

# God the Only Cause and Creator

Section 1  
The Bible

GOLDEN TEXT | I Corinthians 3:9 *you*

. . . you are God's garden and God's building.

RESPONSIVE READING | Isaiah 45:5; 65:18 *be*, 20 (to :), 21–25

- 5 I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:
- 18 . . . **be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.**
- 20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days:
- 21 **And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.**
- 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- 23 **They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.**
- 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
- 25 **The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.**

1 | Genesis 1:31 (to 1<sup>st</sup>.)

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

2 | Isaiah 45:8, 9, 11, 12, 18

8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it. 9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

11 Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. 12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

*The Golden Text is from the Contemporary English Version.*

3 | Isaiah 61:11

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

*Section 1  
Science and Health*

1 | 331:16

Everything  
in God’s universe expresses Him.

2 | 583:20

21 **CREATOR.** Spirit; Mind; intelligence; the animating  
Life, Truth, and Love; that which is perfect and eternal;  
24 the opposite of matter and evil, which have no Prin-  
ciple; God, who made all that was made and could not  
create an atom or an element the opposite of Himself.

3 | 205:7–9

When will the error of believing that there is life in  
matter, and that sin, sickness, and death are creations of  
9 God, be unmasked?

4 | 275:14–15

15 All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, im-  
mortality, cause, and effect belong to God.

5 | 191:21

21 By its own volition, not a blade of grass springs up, not  
a spray buds within the vale, not a leaf unfolds its fair  
outlines, not a flower starts from its cloistered cell.

6 | 502:27

27 The creative Principle — Life,  
Truth, and Love — is God. The universe reflects God.  
There is but one creator and one creation. This crea-  
1 tion consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their  
identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and  
3 forever reflected. These ideas range from the infini-  
tesimal to infinity, and the highest ideas are the sons  
and daughters of God.

Ideas and  
identities

*Section 2  
The Bible*

4 | Psalms 3:2, 3

2 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help  
for him in God. 3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my  
glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

5 | Psalms 100:3 (to ;)

3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath  
made us, and not we ourselves;

6 | Genesis 17:1, 2, 5, 15-17 (to 1<sup>st</sup> ?), 19 (to ;)

1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. 16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. 17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old?

19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed;

7 | Genesis 21:5, 6

5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him. 6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

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Science and Health

7 | 57:18-19

18 Happiness is spiritual,  
born of Truth and Love.

Affection's  
demands

8 | 69:6-8

6 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.

9 | 63:5

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

Spiritual  
origin

10 | 264:7-19

Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things. 9 Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm of Mind? We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being.

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man, multitudinous objects of creation, which before were invisible, will become visible. When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-completeness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness.

Self-  
completeness

11 | 463:6-10, 14

6 To attend properly  
 the birth of the new child, or divine idea, Scientific  
obstetrics  
 you should so detach mortal thought from its  
 9 material conceptions, that the birth will be natural and  
 safe.

The new idea, conceived and born of Truth and Love, is  
 15 clad in white garments. Its beginning will be meek, its  
 growth sturdy, and its maturity undecaying. When  
 this new birth takes place, the Christian Science infant  
 18 is born of the Spirit, born of God, and can cause the  
 mother no more suffering. By this we know that Truth  
 is here and has fulfilled its perfect work.

*Section 3  
The Bible*

8 | John 12:44

44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

9 | John 5:19 *The, 20, 30*

19 The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

10 | Matthew 9:35

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

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12 | 26:14

Divine Truth,  
 15 Life, and Love gave Jesus authority over sin, sickness,  
 and death. His mission was to reveal the Science of  
 celestial being, to prove what God is and what He does  
 18 for man.

13 | 305:13

The verity that God's image is not  
 a creator, though he reflects the creation of Mind, God,  
 15 constitutes the underlying reality of reflection. "Then  
 answered Jesus and said unto them: Verily, verily I say  
 unto you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he  
 18 seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth,  
 these also doeth the Son likewise."

14 | 204:20

When will the ages under-  
 21 stand the Ego, and realize only one God, one  
 Mind or intelligence?

15 | 263:1–10

1 Mortals are egotists. They believe themselves to be independent workers, personal authors, and even privileged originators of something which Deity would not or could not create. The creations of mortal mind are material. Immortal spiritual man alone represents the truth of creation.

Human egotism

When mortal man blends his thoughts of existence with the spiritual and works only as God works, he will no longer grope in the dark and cling to earth because he has not tasted heaven.

Mortal man a mis-creator

16 | 496:15

15 Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing, based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, overlying, and encompassing all true being.

17 | 37:22–25

It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

*Section 4  
The Bible*

11 | John 4:35

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

12 | Matthew 15:32–37

32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. 33 And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? 34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. 35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. 36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full.

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18 | 206:15

15 In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with the loaves and the fishes, — Spirit, not matter, being the source of supply.

19 | 507:3–6

3 Spirit duly feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the fatherhood and motherhood of God.

20 | 530:6

6 The earth, at God’s command, brings  
 forth food for man’s use. Knowing this, Jesus  
 once said, “Take no thought for your life, Divine  
providence  
 9 what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink,” — presuming  
 not on the prerogative of his creator, but recognizing God,  
 the Father and Mother of all, as able to feed and clothe  
 12 man as He doth the lilies.

21 | 507:28–5

Creation is ever appearing, and must ever con-  
 tinue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source.  
 30 Mortal sense inverts this appearing and calls ideas mate-  
 rial. Thus misinterpreted, the divine idea seems to fall  
 1 to the level of a human or material belief, called mortal  
 man. But the seed is in itself, only as the divine Mind  
 3 is All and reproduces all — as Mind is the multiplier,  
 and Mind’s infinite idea, man and the universe, is the  
 product.

22 | 494:11

It is not well to imagine that Jesus demon-  
 12 strated the divine power to heal only for a select number  
 or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and  
 in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

23 | 203:13

Spiritual perception brings  
 out the possibilities of being, destroys reliance on aught  
 15 but God, and so makes man the image of his Maker in  
 deed and in truth.

Section 5  
 The Bible

13 | Psalms 145:10

10 All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints  
 shall bless thee.

14 | Matthew 5:8, 10

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteous-  
 ness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

15 | Acts 5:12 (to ;), 15–21, 25, 27, 28 (to ?), 29, 34, 35, 38, 39 (to ;), 42

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

15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the  
 streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least  
 the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of  
 them. 16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round  
 about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which  
 were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed  
 every one. 17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they  
 that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,)  
 and were filled with indignation, 18 And laid their hands  
 on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. 19 But  
 the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and  
 brought them forth, and said, 20 Go, stand and speak in the  
 temple to the people all the words of this life. 21 And when  
 they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the

morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, 28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name?

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; 35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: 39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it;

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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24 | 343:10

The sick, the halt,  
and the blind look up to Christian Science with blessings,  
12 and Truth will not be forever hidden by unjust parody  
from the quickened sense of the people.

25 | 379:6

6 The real jurisdiction of the world is in Mind, controlling every effect and recognizing all causation as vested in divine Mind.

26 | 114:23-24, 29

24 Christian Science explains all cause and effect as mental, not physical.

30 Science shows that what is termed *matter* is but the subjective state of what is termed by the author *mortal mind*.

27 | 151:31-5

1 That mortal mind claims to govern every organ of the mortal body, we have overwhelming proof. But this so-called mind is a myth, and must by its own consent yield to Truth. It would wield the sceptre of a monarch, but  
3 it is powerless. The immortal divine Mind takes away all its supposed sovereignty, and saves mortal mind from itself.

Mortal mind  
dethroned

28 | 423:8–12

9 The Christian Scientist, understanding scientifically  
that all is Mind, commences with mental causation, the  
truth of being, to destroy the error. This cor-  
rective is an alterative, reaching to every part  
12 of the human system.

Scientific  
corrective

29 | 208:20

21 Let us learn  
of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of  
Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of  
universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain  
24 forever unseen.

*Section 6*  
*The Bible*

16 | II Corinthians 2:14

14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to  
triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his  
knowledge by us in every place.

17 | II Corinthians 3:4, 5

4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:  
5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing  
as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

18 | Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus  
unto good works, which God hath before ordained that  
we should walk in them.

*Section 6*  
*Science and Health*

30 | 215:12

12 Whatever is governed by God, is never for an  
instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence  
and Life.

31 | 316:20–21

21 Christ presents the indestructible man, whom Spirit cre-  
ates, constitutes, and governs.

32 | 516:9–13 *Life*, 21

9 Life  
is reflected in existence, Truth in truthfulness, God in  
goodness, which impart their own peace and  
12 permanence. Love, redolent with unselfish-  
ness, bathes all in beauty and light.

Love imparts  
beauty

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