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- The Bible

Gen. 1:1 God, 31 (to 1st .)

1 God created the heaven and the earth.

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

Ps. 107:8, 9

8 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Ps. 73:1 (to good)

1 TRULY God *is* good

I John 4:16 2nd God, 17 as

16 God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 as he is, so are we in this world.

Deut. 6:5 love, 10-12, 14, 17-19

5 love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,

11 And houses full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

12 *Then* beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you;

17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

18 And thou shalt do *that which is* right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers,

19 To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

Luke 18:18-30

- 18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
- 19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none *is* good, save one, *that is*, God.
- 20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.
- 21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.
- 22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.
- 23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.
- 24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!
- 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
- 26 And they that heard *it* said, Who then can be saved?
- 27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.
- 28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.
- 29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,
- 30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Rom. 8:28 we

- 28 we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Josh. 23:14 2nd and

- 14 and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing hath failed thereof.

Mal. 3:10-12

- 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*.
- 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

I Thess. 5:21, 23, 24

- 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
- 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

- Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy  
SH 2:23-28

- God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more? God is
- 24 intelligence. Can we inform the infinite Mind of anything He does not already comprehend?
- Do we expect to change perfection? Shall
- 27 we plead for more at the open fount, which is pouring forth more than we accept?

God's standard

SH 42:1

- 42:1 Jesus' life proved, divinely and scientifically, that God is Love, whereas priest and rabbi affirmed God to be a
- 3 mighty potentate, who loves and hates. The Jewish theology gave no hint of the unchanging love of God.

SH 135:17

- There is to-day danger of repeating
- 18 the offence of the Jews by limiting the Holy One of Israel and asking: "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?"
- What cannot God do?

SH 3:17-24

- How empty are our conceptions of Deity! We admit
- 18 theoretically that God is good, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinite, and then we try to give information to this infinite Mind. We plead
- 21 for unmerited pardon and for a liberal outpouring of benefactions. Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the
- 24 blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more.

Prayerful  
ingratitude

SH 569:6-14

- 6 The Scripture, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many," is literally fulfilled, when we are conscious of the supremacy
- 9 of Truth, by which the nothingness of error is seen; and we know that the nothingness of error is in proportion to its wickedness. He that touches the hem
- 12 of Christ's robe and masters his mortal beliefs, animality, and hate, rejoices in the proof of healing, — in a sweet

The robe of  
Science

and certain sense that God is Love.

SH 113:9-14, 16-32

9 The fundamental propositions of divine metaphysics  
are summarized in the four following, to me, *self-evident*  
propositions. Even if reversed, these proposi-  
12 tions will be found to agree in statement and  
proof, showing mathematically their exact relation to  
Truth.

Reversible  
propositions

1. God is All-in-all.
2. God is good. Good is Mind.
- 18 3. God, Spirit, being all, nothing is matter.
4. Life, God, omnipotent good, deny death, evil, sin,  
disease. — Disease, sin, evil, death, deny good, omnipo-  
21 tent God, Life.

Which of the denials in proposition four is true? Both  
are not, cannot be, true. According to the Scripture,  
24 I find that God is true, “but every [mortal] man a  
liar.”

The divine metaphysics of Christian Science, like the  
27 method in mathematics, proves the rule by inversion.  
For example: There is no pain in Truth, and  
no truth in pain; no nerve in Mind, and no  
30 mind in nerve; no matter in Mind, and no mind in mat-  
ter; no matter in Life, and no life in matter; no matter  
in good, and no good in matter.

Metaphysical  
inversions

SH 243:30

30 Sickness, sin, and death are not the fruits of Life.  
They are inharmonies which Truth destroys. Perfection  
does not animate imperfection. Inasmuch as God is  
244:1 good and the fount of all being, He does not produce  
moral or physical deformity; therefore such deformity is  
3 not real, but is illusion, the mirage of error.  
Divine Science reveals these grand facts. On  
their basis Jesus demonstrated Life, never  
6 fearing nor obeying error in any form.

Deformity and  
perfection

SH 691:17-20 (np)

#### A HELPFUL TESTIMONY

Words cannot express my gratitude to God for  
Christian Science. When I first read Science and  
Health, I had tried every remedy I had ever heard of.  
I felt no change in mind or body that I was conscious  
of until I read page 16 of the chapter on “Prayer,” in  
Science and Health. The first words of the “spiritual

sense of the Lord's Prayer," telling of our Father-Mother God, gave me a glimpse of heavenly light. I stopped and reasoned, and remembered the teachings of Jesus. The truth of man's spiritual being dawned on my consciousness. I realized I was not subject to mortal laws, as I had been taught all my life. I could not explain how I knew this, but I knew it. Through Christian Science, Mrs. Eddy had given me what  
692 I had longed for all my life, — a Mother, a perfect "Father-Mother God." I had known there was a great lack, and at that time I believe the orthodox world had but half of the truth which Jesus came to establish. When I read, "Give us this day our daily bread," and its spiritual interpretation, my tears began to flow; all the years of bitterness, hate, and fear melted away. I knew then, as I know now, that nothing satisfies but Love. That day began the outward and inward conscious healing, — mental and physical. There never came a doubt! I absolutely knew that Christian Science was and is the truth. Money, friends, materiality, are nothing beside the conscious knowledge of God, man, and the universe.

I did not need treatment from any one, — Science and Health was so clear and beautiful. I could not understand the Bible before, but I found it illumined now that I had a little understanding of Christian Science. For ten years I have not had to lie down in the daytime from any sickness.

SH 693:3

When I think what my life was before I had Christian Science, of the six years of colds, suffering, and coughing, not to mention the unhappiness, I want to "work, watch, and pray" for the Mind of Christ, that I may work rightly in God's vineyard, and to know that in truth, what belongs to one belongs to all, — that one God, one Life, Truth, and Love is all. — A. C. L., Kansas City, Kans.

SH 6:17-18

18 "God is Love." More than this we cannot ask,  
higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.

- Hymns  
Hymn 209

**Hymn 207–212**

**MOTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

MARY BAKER EDDY

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**MORECAMBE**

FREDERICK C. ATKINSON, ARR. BY A. F. CONANT

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**BENEDICTION (ELLERS)**

EDWARD J. HOPKINS

(209)

**EXPECTATION**

ANDREAS P. BERGGREEN

(210)

**LIMPSFIELD**

ANDREW FREEMAN

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(211)

**PRESENCE**

PERCY WHITLOCK

(212)

**SONG 22**

ORLANDO GIBBONS

*Music from the Yattendon Hymnal:*

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O gentle presence, peace and joy and power;  
O Life divine, that owns each waiting hour,  
Thou Love that guards the nestling's faltering flight!  
Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight.

Love is our refuge; only with mine eye  
Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall:  
His habitation high is here, and nigh,  
His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

O make me glad for every scalding tear,  
For hope deferred, ingratitude, disdain!  
Wait, and love more for every hate, and fear  
No ill,—since God is good, and loss is gain.

Beneath the shadow of His mighty wing;  
In that sweet secret of the narrow way,  
Seeking and finding, with the angels sing:  
“Lo, I am with you always,”—watch and pray.

No snare, no fowler, pestilence or pain;  
No night drops down upon the troubled breast,  
When heaven’s aftersmile earth’s tear-drops gain,  
And mother finds her home and heav’nly rest.

## Hymn 72

### **Hymn 72, 405**

CHARLES WESLEY AND JOHN TAYLOR

*Adapted*

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### **BENEVENTO**

SAMUEL WEBBE

Glory be to God on high,  
God whose glory fills the sky;  
Peace on earth to man is given,  
Man, the well-beloved of heaven.  
Gracious Father, in Thy love,  
Send Thy blessings from above;  
Let Thy light, Thy truth, Thy peace  
Bid all strife and tumult cease.

Mark the wonders of His hand:  
Power no empire can withstand;  
Wisdom, angels’ glorious theme;  
Goodness one eternal stream.  
All ye people, raise the song,  
Endless thanks to God belong;  
Hearts o’erflowing with His praise,  
Join the hymns your voices raise.

## Hymn 598

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