

Truth

Section 1
The Bible

GOLDEN TEXT | Amos 5:16 *this (to :), 24 let*

. . . this is what the Lord, the LORD God Almighty, says:
 . . . let justice roll on like a river,
 righteousness like a never-failing stream!

RESPONSIVE READING | Psalms 85:8 (to 2nd :), 10–13; 67:3, 4;
 96:1, 13 *he shall*

8 I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak
 peace unto his people, and to his saints:
 10 **Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace
 have kissed each other.**
 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall
 look down from heaven.
 12 **Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land
 shall yield her increase.**
 13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the
 way of his steps.
 3 **Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise
 thee.**
 4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt
 judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon
 earth.
 1 **O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all
 the earth.**
 13 . . . he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the
 people with his truth.

1 | Jeremiah 5:3 (to ?)

3 O Lord, are not thine eyes upon the truth?

2 | Psalms 89:8, 14

8 O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto
 thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne:
 mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

3 | Psalms 86:9, 10, 15 *thou*

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and
 worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.
 10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art
 God alone.

15 thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gra-
 cious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

4 | Psalms 119:34, 45

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
 yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

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5 | Deuteronomy 32:3 ascribe, 4

3 ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

*Section 1
Science and Health*

1 | 50:3 2nd Who

3 Who shall decide what truth and love are?

2 | 127:4

6 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.

Science and
Christianity

3 | 287:10–13, 32 (only)

12 In Science, Truth is divine, and the *infinite* God can have no unlikeness. Did God, Truth, create error? No! “Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?”

Divine
allness

Truth cannot be contaminated by error.

4 | 231:12–16 (to 2nd .)

12 If God makes sin, if good produces evil, if truth results in error, then Science and Christianity are helpless; but

15 there are no antagonistic powers nor laws, spiritual or material, creating and governing man through perpetual warfare. God is not the author of mortal discords.

5 | 465:14

15 The attributes of God are justice, mercy, wisdom, goodness, and so on.

6 | 223:14 (only), 20

The question, “What is Truth,” convulses the world.

21 The efforts of error to answer this question by some *ology* are vain. Spiritual rationality and free thought accompany approaching Science, and cannot be put down. They will emancipate humanity, and supplant unscientific means and so-called laws.

7 | 224:28 (only)

Truth brings the elements of liberty.

*Section 2
The Bible*

6 | Psalms 98:1 (to :), 9 with

1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things:
9 with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

7 | Isaiah 33:22

22 For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

8 | Numbers 26:33 (to :)

33 And Zelophehad the son of Hopher had no sons, but daughters:

9 | Numbers 27:2, 3 (to ;), 4–7

2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,
3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korah;

4 Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us therefore a possession among the brethren of our father.

5 And Moses brought their cause before the Lord. 6 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father’s brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

10 | Psalms 100:5 *the*

5 the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

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8 | 542:7–8

Truth, through her eternal laws, unveils error.

9 | 367:31

Because Truth is omnipotent in goodness, error, Truth’s opposite, has no might. Evil is but the counterpoise of nothingness. The greatest wrong is but a supposititious opposite of the highest right. The confidence inspired by Science lies in the fact that Truth is real and error is unreal. Error is a coward before Truth. Divine Science insists that time will prove all this. Both truth and error have come nearer than ever before to the apprehension of mortals, and truth will become still clearer as error is self-destroyed.

Real and counterfeit

10 | 63:12

12 Civil law establishes very unfair differences between the rights of the two sexes. Christian Science furnishes no precedent for such injustice, and civilization mitigates it in some measure. Still, it is a marvel why usage should accord woman less rights than does either Christian Science or civilization.

The rights of woman

11 | 226:14

God has built a higher platform of human rights, and He has built it on diviner claims. These claims are not made through code or creed, but in demonstration of “on earth peace, good-will toward men.” 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.

Cramping systems

12 | 515:21 *Man*

21 Man is the family name
for all ideas, — the sons and daughters of God. All that
God imparts moves in accord with Him, reflecting good-
24 ness and power.

13 | 340:23

24 One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; con-
stitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the
Scripture, “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” annihilates
pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in
27 social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes;
equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves
nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

14 | 288:31–1

The eternal Truth destroys what mortals seem to have
learned from error, and man’s real existence as a child
1 of God comes to light.

*Section 3
The Bible*

11 | Job 34:17 (to 1st ?)

17 Shall even he that hateth right govern?

12 | Isaiah 59:4, 8, 14

4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth:
they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief,
and bring forth iniquity.

8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judg-
ment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths:
whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice
standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity
cannot enter.

13 | Ecclesiastes 5:8

8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent
perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel
not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest
regardeth; and there be higher than they.

14 | Ezekiel 21:26 (to 1st :), 27 (to ;)

26 Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and
take off the crown:

27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be
no more, until he come whose right it is;

15 | Psalms 119:137, 142

137 Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy
judgments.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
and thy law is the truth.

Section 4
The Bible

16 | Jeremiah 23:5

5 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

17 | John 1:17 *grace*

17 grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 | Luke 13:11–17 *behold*

11 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.

19 | John 8:31, 32

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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Science and Health

22 | 316:7

Christ, Truth, was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of 9 Spirit over the flesh, — to show that Truth is made manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body, healing sickness and destroying sin.

23 | 225:1 *What*

1 What is it that binds man with iron shackles to sin, sickness, and death? Whatever enslaves 3 man is opposed to the divine government. Truth makes man free.

24 | 227:26–2

The illusion of material sense, not 27 divine law, has bound you, entangled your free limbs, crippled your capacities, enfeebled your body, and defaced the tablet of your being. 30 If God had instituted material laws to govern man, disobedience to which would have made man ill, Jesus would not have disregarded those laws by healing in 1 direct opposition to them and in defiance of all material conditions.

25 | 184:1–15

1 The so-called laws of health are simply laws of mortal
 belief. The premises being erroneous, the conclusions
 3 are wrong. Truth makes no laws to regulate sickness,
 sin, and death, for these are unknown to Truth and should
 not be recognized as reality.

6 Belief produces the results of belief, and the penal-
 ties it affixes last so long as the belief and are insepara-
 ble from it. The remedy consists in probing the trouble
 9 to the bottom, in finding and casting out by denial the
 error of belief which produces a mortal disorder, never
 honoring erroneous belief with the title of law nor yield-
 12 ing obedience to it. Truth, Life, and Love are the only
 legitimate and eternal demands on man, and they are
 spiritual lawgivers, enforcing obedience through divine
 15 statutes.

Section 5
The Bible

20 | Matthew 5:10

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

21 | Matthew 20:17–19

17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve dis-
 ciples apart in the way, and said unto them, 18 Behold, we
 go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed
 unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall

condemn him to death, 19 And shall deliver him to the
 Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and
 the third day he shall rise again.

22 | Matthew 27:1 all, 2

1 all the chief priests and elders of the people took coun-
 sel against Jesus to put him to death: 2 And when they had
 bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius
 Pilate the governor.

23 | John 18:29–31, 33, 36–38 (to ?)

29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accu-
 sation bring ye against this man? 30 They answered and
 said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not
 have delivered him up unto thee. 31 Then said Pilate unto
 them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law.
 The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to
 put any man to death:

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and
 called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the
 Jews?

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if
 my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants
 fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is
 my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto
 him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest
 that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause
 came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the
 truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.
 38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

*Section 5
Science and Health*

26 | 48:25

Pale in the presence of his own momentous question, “What is Truth,” Pilate was drawn into acquiescence with the demands of Jesus’ enemies. Pilate was ignorant of the consequences of his awful decision against human rights and divine Love, knowing not that he was hastening the final demonstration of what life is and of what the true knowledge of God can do for man.

27 | 45:6–10

Our Master fully and finally demonstrated divine Science in his victory over death and the grave. Jesus’ deed was for the enlightenment of men and for the salvation of the whole world from sin, sickness, and death.

28 | viii:12–15

The question, What is Truth, is answered by demonstration, — by healing both disease and sin; and this demonstration shows that Christian healing confers the most health and makes the best men.

29 | 97:29

Christianity is again demonstrating the Life that is Truth, and the Truth that is Life, by the apostolic work of casting out error and healing the sick. Earth has no repayment for the persecutions which attend a new step in Christianity; but the spiritual recompense of the persecuted is assured in the elevation of existence above mortal discord and in the gift of divine Love.

*Section 6
The Bible*

24 | Psalms 65:2

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

25 | I Timothy 2:1–4

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

26 | Psalms 22:28

For the kingdom is the Lord’s: and he is the governor among the nations.

Section 6
Science and Health

30 | 11:27

27 Prayer cannot change the unalterable
Truth, nor can prayer alone give us an understanding
of Truth; but prayer, coupled with a fervent habitual
30 desire to know and do the will of God, will bring us
into all Truth. Such a desire has little need of audible
expression. It is best expressed in thought and in life.

31 | 371:26

27 Mankind will improve through Science and Christi-
anity. The necessity for uplifting the race is father to
the fact that Mind can do it; for Mind can impart
purity instead of impurity, strength instead of weak-
30 ness, and health instead of disease. Truth is an altera-
tive in the entire system, and can make it “every whit
whole.”

32 | 227:14–15, 24–26

15 Discerning the rights of man, we cannot fail to fore-
see the doom of all oppression.

24 Citizens of the world, accept the “glori-
ous liberty of the children of God,” and be free! This
is your divine right.

Standard
of liberty

