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The Word of God

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O Word of God, most holy,
 O wisdom from on high,
 O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
 O light of earth's dark sky,
 We bless Thee for the radiance
 That from the hallowed page,
 A lantern to our footsteps,
 Shines on from age to age.

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O Word of God the Father,
 Thou art the gift divine,
 And still thy light is lifted,
 O'er all the lands to shine.
 It is the chart and compass
 To guide us to our Lord;
 It is the heaven-drawn picture
 Of Christ, the living Word.

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#301*Lyrics by Mary Baker Eddy*

Saw ye my Saviour? Heard ye the glad sound?
 Felt ye the power of the Word?
 'Twas the Truth that made us free,
 And was found by you and me
 In the life and the love of our Lord.

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Mourner, it calls you,—“Come to my bosom,
 Love wipes your tears all away,
 And will lift the shade of gloom,
 And for you make radiant room
 Midst the glories of one endless day.”

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Sinner, it calls you,—“Come to this fountain,
 Cleanse the foul senses within;
 'Tis the Spirit that makes pure,
 That exalts thee, and will cure
 All thy sorrow and sickness and sin.”

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Strongest deliverer, friend of the friendless,

Life of all being divine:
 Thou the Christ, and not the creed;
 Thou the Truth in thought and deed;
 Thou the water, the bread, and the wine.

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Lo! As we follow after good,
 We find God's word is understood,
 So we prove Him,
 Praise and prove Him!
 Through us He does perform His will,
 To us His promises fulfil,
 For we love Him!
 Praise and love Him!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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O you to whom God's word is shown,
 Make all His promises your own,
 Rise and prove Him,
 Praise and prove Him!
 His mighty love and holy power
 Are here to bless us every hour,
 Let us love Him!
 Praise and love Him!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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The Bible

1. John 1:1-6, 14

- 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.
- 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- 6 ¶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.
- 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

2. Ps. 33:4, 6

- 4 For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

3. Deut 6:1-7, 17-19, 24

- 1 NOW these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it:
- 2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.
- 3 ¶ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.
- 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.
- 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
- 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
- 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.
- 24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day.

4. Ps 56:4, 10

- 4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
- 10 In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word.

5. Luke 4:1-4 Jesus

- 1 Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
- 2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.
- 3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.
- 4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

6. John 6:35 (to :), 47-51

- 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life:

- 47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
- 48 I am that bread of life.
- 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.
- 50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.
- 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

7. John 8:31, 32

- 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;
- 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

8. Acts 19:10 all

- 10 all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

9. Acts 8:5-10 Philip, 13, 18-22, 26-39 (to :)

- 5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
- 6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
- 7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.
- 8 And there was great joy in that city.
- 9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:
- 10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.
- 13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
- 18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
- 19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.
- 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

- 21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.
- 22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.
- 26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.
- 27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,
- 28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.
- 29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.
- 30 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?
- 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.
- 32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:
- 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.
- 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?
- 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.
- 36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?
- 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
- 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more:

10. Col. 3:17 whatsoever

- 17 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. Rev. 1:1-3

- 1 THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

- Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ,
 2 and of all things that he saw.
 3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy,
 and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

12. I John 2:3 hereby, 5 whoso (to :)

- 3 hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.
 5 whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected:

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

1. SH 503:6-17

- 6 *Genesis* i. 2. And the earth was without form, and void;
 and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the
 spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

- 9 The divine Principle and idea constitute spiritual har-
 mony, — heaven and eternity. In the universe of Truth,
 matter is unknown. No supposition of error
 12 enters there. Divine Science, the Word of
 God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, “God
 is All-in-all,” and the light of ever-present Love illumines
 15 the universe. Hence the eternal wonder, — that infinite
 space is peopled with God’s ideas, reflecting Him in
 countless spiritual forms.

Spiritual
 harmony

2. SH 525:12-29

- 12 The following translation is from the Icelandic: —

- And God said, Let us make man after our mind and
 our likeness; and God shaped man after His mind; after
 15 God’s mind shaped He him; and He shaped them male and
 female.

- In the Gospel of John, it is declared that all things were
 18 made through the Word of God, “and without Him [the
logos, or *word*] was not anything made that
 was made.” Everything good or worthy, God
 21 made. Whatever is valueless or baneful, He did not
 make, — hence its unreality. In the Science of Genesis
 we read that He saw everything which He had made,
 24 “and, behold, it was very good.” The corporeal senses
 declare otherwise; and if we give the same heed to the
 history of error as to the records of truth, the Scriptural
 27 record of sin and death favors the false conclusion of the
 material senses. Sin, sickness, and death must be deemed
 as devoid of reality as they are of good, God.

No baneful
 creation

3. SH 501:1-10

501:1 Scientific interpretation of the Scriptures properly starts with the beginning of the Old Testament, chiefly because the spiritual import of the Word, in its earliest articulations, often seems so smothered by the immediate context as to require explication; whereas the New Testament narratives are clearer and come nearer the heart. Jesus illumines them, showing the poverty of mortal existence, but richly recompensing human want and woe with spiritual gain.

Spiritual
interpretation

4. SH 46:7

The divine Spirit, which identified Jesus thus centuries ago, has spoken through the inspired Word and will speak through it in every age and clime. It is revealed to the receptive heart, and is again seen casting out evil and healing the sick.

5. SH 38:10-12 (to .), 18

Jesus said: "These signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." At another time Jesus prayed, not for the twelve only, but for as many as should believe "through their word."

6. SH 271:26-30

Those, who are willing to leave their nets or to cast them on the right side for Truth, have the opportunity now, as aforesaid, to learn and to practise Christian healing. The Scriptures contain it. The spiritual import of the Word imparts this power.

Modern evangel

7. SH 292:19-21

Explaining the origin of material man and mortal mind, Jesus said: "Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word."

8. SH 231:30

Man, governed by his Maker, having no other Mind, — planted on the Evangelist's statement that "all things were made by Him [the Word of God]; and without Him was not anything made that was made," — can triumph over sin, sickness, and death.

9. SH 335:7 Spirit

Spirit, God, has created all in and of Him-

self. Spirit never created matter. There is nothing in
 9 Spirit out of which matter could be made,
 for, as the Bible declares, without the Logos,
 the Æon or Word of God, “was not anything made
 12 that was made.” Spirit is the only substance, the in-
 visible and indivisible infinite God. Things spiritual and
 eternal are substantial. Things material and temporal
 15 are insubstantial.

The only
 substance

10. SH 344:32

In the Bible the word *Spirit* is so commonly applied
 345:1 to Deity, that Spirit and God are often regarded as syn-
 onymous terms; and it is thus they are uniformly used
 3 and understood in Christian Science. As it
 is evident that the likeness of Spirit cannot be
 material, does it not follow that God cannot be in His
 6 unlikeness and work through drugs to heal the sick?
 When the omnipotence of God is preached and His ab-
 soluteness is set forth, Christian sermons will heal the
 9 sick.

Omnipotence set
 forth

11. SH 410:4-20

“This is life eternal,” says Jesus, — *is*, not *shall be*;
 and then he defines everlasting life as a present knowledge
 6 of his Father and of himself, — the knowledge
 of Love, Truth, and Life. “This is life eter-
 nal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and
 9 Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” The Scriptures
 say, “Man shall not live by bread *alone*, but by every
 word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,” show-
 12 ing that Truth is the actual life of man; but mankind
 objects to making this teaching practical.

Life eternal and
 present

Every trial of our faith in God makes us stronger.
 15 The more difficult seems the material condition to be
 overcome by Spirit, the stronger should be our
 faith and the purer our love. The Apostle
 18 John says: “There is no fear in Love, but perfect Love
 casteth out fear. . . . He that feareth is not made per-
 fect in Love.”

Love casteth out
 fear

12. SH 446:20-27

To understand
 21 God strengthens hope, enthrones faith in Truth, and
 verifies Jesus’ word: “Lo, I am with you always, even
 unto the end of the world.”
 24 Resisting evil, you overcome it and prove its nothing-
 ness. Not human platitudes, but divine beatitudes, re-

flect the spiritual light and might which heal
27 the sick.

Iniquity
overcome

13. SH 560:10-17

Heaven represents harmony, and divine Science inter-
12 prets the Principle of heavenly harmony. The great
miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and
the grand necessity of existence is to gain the
15 true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of
heaven in man. This goal is never reached while we
hate our neighbor or entertain a false estimate of any-
one whom God has appointed to voice His Word.

True estimate of
God’s messenger

14. SH 575:22-24

As the Psalmist saith, “Beautiful for situation, the
joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of
24 the north, the city of the great King.”

The royally
divine gates

15. SH 576:3-14

3 This heavenly city, lighted by the Sun of Righteous-
ness, — this New Jerusalem, this infinite All, which to
us seems hidden in the mist of remoteness, —
6 reached St. John’s vision while yet he taber-
naled with mortals.

Revelation’s
pure zenith

In Revelation xxi. 22, further describing this holy city,
9 the beloved Disciple writes: —

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty
and the Lamb are the temple of it.

12 There was no temple, — that is, no material structure
in which to worship God, for He must be worshipped
in spirit and in love.

The shrine
celestial

16. SH 577:12-21

12 This spiritual, holy habitation has no boundary
nor limit, but its four cardinal points are: first, the
Word of Life, Truth, and Love; second,
15 the Christ, the spiritual idea of God; third,
Christianity, which is the outcome of the divine Prin-
ciple of the Christ-idea in Christian history; fourth,
18 Christian Science, which to-day and forever interprets
this great example and the great Exemplar. This city
of our God has no need of sun or satellite, for Love
21 is the light of it, and divine Mind is its own interpreter.

The city of our
God

17. SH 319:21-23

21 The divine Science taught in the original language
of the Bible came through inspiration, and needs inspi-
ration to be understood.

Scriptures
misinterpreted

18. SH 497:3 As

3 As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word
of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.

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