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Hymns

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

1. SH 206:25-26

Can there be any birth or death for man, the spiritual image and likeness of God?

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The Bible

1. Gen. 1:1, 3, 4, 26-28, 31 (to 1st .)

- 1 IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- 4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- 26 ¶ 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.
- 27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
- 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good.

2. Gen. 2:6 there, 7, 18, 21

- 6 there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
- 7 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.
- 18 ¶ And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.
- 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;

3. John 3:6

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

4. Matt. 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.

5. Matt. 2:1, 2, 11 (to :)

- 1 NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
 11 ¶ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him:

6. Jer. 18:5 1st the, 6

- 5 the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
 6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

7. II Kings 4:8-17 1st it

- 8 it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.
 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.
 10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.
 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.
 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.
 14 And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.
 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

- 16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.
- 17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

8. Ps. 36:7-9

- 7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
- 8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
- 9 For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

9. I Sam 1:1, 6, 7, 9-12, 17, 20

- 1 NOW there was a certain man of Ramathaim–zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name *was* Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:
- 6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.
- 7 And *as* he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.
- 9 ¶ So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.
- 10 And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.
- 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.
- 12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.
- 17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.
- 20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

10. Col 3:2-5 (to ;), 9-17

- 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
- 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

- 4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
- 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth;
- 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
- 10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
- 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.
- 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.
- 14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
- 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
- 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

11. I John 5:1 (to :), 4 whatsoever (to :)

- 1 WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:
- 4 whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:

Science and Health cont'd

2. SH 258:27-30

- Never born and
never dying, it were impossible for man, under
the government of God in eternal Science, to fall from his
30 high estate.

3. SH 244:13-14, 23-24

- Man undergoing birth, maturity, and decay is like the
beasts and vegetables, — subject to laws of decay.
Man in Science is neither young nor old. He has
24 neither birth nor death.

4. SH 429:19-24

- If man did not exist before the material organization
began, he could not exist after the body is disintegrated.
21 If we live after death and are immortal, we

must have lived before birth, for if Life ever
had any beginning, it must also have an ending, even ac-
24 cording to the calculations of natural science.

Continuity of
existence

5. SH 544:7-10, 11

6 Birth, decay, and death arise from the
material sense of things, not from the spiritual, for in
9 the latter Life consisteth not of the things which a man
eateth. Nothing is new to the
12 infinite Mind.

6. SH 265:16-5

The senses represent birth as untimely and death as
irresistible, as if man were a weed growing apace or a
18 flower withered by the sun and nipped by
untimely frosts; but this is true only of a
mortal, not of a man in God's image and likeness. The
21 truth of being is perennial, and the error is unreal and
obsolete.

Mortal birth and
death

Who that has felt the loss of human peace has not gained
24 stronger desires for spiritual joy? The aspiration after
heavenly good comes even before we discover
what belongs to wisdom and Love. The loss
27 of earthly hopes and pleasures brightens the ascending
path of many a heart. The pains of sense quickly inform
us that the pleasures of sense are mortal and that joy is
30 spiritual.

Blessings from
pain

The pains of sense are salutary, if they wrench away
false pleasurable beliefs and transplant the affections
266:1 from sense to Soul, where the creations of God are good,
"rejoicing the heart." Such is the sword of
3 Science, with which Truth decapitates error,
materiality giving place to man's higher individuality and
destiny.

Decapitation of
error

7. SH 302:9-13

The
notion that mind is in matter, and that the so-called pleas-
ures and pains, the birth, sin, sickness, and death of
12 matter, are real, is a mortal belief; and this belief is all
that will ever be lost.

8. SH 550:15-20 The

15 The
continual contemplation of existence as material and cor-
poreal — as beginning and ending, and with
18 birth, decay, and dissolution as its component
stages — hides the true and spiritual Life, and causes

Stages of
existence

our standard to trail in the dust.

9. SH 305:27

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.

10. SH 288:20-26

The chief stones in the temple of Christian Science are
21 to be found in the following postulates: that Life is God,
good, and not evil; that Soul is sinless, not
to be found in the body; that Spirit is not, and
24 cannot be, materialized; that Life is not subject
to death; that the spiritual real man has no birth, no ma-
terial life, and no death.

The chief stones
in the temple

11. SH 462:31-20

The Christian Scientist,
through understanding mental anatomy, discerns and
463:1 deals with the real cause of disease. The material physi-
cian gropes among phenomena, which fluctuate every in-
stant under influences not embraced in his diagnosis, and
3 so he may stumble and fall in the darkness.

Teacher and student should also be familiar with the
6 obstetrics taught by this Science. To attend properly
the birth of the new child, or divine idea,
you should so detach mortal thought from its
9 material conceptions, that the birth will be natural and
safe. Though gathering new energy, this idea cannot
injure its useful surroundings in the travail of spiritual
12 birth. A spiritual idea has not a single element of error,
and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive.
The new idea, conceived and born of Truth and Love, is
15 clad in white garments. Its beginning will be meek, its
growth sturdy, and its maturity undecaying. When
this new birth takes place, the Christian Science infant
18 is born of the Spirit, born of God, and can cause the
mother no more suffering. By this we know that Truth
is here and has fulfilled its perfect work.

Scientific
obstetrics

12. SH 528:9-18, 28-12

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

But according to this narrative, surgery was first per-
 formed mentally and without instruments;
 30 and this may be a useful hint to the medical
 faculty. Later in human history, when the forbidden
 529:1 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. It came about, also, that instruments
 were needed to assist the birth of mortals. The first
 6 system of suggestive obstetrics has changed. 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.

Mental
midwifery

13. SH 548:18-21

18 Speaking of the origin of mortals, a famous naturalist
 says: "It is very possible that many general statements
 now current, about birth and generation, will
 21 be changed with the progress of information."

Prediction of a
naturalist

14. SH 549:13

According to recent
 lore, successive generations do not begin with the *birth* of
 15 new individuals, or personalities, but with the formation
 of the nucleus, or egg, from which one or more individu-
 alities subsequently emerge; and we must therefore look
 18 upon the simple ovum as the germ, the starting-point, of
 the most complicated corporeal structures, including those
 which we call human. Here these material researches
 21 culminate in such vague hypotheses as must necessarily
 attend false systems, which rely upon physics and are de-
 void of metaphysics.

15. SH 539:27-1

27 The divine origin of Jesus gave him more than human
 power to expound the facts of creation, and demonstrate
 the one Mind which makes and governs man
 30 and the universe. The Science of creation,
 so conspicuous in the birth of Jesus, inspired his wisest
 and least-understood sayings, and was the basis of his

Scientific
offspring

540:1 marvellous demonstrations.

16. SH 227:16

God made man free.

Paul said, "I was free born." All men should

18 be free. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Love and Truth make free, but evil and error lead into captivity.

17. SH 548:13

12 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.

18. SH 557:18-21

Divine

Science rolls back the clouds of error with the light of Truth, and lifts the curtain on man as never born and as

21 never dying, but as coexistent with his creator.

Hymn Lyrics

#518 (See also #166 in 1932 Hymnal)

Know, O child, your full salvation;
Rise o'er sin and fear and care;
Joy to find, in every station,
Something still to do, or bear.

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Think what spirit dwells within you;
Think what Father's smiles are yours;
Think what Jesus did to show you;
Spirit's promise lifts, restores.

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Hasten on from grace to glory,
Armed with faith and winged with prayer;
Heaven's eternal day before you
God's own hand shall guide you there.

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Forget not who you are, O child of God.
For God demands of you reflection pure;
Your heritage is goodly, and your home,
In Spirit's warm embrace, is safe, secure.

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You are the child of Spirit, sinless, pure—
Yours is a perfect beauty, born of Soul –
Complete with health, vitality, and grace,
For is not God, your Father, perfect, whole?

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 Your understanding, too, comes straight from God.
 For in that Mind, magnificent and clear,
 You are conceived by Love, a perfect child,
 Unhampered by the flesh, or doubt, or fear.

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 So now look up to God's pure holy light
 And greet with fearless joy each coming day.
 Of royal birth, you are a King's own child –
 And God is yours, and you are God's alway.

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 So fulfill your holy mission,
 Safely pass through pilgrim-days,
 Hope shall grow to glad fruition,
 Faith to sight and prayer to praise.
#467 (see also #51 in 1932 Hymnal)
 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.

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 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.

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 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.