

Man

GOLDEN TEXT | Job 33:4

The Spirit of God has made me,
And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

RESPONSIVE READING | John 3:1–8, 17 God; 1:12 as, 13

- 1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
- 2 **The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.**
- 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- 4 **Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?**
- 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**
- 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
- 8 **The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**

- 17 . . . God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- 12 . . . **as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**
- 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

*Section 1
The Bible*

1 | Psalms 8:1, 4

- 1 O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

2 | Genesis 1:26 (to :), 27, 31 (to 1st .)

- 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.

The Golden Text is from the New King James Version®.

3 | Job 33:4

4 The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

*Section 1
Science and Health*

1 | 475:5 What, 7

What is man?

The Scriptures inform us that man is made in the image and likeness of God. Matter is not that likeness. The likeness of Spirit cannot be so unlike Spirit. Man is spiritual and perfect; and because he is spiritual and perfect, he must be so understood in Christian Science. Man is idea, the image, of God, including all right ideas; the generic term for all that reflects God’s image and likeness; the conscious identity of being as found in Science, in which man is the reflection of God, or Mind, and therefore is eternal; that which has no separate mind from God; that which has not a single quality underived from Deity; that which possesses no life, intelligence, nor creative power of his own, but reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker.

Fleshly factors unreal

2 | 140:28–31

In the beginning God created man in His, God’s, image; but mortals would procreate man, and make God in their own human image.

3 | 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 goodness and power.

*Section 2
The Bible*

4 | Job 14:1

1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

5 | Genesis 5:1 (to .)

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam.

6 | Genesis 2:7 the, 21–23

7 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.

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.

7 | Genesis 4:1

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

8 | Romans 9:8 *They* (to :)

8 They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God:

9 | I Corinthians 15:51, 53

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

*Section 2
Science and Health*

4 | 528:9–18, 31–4

9 *Genesis* ii. 21, 22. And the Lord God [Jehovah, Yawah] caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead
12 thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God [Jehovah] had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man.

15 Here falsity, error, credits Truth, God, with inducing a sleep or hypnotic state in Adam in order to perform a surgical operation on him and thereby create
18 woman. Hypnotic surgery

1 Later in human history, when the forbidden fruit was bringing forth fruit of its own kind, there came a suggestion of change in the *modus operandi*, —
3 that man should be born of woman, not woman again taken from man.

5 | 529:6

6 Another change will come as to the nature and origin of man, and this revelation will destroy the *dream* of existence,
9 reinstate reality, usher in Science and the glorious fact of creation, that both man and woman proceed from God and are His eternal children, belonging to no lesser
12 parent.

6 | 552:13–19

Human experience in mortal life, which starts from an egg, corresponds with that of Job, when he says, “Man
15 that is born of a woman is of few days, and Emergence of mortals full of trouble.” Mortals must emerge from this notion of material life as all-in-all. They must peck
18 open their shells with Christian Science, and look outward and upward.

7 | 555:16–22

Searching for the origin of man, who is the reflection of God, is like inquiring into the origin of God, the self-
18 existent and eternal. Only impotent error The origin of divinity would seek to unite Spirit with matter, good with evil, immortality with mortality, and call this
21 sham unity *man*, as if man were the offspring of both Mind and matter, of both Deity and humanity.

8 | 244:14

If

15 man were dust in his earliest stage of existence, we might admit the hypothesis that he returns eventually to his primitive condition;

18 but man was never more nor less than man.

Man never
less than
man

9 | 267:3–5 (to 1st .), 8–9, 10

3 The offspring of God start not from matter or ephemeral dust. They are in and of Spirit, divine Mind, and so forever continue.

The infinitude
of God

9 It is generally conceded that God is Father, eternal, self-created, infinite.

The great I AM made

12 all “that was made.” Hence man and the spiritual universe coexist with God.

10 | 336:30

30 God is the parent Mind, and man is God’s spiritual offspring.

Section 3
The Bible

10 | John 3:3 Except

3 Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

11 | Genesis 32:24–28, 29 And he blessed, 30

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob’s thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And he blessed him there. 30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

12 | II Corinthians 3:18 we

18 we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Section 3
Science and Health

11 | 308:16–32

Jacob was *alone*, wrestling with error, — struggling with a mortal sense of life, substance, and intelligence

18 as existent in matter with its false pleasures and pains, — when an angel, a message from Truth and Love, appeared to him and smote the sinew,

Wrestling
of Jacob

21 or strength, of his error, till he saw its unreality; and
 Truth, being thereby understood, gave him spiritual
 strength in this Peniel of divine Science. Then said
 24 the spiritual evangel: “Let me go, for the day breaketh;”
 that is, the light of Truth and Love dawns upon thee.
 But the patriarch, perceiving his error and his need
 27 of help, did not loosen his hold upon this glorious light
 until his nature was transformed. When Jacob was
 asked, “What is thy name?” he straightway answered;
 30 and then his name was changed to Israel, for “as a prince”
 had he prevailed and had “power with God and with
 men.”

12 | 309:7–16

The result of Jacob’s struggle thus appeared. He had
 conquered material error with the understanding of Spirit
 9 and of spiritual power. This changed the man. Israel the
 new name
 He was no longer called Jacob, but Israel, —
 a prince of God, or a soldier of God, who had fought
 12 a good fight. He was to become the father of those, who
 through earnest striving followed his demonstration of the
 power of Spirit over the material senses; and the children
 15 of earth who followed his example were to be called the
 children of Israel, until the Messiah should rename them.

13 | 583:5–8 (to ;)

CHILDREN OF ISRAEL. The representatives of Soul, not
 6 corporeal sense; the offspring of Spirit, who, having
 wrestled with error, sin, and sense, are governed by divine
 Science;

14 | 589:4

JACOB. A corporeal mortal embracing duplicity, re-
 pentance, sensualism. Inspiration; the revelation of
 6 Science, in which the so-called material senses yield to
 the spiritual sense of Life and Love.

15 | 548:13

Every agony of mortal error
 helps error to destroy error, and so aids the apprehension
 15 of immortal Truth. This is the new birth going on
 hourly, by which men may entertain angels, the true
 ideas of God, the spiritual sense of being.

16 | 125:12–16

12 As human thought changes from one stage to an-
 other of conscious pain and painlessness, sorrow and
 joy, — from fear to hope and from faith to understand-
 15 ing, — the visible manifestation will at last be man gov-
 erned by Soul, not by material sense.

Section 4
The Bible

13 | Matthew 1:18

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When
 as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they
 came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

14 | Luke 2:6 *the*, 7 (to *;*), 40, 52

6 the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger;

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

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

15 | John 8:1, 2, 12 (to *:*), 13, 14, 42 *I proceeded*

1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. 2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world:

13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. 14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true; for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

42 I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

16 | John 16:28

28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

17 | John 10:30

30 I and my Father are one.

*Section 4
Science and Health*

17 | 315:3–7, 11–13, 21–26

3 That saying of our Master, “I and my Father are one,” separated him from the scholastic theology of the rabbis.

6 His better understanding of God was a rebuke to them. He knew of but one Mind and laid no claim to any other. Hebrew theology

12 The opposite and false views of the people hid from their sense Christ’s sonship with God. They could not discern his spiritual existence.

21 Jesus’ spiritual origin and understanding enabled him to demonstrate the facts of being, — to prove irrefutably how spiritual Truth destroys material error, Immaculate conception
24 heals sickness, and overcomes death. The divine conception of Jesus pointed to this truth and presented an illustration of creation.

18 | 312:31–1 (to 2nd .)

1 Jesus’ spiritual origin and his demonstration of divine Principle richly endowed him and entitled him to sonship in Science. He was the son of a virgin.

19 | 332:26–29, 31

Christ
Jesus

Mary's conception of

27 him was spiritual, for only purity could reflect Truth and Love, which were plainly incarnate in the good and pure Christ Jesus.

Into the real and ideal man the fleshly element cannot enter. Thus it is that Christ illustrates the coincidence,
1 or spiritual agreement, between God and man in His image.

20 | 317:16–20

The individuality of man is no less tangible because it is spiritual and because his life is not at the mercy of
18 matter. The understanding of his spiritual individuality makes man more real, more formidable in truth, and enables him to conquer sin, disease, and death.

21 | 41:6

6 Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being.

22 | 361:16–18

As a drop of water is one with the ocean, a ray of light one with the sun, even so God
18 and man, Father and son, are one in being.

Section 5
The Bible

18 | 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.

19 | Ezekiel 18:2–4 (to :)

2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? 3 As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine:

20 | Malachi 2:10 (to 2nd ?)

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?

*Section 5
Science and Health*

23 | 63:5

6 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

24 | 228:7

9 Heredity is a prolific subject for mortal belief to pin theories upon; but if we learn that nothing is real but the right, we shall have no dangerous inheritances, and fleshly ills will disappear.

25 | 211:19

21 It should no longer be said in Israel that “the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” Sympathy with error should disappear. The transfer of the thoughts of one erring mind to another, Science renders impossible.

26 | 392:27–32

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When the condition is present which you say induces disease, whether it be air, exercise, heredity, contagion, or accident, then perform your office as porter and shut out these unhealthy thoughts and fears. Exclude from mortal mind the offending errors; then the body cannot suffer from them.

Guarding
the door

27 | 396:26

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Keep distinctly in thought that man is the offspring of God, not of man; that man is spiritual, not material; that Soul is Spirit, outside of matter, never in it, never giving the body life and sensation. It breaks the dream of disease to understand that sickness is formed by the human mind, not by matter nor by the divine Mind.

28 | 29:30–32

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Man as the offspring of God, as the idea of Spirit, is the immortal evidence that Spirit is harmonious and man eternal.

*Section 6
The Bible*

21 | Psalms 139:1, 14

1 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

