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The Bible

Gen. 1:1 (to God)

- 1 IN the beginning God

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.

Rev. 1:8

- 8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Ex. 20:3

- 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Deut. 6:4, 5

- 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:
- 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deut. 7:6-9 thou

- 6 thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.
- 7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people:
- 8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
- 9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Deut. 10:12-22; 11:1-21

- 12 ¶ And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

- 13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?
- 14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD's thy God, the earth *also*, with all that therein *is*.
- 15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day.
- 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.
- 17 For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:
- 18 He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.
- 19 Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.
- 20 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.
- 21 He *is* thy praise, and he *is* thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.
- 22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.
- 1 THEREFORE thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, *always*.
- 2 And know ye this day: for *I speak* not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm,
- 3 And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;
- 4 And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* the LORD hath destroyed them unto this day;
- 5 And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place;
- 6 And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that *was* in their possession, in the midst of all Israel:
- 7 But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.
- 8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;
- 9 And that ye may prolong *your* days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

- 10 ¶ For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst *it* with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:
- 11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven:
- 12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.
- 13 ¶ And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,
- 14 That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.
- 15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.
- 16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;
- 17 And *then* the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.
- 18 ¶ Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.
- 19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
- 20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:
- 21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

Isa. 66:13 (to comforted)

- 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy
SH 479:18-5

- 18 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep."
- 21 (Genesis i. 1, 2.) In the vast forever, in the Science and truth of being, the only facts are Spirit and its innumerable creations. Darkness and chaos

Chaos and
darkness

24 are the imaginary opposites of light, understanding,
and eternal harmony, and they are the elements of
nothingness.

27 We admit that black is not a color, because it reflects
no light. So evil should be denied identity or power,
because it has none of the divine hues. Paul
30 says: “For the invisible things of Him, from
the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being under-
stood by the things that are made.” (Romans i. 20.)

480:1 When the substance of Spirit appears in Christian Sci-
ence, the nothingness of matter is recognized. Where
3 the spirit of God is, and there is no place where God is
not, evil becomes nothing, — the opposite of the some-
thing of Spirit.

Spiritual
reflection

SH 232:3-31

3 Many theories relative to God and man neither make
man harmonious nor God lovable. The beliefs we com-
monly entertain about happiness and life
6 afford no scatheless and permanent evidence
of either. Security for the claims of harmonious and
eternal being is found only in divine Science.

Denials of divine
power

9 Scripture informs us that “with God all things are
possible,” — all good is possible to Spirit; but our prev-
alent theories practically deny this, and make healing
12 possible only through matter. These theories must be
untrue, for the Scripture is true. Christianity is not
false, but religions which contradict its Principle are
15 false.

In our age Christianity is again demonstrating the
power of divine Principle, as it did over nineteen hun-
18 dred years ago, by healing the sick and triumphing over
death. Jesus never taught that drugs, food, air, and ex-
ercise could make a man healthy, or that they could de-
21 stroy human life; nor did he illustrate these errors by his
practice. He referred man’s harmony to Mind, not to
matter, and never tried to make of none effect the sen-
24 tence of God, which sealed God’s condemnation of sin,
sickness, and death.

In the sacred sanctuary of Truth are voices of sol-
27 emn import, but we heed them not. It is only when the
so-called pleasures and pains of sense pass
away in our lives, that we find unquestion-
30 able signs of the burial of error and the resurrection to
spiritual life.

Signs following

SH 280:17-6

Moses declared as Jehovah's
18 first command of the Ten: "Thou shalt have
no other gods before me!" But behold the
zeal of belief to establish the opposite error of many
21 minds. The argument of the serpent in the allegory, "Ye
shall be as gods," urges through every avenue the belief
that Soul is in body, and that infinite Spirit, and Life, is
24 in finite forms.

Belief in many
gods

Rightly understood, instead of possessing a sentient
material form, man has a sensationless body; and God,
27 the Soul of man and of all existence, being
perpetual in His own individuality, harmony,
and immortality, imparts and perpetuates these qualities
30 in man, — through Mind, not matter. The only excuse
for entertaining human opinions and rejecting the Science
of being is our mortal ignorance of Spirit, — ignorance
28:1 which yields only to the understanding of divine Science,
the understanding by which we enter into the kingdom
3 of Truth on earth and learn that Spirit is infinite and
supreme. Spirit and matter no more commingle than
light and darkness. When one appears, the other dis-
6 appears.

Sensationless
body

SH 256:1, 13-3

256:1 Progress takes off human shackles. The finite must
yield to the infinite. Advancing to a higher plane of ac-
3 tion, thought rises from the material sense to
the spiritual, from the scholastic to the in-
spirational, and from the mortal to the immortal. All
6 things are created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the
creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and
Mother of the universe, including man.

No material
creation

The everlasting I AM is not bounded nor compressed
within the narrow limits of physical humanity, nor can
15 He be understood aright through mortal con-
cepts. The precise form of God must be of
small importance in comparison with the sublime ques-
18 tion, What is infinite Mind or divine Love?

No divine
corporeality

Who is it that demands our obedience? He who, in
the language of Scripture, "doeth according to His will
21 in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the
earth; and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him,
What doest Thou?"

24 No form nor physical combination is adequate to rep-
resent infinite Love. A finite and material sense of God
leads to formalism and narrowness; it chills the spirit of
27 Christianity.

30 A limitless Mind cannot proceed from physical limita-
 31 tions. Finiteness cannot present the idea or the vast-
 32 ness of infinity. A mind originating from a
 33 finite or material source must be limited and
 34 finite. Infinite Mind is the creator, and creation is the
 257:1 infinite image or idea emanating from this Mind. If
 35 Mind is within and without all things, then all is Mind;
 36 and this definition is scientific.

SH 340:15

15 “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus
 16 xx. 3.) The First Commandment is my favorite text.
 17 It demonstrates Christian Science. It inculcates the tri-
 18 unity of God, Spirit, Mind; it signifies that man shall
 19 have no other spirit or mind but God, eternal good, and
 20 that all men shall have one Mind. The divine Principle
 21 of the First Commandment bases the Science of being, by
 22 which man demonstrates health, holiness, and life eternal.
 23 One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; con-
 24 stitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the
 25 Scripture, “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” annihilates
 26 pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in
 27 social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes;
 28 equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves
 29 nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

SH 231:30

30 Man, governed by his Maker, having no other Mind, —
 31 planted on the Evangelist’s statement that “all things
 32 were made by Him [the Word of God]; and without
 232:1 Him was not anything made that was made,” — can
 33 triumph over sin, sickness, and death.

Hymns

Hymn 64

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VIOLET HAY

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ELGIN

GEORGE DYSON

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From sense to Soul my pathway lies before me,
 From mist and shadow into Truth’s clear day;
 The dawn of all things real is breaking o’er me,

My heart is singing: I have found the way.

I reach Mind's open door, and at its portal
I know that where I stand is holy ground;
I feel the calm and joy of things immortal,
The loveliness of Love is all around.

The way leads upward and its goal draws nearer,
Thought soars enraptured, fetterless and free;
The vision infinite to me grows clearer,
I touch the fringes of eternity.

Hymn 467, same lyrics as Hymn 51

Hymn 51, 52

MARY ALICE DAYTON

(51)

SPOHR

LOUIS SPOHR

(52)

ST. MATTHEW

WILLIAM CROFT

Modern form of tune

Eternal Mind the Potter is,
And thought th' eternal clay:
The hand that fashions is divine,
His works pass not away.
Man is the noblest work of God,
His beauty, power and grace,
Immortal; perfect as his Mind
Reflected face to face.

God could not make imperfect man
His model infinite;
Unhallowed thought He could not plan,
Love's work and Love must fit.
Life, Truth and Love the pattern make,
Christ is the perfect heir;
The clouds of sense roll back, and show
The form divinely fair.

God's will is done; His kingdom come;
The Potter's work is plain.
The longing to be good and true
Has brought the light again.
And man does stand as God's own child,
The image of His love.
Let gladness ring from every tongue,

And heaven and earth approve.

Hymn 349

Hymn 349

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REMEMBRANCE

SAMUEL S. WESLEY

Thy will, almighty Father, Thine,
And Thine alone be ever done;
For Thou art Life and Truth and Love,
The great, eternal, Holy One.

Reflecting truly all Thou art
And all the sunshine of Thy love,
No life we know from Thee apart,
But peace on earth from heaven above.

We walk in freedom and in peace
Thy holy purpose to fulfill,
And Thou dost ever point the path
For loving servants of Thy will.