 3 **And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**  
 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.  
 26 **And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:**  
 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.  
 31 **And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.**  
 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.  
 8 **And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.**

- 21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept:  
 11 . . . **now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**  
 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

*Section 1*

*The Bible*

1 | John 1:1–3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

2 | Psalms 16:5, 6

5 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. 6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

3 | Psalms 17:15

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Section 1  
Science and Health

1 | 525:17–24

In the Gospel of John, it is declared that all things were made through the Word of God, “and without Him [the *logos*, or *word*] was not anything made that was made.” Everything good or worthy, God made. Whatever is valueless or baneful, He did not make, — hence its unreality. In the Science of Genesis we read that He saw everything which He had made, “and, behold, it was very good.”

No baneful creation

2 | 501:1–7

Scientific interpretation of the Scriptures properly starts with the beginning of the Old Testament, chiefly because the spiritual import of the Word, in its earliest articulations, often seems so smothered by the immediate context as to require explication; whereas the New Testament narratives are clearer and come nearer the heart.

Spiritual interpretation

3 | 502:18, 22–27

In the following exegesis, each text is followed by its spiritual interpretation according to the teachings of Christian Science.

*Genesis* i. 1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

24 The infinite has no beginning. This word *beginning* is employed to signify *the only*, — that is, the eternal verity and unity of God and man, including the universe.

Ideas and identities

4 | 516:24

24 *Genesis* i. 27. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

5 | 517:8–10

The ideal man corresponds to creation, to intelligence, and to Truth. The ideal woman corresponds to Life and to Love.

6 | 518:24–25

24 *Genesis* i. 31. And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.

7 | 519:3

3 Deity was satisfied with His work. How could He be otherwise, since the spiritual creation was the outgrowth, the emanation, of His infinite self-containment and immortal wisdom?

Perfection of creation

*Section 2  
The Bible*

4 | Genesis 2:1, 6, 21–23

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.

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

5 | Genesis 3:1–6, 9, 11–13 *Hast*

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the

eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

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

11 Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

6 | Isaiah 52:1 (to 2<sup>nd</sup> ); 2, 7 *Thy*

1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion;

2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

7 Thy God reigneth!

*Section 2  
Science and Health*

8 | 521:21–26

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

24 The Science and truth of the divine creation have been presented in the verses already considered, and now the opposite error, a material view of creation, is to be set forth.

The story  
of error

9 | 523:14–17, 22–27

15 It may be worth while here to remark that, according to the best scholars, there are clear evidences of two distinct documents in the early part of the book of Genesis. Distinct documents

24 Throughout the first chapter of Genesis and in three verses of the second, — in what we understand to be the spiritually scientific account of creation, — it is Jehovah or Elohim (God) who creates. From the fourth verse of chapter two to chapter five, the creator is called Jehovah, or the Lord. Jehovah or Elohim

10 | 524:16–20

18 Did the divine and infinite Principle become a finite deity, that He should now be called Jehovah? With a single command, Mind had made man, both male and female. How then could a material organization become the basis of man? Creation reversed

11 | 470:23

24 Man is the expression of God’s being. If there ever was a moment when man did not express the divine perfection, then there was a moment when man did not express God, and consequently a time when Deity was unexpressed — that is, without entity. If man has lost perfection, then he has lost his perfect Principle, the divine Mind. If man ever existed without this perfect Principle or Mind, then man’s existence was a myth. Indestructible relationship

12 | 92:11–16

12 In old Scriptural pictures we see a serpent coiled around the tree of knowledge and speaking to Adam and Eve. This represents the serpent in the act of commending to our first parents the knowledge of good and evil, a knowledge gained from matter, or evil, instead of from Spirit. Knowledge of good and evil

13 | 282:28–31

30 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

14 | 258:25

27 Mortals have a very imperfect sense of the spiritual man and of the infinite range of his thought. To him belongs eternal Life. Never born and never dying, it were impossible for man, under the government of God in eternal Science, to fall from his high estate. Individual permanency

15 | 516:21

21 Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality, the infinite Father-Mother God.

*Section 3*  
*The Bible*

7 | I Corinthians 15:22 as

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

8 | Ephesians 5:8 now

8 now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 | Daniel 3:1, 8–18, 21, 23–25, 27

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. 9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. 10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image: 11 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego. Then they brought these men before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, do not ye serve my

gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? 15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counselors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

10 | Romans 8:35, 37

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

*Section 3  
Science and Health*

16 | 545:31–1

“As in Adam [error] all die, even so in Christ [Truth] shall all be made alive.” The mortality of man is a myth, for man is immortal.

17 | 133:15

15 Even in captivity among foreign nations, the divine Principle wrought wonders for the people of God in the fiery furnace and in kings’ palaces.

18 | 333:19–26

Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of Love.

The divine Principle and idea

19 | 316:20

Christ presents the indestructible man, whom Spirit creates, constitutes, and governs. Christ illustrates that blending with God, his divine Principle, which gives man dominion over all the earth.

*Section 4  
The Bible*

11 | Psalms 145:8 (to ;), 9, 10 (to ;), 14, 15 (to ;), 17

8 The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion;  
9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. 10 All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord;  
14 The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee;  
17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

12 | Acts 10:38 *God*

38 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

13 | John 9:1–7

1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

14 | Psalms 36:7 (to !), 9

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God!  
9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

*Section 4  
Science and Health*

20 | 503:26–2

27 *Genesis* i. 4. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

1 God, Spirit, dwelling in infinite light and harmony from which emanates the true idea, is never reflected by aught but the good.

21 | 504:23

24 The rays of infinite Truth, when gathered into the focus of ideas, bring light instantaneously, whereas a thousand years of human doctrines, hypotheses, and vague conjectures emit no such effulgence.

22 | 262:27–28 (to 1<sup>st</sup>.)

27 The foundation of mortal discord is a false sense of man’s origin.

23 | 267:3–4

3 The offspring of God start not from matter or ephemeral dust. The infinitude of God

24 | 342:21–26

21 Christian Science awakens the sinner, reclaims the infidel, and raises from the couch of pain the helpless invalid. It speaks to the dumb the words of Argument of good works  
24 Truth, and they answer with rejoicing. It causes the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, and the blind to see.

25 | 259:6 *The*

6 The  
divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted  
9 their lives higher than their poor thought-models would allow, — thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick, sinning, and dying. The Christlike understanding of  
12 scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea, — perfect God and perfect man, — as the basis of thought and demonstration.

26 | 421:15–18 (to 1<sup>st</sup>.)

15 Insist vehemently on the great fact which covers the whole ground,  
that God, Spirit, is all, and that there is none beside  
18 Him.

*Section 5  
The Bible*

15 | Psalms 37:3 (to :), 6, 37

3 Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light,  
and thy judgment as the noonday.  
37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the  
end of that man is peace.

16 | Ephesians 2:4–6 God

4 God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love where-  
with he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath  
quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)  
6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together  
in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

17 | Revelation 12:10 Now (to :)

10 Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom  
of our God, and the power of his Christ:

*Section 5  
Science and Health*

27 | 547:6

6 You can prove for yourself, dear reader,  
the Science of healing, and so ascertain if the author has  
given you the correct interpretation of Scripture.

28 | 476:4, 28–32

In divine Science, God and the real man are  
inseparable as divine Principle and idea.

When speaking of God’s children, not the children of  
men, Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you;”  
30 that is, Truth and Love reign in the real The kingdom  
within  
man, showing that man in God’s image is  
unfallen and eternal.

29 | 200:16

The great truth in the Science of being, that the real  
man was, is, and ever shall be perfect, is incontrovertible;  
18 for if man is the image, reflection, of God, he is neither  
inverted nor subverted, but upright and Godlike.

30 | 258:11–15

Infinity’s  
reflection

Man reflects infinity,  
12 and this reflection is the true idea of God.  
God expresses in man the infinite idea forever develop-  
ing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from  
15 a boundless basis.