

- The Bible

1. II Pet. 3:8 beloved

8 beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2. Ps. 71:9

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

3. Ps. 39:4 (to ;), 5 mine (to :)

4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is*;

5 mine age *is* as nothing before thee:

4. Gen. 5:3-5 Adam (to : ), 32

3 Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years:

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5. Gen. 17:1 (to ;), 4 my, 5 (to ;), 15 as, 16 (to :), 17

1 AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God;

4 my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham;

15 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:

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? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

6. Gen. 21:1 2nd and, 2, 5

1 and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

- 2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
  - 5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.
7. Ps. 92:13, 14 (to 1st ;)
- 13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.
  - 14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;
8. Deut. 34:7 Moses
- 7 Moses *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.
9. Josh. 14:6 1st the, 7, 10, 11
- 6 the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea.
  - 7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.
  - 10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of Israel* wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old.
  - 11 As yet I *am as* strong this day as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.
10. Titus 2:1-4 speak
- 1 speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
  - 2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
  - 3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
  - 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
11. Luke 1:5-7, 11-13, 18, 19, 24-27, 30, 31, 34, 35 (to : ), 36, 37
- 5 ¶ THERE was in the days of Herod, the king of Judæa, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elisabeth.
  - 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were *now* well stricken in years.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among men.

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name *was* Mary.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

12. II Cor 5:17 if

17 if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

13. I Cor. 15:39, 40, 44 There, 46-53, 57 thanks

39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.

40 *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

44 There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and  
afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from  
heaven.

48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly,  
such *are* they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the  
image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom  
of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

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

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet  
shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be  
changed.

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

57 thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

- Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1. SH 549:4-8

The supposition that life germinates in eggs and  
must decay after it has grown to maturity, if not before,  
6 is shown by divine metaphysics to be a mistake, — a  
blunder which will finally give place to higher theories  
and demonstrations.

2. SH 124:14-19

The universe, like man, is to be interpreted by Science  
15 from its divine Principle, God, and then it can be under-  
stood; but when explained on the basis of  
physical sense and represented as subject to  
18 growth, maturity, and decay, the universe, like man, is,  
and must continue to be, an enigma.

Right  
interpretation

3. SH 214:28-30

Neither age nor  
accident can interfere with the senses of Soul,  
30 and there are no other real senses.

4. SH 122:29-4

Our theories make the same mistake regarding Soul  
30 and body that Ptolemy made regarding the solar system.  
They insist that soul is in body and mind therefore tribu-

tary to matter. Astronomical science has destroyed the  
123:1 false theory as to the relations of the celestial bodies, and  
Christian Science will surely destroy the greater error as  
3 to our terrestrial bodies. The true idea and  
Principle of man will then appear.

Ptolemaic and  
psychical error

5. SH 310:11-17, 29-2

Day may decline and shadows fall, but darkness flees  
12 when the earth has again turned upon its axis. The sun  
is not affected by the revolution of the earth.  
So Science reveals Soul as God, untouched  
15 by sin and death, — as the central Life and intelligence  
around which circle harmoniously all things in the sys-  
tems of Mind.

The central  
intelligence

Mind is God, and God is not seen by material sense,  
30 because Mind is Spirit, which material sense cannot dis-  
cern. There is neither growth, maturity, nor decay in  
Soul. These changes are the mutations of material sense,  
311:1 the varying clouds of mortal belief, which hide the truth  
of being.

6. SH 305:27-30

Because man is the reflection of his  
Maker, he is not subject to birth, growth, maturity, de-  
cay. These mortal dreams are of human origin, not  
30 divine.

7. SH 236:29-32

While  
30 age is halting between two opinions or battling with  
false beliefs, youth makes easy and rapid strides towards  
Truth.

8. SH 244:7-246:1, 10-13, 17-31

If we were to derive all our conceptions of man from  
what is seen between the cradle and the grave, happi-  
9 ness and goodness would have no abiding-place in man,  
and the worms would rob him of the flesh; but Paul  
writes: “The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath  
12 made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Man undergoing birth, maturity, and decay is like the  
beasts and vegetables, — subject to laws of decay. If  
15 man were dust in his earliest stage of exist-  
ence, 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

If man flickers out in death or springs from matter into  
being, there must be an instant when God is without His

21 entire manifestation, — when there is no full reflection  
of the infinite Mind.

Man in Science is neither young nor old. He has  
24 neither birth nor death. He is not a beast, a vegetable,  
nor a migratory mind. He does not pass from  
matter to Mind, from the mortal to the im-  
27 mortal, from evil to good, or from good to evil. Such  
admissions cast us headlong into darkness and dogma.  
Even Shakespeare's poetry pictures age as infancy, as  
30 helplessness and decadence, instead of assigning to man  
the everlasting grandeur and immortality of development,  
power, and prestige.

245:1 The error of thinking that we are growing old, and the  
benefits of destroying that illusion, are illustrated in a  
3 sketch from the history of an English woman, published  
in the London medical magazine called The Lancet.

Disappointed in love in her early years, she became  
6 insane and lost all account of time. Believing that she  
was still living in the same hour which parted  
her from her lover, taking no note of years,  
9 she stood daily before the window watching for her  
lover's coming. In this mental state she remained young.  
Having no consciousness of time, she literally grew no  
12 older. Some American travellers saw her when she was  
seventy-four, and supposed her to be a young woman.  
She had no care-lined face, no wrinkles nor gray hair, but  
15 youth sat gently on cheek and brow. Asked to guess her  
age, those unacquainted with her history conjectured that  
she must be under twenty.

18 This instance of youth preserved furnishes a useful  
hint, upon which a Franklin might work with more cer-  
tainty than when he coaxed the enamoured lightning  
21 from the clouds. Years had not made her old, because  
she had taken no cognizance of passing time nor thought  
of herself as growing old. The bodily results of her belief  
24 that she was young manifested the influence of such a be-  
lief. She could not age while believing herself young, for  
the mental state governed the physical.

27 Impossibilities never occur. One instance like the  
foregoing proves it possible to be young at seventy-four;  
and the primary of that illustration makes it plain that  
30 decrepitude is not according to law, nor is it a necessity of  
nature, but an illusion.

The infinite never began nor will it ever end. Mind  
246:1 and its formations can never be annihilated.

The measurement of life by solar years robs youth and

Man not evolved

Perpetual youth

gives ugliness to age. The radiant sun of virtue and truth  
12 coexists with being. Manhood is its eternal noon, un-  
dimmed by a declining sun.

Never record ages. Chronological data are no part  
18 of the vast forever. Time-tables of birth and death are  
so many conspiracies against manhood and  
womanhood. Except for the error of meas-  
21 uring and limiting all that is good and beautiful, man  
would enjoy more than threescore years and ten and  
still maintain his vigor, freshness, and promise. Man,  
24 governed by immortal Mind, is always beautiful and  
grand. Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty,  
and holiness.

27 Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the  
demonstration thereof. Life and goodness are immortal.  
Let us then shape our views of existence into  
30 loveliness, freshness, and continuity, rather  
than into age and blight.

Undesirable  
records

True life eternal

#### 9. SH 247:3-7, 28

3 I have seen age regain two of the elements it had lost,  
sight and teeth. A woman of eighty-five, whom I knew,  
had a return of sight. Another woman at  
6 ninety had new teeth, incisors, cuspids, bi-  
cuspids, and one molar.

The embellishments of the person are poor substitutes  
for the charms of being, shining resplendent and eternal  
30 over age and decay.

Eyes and teeth  
renewed

#### 10. SH 261:8-20

The effect of mortal mind on health and happiness is  
9 seen in this: If one turns away from the body with such  
absorbed interest as to forget it, the body  
experiences no pain. Under the strong im-  
12 pulse of a desire to perform his part, a noted actor was  
accustomed night after night to go upon the stage and  
sustain his appointed task, walking about as actively  
15 as the youngest member of the company. This old man  
was so lame that he hobbled every day to the theatre, and  
sat aching in his chair till his cue was spoken, — a signal  
18 which made him as oblivious of physical infirmity as if  
he had inhaled chloroform, though he was in the full pos-  
session of his so-called senses.

Unreality of pain

#### 11. SH 520:10

The numerals of infinity, called *seven days*, can

never be reckoned according to the calendar of time.  
12 These days will appear as mortality disappears, and they  
will reveal eternity, newness of Life, in which all sense of  
error forever disappears and thought accepts the divine  
15 infinite calculus.

12. SH 598:19 (to 2nd ;), 21-24

**YEAR.** A solar measurement of time; mortality;  
21 “One day is with the Lord as a thousand years.”  
(II Peter iii. 8.)  
One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual  
24 understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity.

13. SH 599:1

Eternity is God’s measurement of Soul-  
filled years.

- Hymns

Hymn 479, see also Hymn 71

### **Hymn 71, 440**

JOHN NEWTON\*

(71)

#### **AUSTRIA**

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
By salvation’s walls surrounded  
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner,  
Light by night, and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna,  
Which He gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal Love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river

Ever shall their thirst assuage,—  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age?

Hymn 218

**Hymn 218–220**

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**AFFECTION**

GREENWOOD'S PSALMODY, HALIFAX, 1838

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**LANSDOWNE**

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O Life that maketh all things new,  
The blooming earth, the thoughts of men;  
Our pilgrim feet, wet with Thy dew,  
In gladness hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows,  
From eye to eye the signals run,  
From heart to heart the bright hope glows,  
The seekers of the Light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth,  
One in the joy of paths untrod,  
One in the heart's perennial youth,  
One in the larger thought of God;—

The freer step, the fuller breath,  
The wide horizon's grander view;  
The sense of Life that knows no death,—  
The Life that maketh all things new.

Hymn 593

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,  
To sing of God's goodness as year turns to year.  
We gather professing Your grace and Your blessing,  
With thanks for the gospel that gathers us here.

Your Spirit consoles us. We're safe in Your keeping.  
When roads are uncharted, Your love shows the way.  
Where new hope is springing You fill us with singing;  
Your presence delights us with each dawning day.

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What, then, can we give You in praise for our journey,  
When all the earth's treasures were Yours from the start?  
We offer our labors, our love for our neighbors,  
Our gifts and the worship of each hand and heart.

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