

2019-10-30 The man of God's creating



The readings are from our Pastor: The Holy Bible and the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker Eddy.



The Holy Bible

1. Gen. 1:1, 26–28 (to 1st); 2:1, 6, 7, 15–17

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ...

... ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, ...

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ...

But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And 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. ...

And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

2. Gen. 3:8–13, 17, 19

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. ...

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; ...

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.



Science and Health

1. SH 579:15–1 (to 2nd ;) ; 580:2–6 not (to ;)

ADAM. Error; a falsity; the belief in “original sin,” sickness, and death; evil; the opposite of good, — of God and His creation; a curse; a belief in intelligent matter, finiteness, and mortality; “dust to dust;” ... not God's man, who represents the one God and is His own image and likeness; the opposite of Spirit and His creations; that which is not the image and likeness of good, but a material belief, opposed to the one Mind, or Spirit; ...

2. SH 307:31

Above error's awful din, blackness, and chaos, the voice of Truth still calls: “Adam, where art thou? Consciousness, where art thou? Art thou dwelling in the belief that mind is in matter, and that evil is mind, or art thou in the living faith that there is and can be but one God, and keeping His commandment?” Until the lesson is learned that God is the only Mind governing man, mortal belief will be afraid as it was in the beginning, and will hide from the demand, “Where art thou?” This awful demand, “Adam, where art thou?” is met by the admission from the head, heart, stomach, blood, nerves, etc.: “Lo, here I am, looking for happiness and life in the body, but finding only an illusion, a blending of false claims, false pleasure, pain, sin, sickness, and death.”

The great question



The Holy Bible

3. Isa. 2:22

Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

4. John 3:6

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

5. John 6:63 (to :)

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: ...

6. Rom. 8:8–17 they

... they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

7. Matt. 23:9 call, 10

... call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

8. Gal. 3:26, 28, 29

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. ...

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

9. I John 3:1-3

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

10. Phil. 2:12, 13

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.



Science and Health

3. SH 14:25-28

Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding and the consciousness of man's dominion over the whole earth.

4. SH 276:29

Nature and revelation inform us that like produces like. Divine Science does not gather grapes from thorns nor figs from thistles. Intelligence never produces non-intelligence; but matter is ever non-intelligent and therefore cannot spring from intelligence. To all that is unlike unerring and eternal Mind, this Mind saith, “Thou shalt surely die;” and elsewhere the Scripture says that dust returns to dust. The non-intelligent relapses into its own unreality. Matter never produces mind. The immortal never produces the mortal. Good cannot result in evil. As God Himself is good and is Spirit, goodness and spirituality must be immortal. Their opposites, evil and matter, are mortal error, and error has no creator. If goodness and spirituality are real, evil and materiality are unreal and cannot be the outcome of an infinite God, good.

Like
evolving like

5. SH 346:2

When man is spoken of as made in God's image, it is not sinful and sickly mortal man who is referred to, but the ideal man, reflecting God's likeness.

God's idea
the ideal man

6. SH 172:23; 173:11–21

What is man? Brain, heart, blood, bones, etc., the material structure? If the real man is in the material body, you take away a portion of the man when you amputate a limb; the surgeon destroys manhood, and worms annihilate it. But the loss of a limb or injury to a tissue is sometimes the quickener of manliness; and the unfortunate cripple may present more nobility than the statuesque athlete, — teaching us by his very deprivations, that “a man's a man, for a' that.” ...

Identity
not lost

What is termed matter manifests nothing but a material mentality. Neither the substance nor the manifestation of Spirit is obtainable through matter. Spirit is positive. Matter is Spirit's contrary, the absence of Spirit. For positive Spirit to pass through a negative condition would be Spirit's destruction.

Anatomy declares man to be structural. Physiology continues this explanation, measuring human strength by bones and sinews, and human life by material law. Man is spiritual, individual, and eternal; material structure is mortal.

Man not
structural

7. SH 31:4

Jesus acknowledged no ties of the flesh. He said: “Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.” Again he asked: “Who is my mother, and who are my brethren,” implying that it is they who do the will of his Father. We have no record of his calling any man by the name of *father*. He recognized Spirit, God, as the only creator, and therefore as the Father of all.

Fleshly ties
temporal

8. SH 387:27

The history of Christianity furnishes sublime proofs of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent Mind, who gives man faith and understanding whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but from bodily suffering.

Christian
history

9. SH 151:20–21, 23–5

Every function of the real man is governed by the divine Mind. ... The divine Mind that made man maintains His own image and likeness. The human mind is opposed to God and must be put off, as St. Paul declares. All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and follow the leadings of truth.

Man governed
by Mind

That mortal mind claims to govern every organ of the mortal body, we have overwhelming proof. But this so-called mind is a myth, and must by its own consent yield to Truth. It would wield the sceptre of a monarch, but it is powerless. The immortal divine Mind takes away all its supposed sovereignty, and saves mortal mind from itself.

Mortal mind
dethroned

10. SH 470:32

The relations of God and man, divine Principle and idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine order or spiritual law, in which God and all that He creates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged in its eternal history.

11. SH 418:5–6

Stick to the truth of being in contradistinction to the error that life, substance, or intelligence can be in matter.

12. SH 468:9 There

... There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

13. SH 94:4–6

The nature of man, thus understood, includes all that is implied by the terms “image” and “likeness” as used in Scripture.

Scientific
man

14. SH 249:5 (only)

Let the “male and female” of God's creating appear.



Hymns

1. Hymn. 474

Father, we Your loving children / Lift our hearts in joy today, / Knowing well that You will keep us / Ever in Your blessed way. / You are Love and You are wisdom, / You are Life and You are All; / In Your Spirit living, moving, / We shall neither faint nor fall. /

Come we daily then, dear Father, / Open hearts and willing hands, / Eager ears,
expectant, joyful, / Ready for Your right commands. / We would hear no other voices, /
We would heed no other call; / You alone are good and gracious, / You our Mind and
You our All. /

In Your house securely dwelling, / Where Your children live to bless, / Seeing only
Your creation, / We can share Your happiness, / Share Your joy and spend it freely. /
Loyal hearts can feel no fear; / We Your children know You, Father, / Love and Life
forever near. /

Father, we Your loving children / Lift our hearts in joy today, / Knowing well that You
will keep us / Ever in Your blessed way.

2. Hymn. 482

God created us in His own image, / All the universe is His creation too; / He created us
as His reflection, / Filling us with wisdom, bold and true. /

Life is made for living to the fullest, / Spirit made us knowing who we truly are, /
Knowing how to see reality, / Pure and innocent and free, / Made in the likeness of our
God. /

REFRAIN / This clear view of man is perfect, / Seen in all the radiance of light; / Here
we find our nature revealed, / Spiritual and whole in God's sight. /

Everything our Master Jesus taught us / Showed the way to love each other dearly, /
When he healed the sick and freed the sinner, / Seeing them in God's own light so
clearly. /

As we gain the perfect understanding / That eternal Mind is the All-in-all, / We shall
come to see reality, / Pure and innocent and free, / Made in the likeness of our God. //
REFRAIN

3. Hymn. 66

From these Thy children gathered in Thy name, / From hearts made whole, from lips
redeemed from woe, / Thy praise, O Father, shall forever flow. / Alleluia! Alleluia! /

O perfect Life, in Thy completeness held, / None can beyond Thy omnipresence stray;
/ Safe in Thy Love, we live and sing away / Alleluia! Alleluia! /

O perfect Mind, reveal Thy likeness true, / That higher selfhood which we all must
prove, / Joy and dominion, love reflecting Love. / Alleluia! Alleluia! /

Thou, Soul, inspiring—give us vision clear, / Break earth-bound fetters, sweep away
the veil, / Show the new heaven and earth that shall prevail. / Alleluia! Alleluia!

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