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Eternal God, the Cause of all creation,
Your goodness shines through all eternity.
From age to age Your name has been exalted,
Your glory fills the earth, the sky, and sea.
Almighty One, Creative Mind, our Maker,
Which was, and is, and evermore shall be.

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Dear God of love, eternal Father-Mother,
Supply our need, our every need each day.
Teach us to love the way You love Your children,
Purge us from sin and self, with trust we pray;
"Thy kingdom come," in all earth as in heaven,
You are our light, our guide, our hope, our stay.

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Your Word of truth is ever our companion;
We are assured Your healing love is here.
Help us to prove, as Jesus proved before us,
Truth casts out sin, disease, and death, and fear.
And may Your Word abide with us forever.
O Lord of life, of truth, and love, most dear.

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Trust the Eternal when the shadows gather,
When joys of daylight seem so like a dream;
God the unchanging pities like a father;
Trust on and wait, the daystar yet shall gleam.

Trust the Eternal, for the clouds that vanish
No more can move the mountains from their base

Than sin's illusive wreaths of mist can banish
Light from His throne or loving from His face.

Trust the Eternal, and repent in meekness
Of that heart's pride which frowns and will not yield,
Then to thy child-heart shall come strength in weakness,
And thine immortal life shall be revealed.

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GREENWOOD'S PSALMODY, HALIFAX, 1838

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LANSDOWNE

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O Life that maketh all things new,
The blooming earth, the thoughts of men;
Our pilgrim feet, wet with Thy dew,
In gladness hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows,
From eye to eye the signals run,
From heart to heart the bright hope glows,
The seekers of the Light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth,
One in the joy of paths untrod,
One in the heart's perennial youth,
One in the larger thought of God;—

The freer step, the fuller breath,
The wide horizon's grander view;
The sense of Life that knows no death,—
The Life that maketh all things new.

The Bible

1. II Pet. 3:8 beloved

8 beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2. Ps. 71:9

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

3. Ps. 39:4 (to :), 5 mine (to :)

4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is*;

5 mine age *is* as nothing before thee:

4. Gen. 5:3-5 Adam (to :), 32

3 Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years:

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5. Gen. 17:1 (to :), 4 my, 5 (to :), 15 as, 16 (to :), 17

1 AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God;

4 my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham;

15 As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her:

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

6. Gen. 21:1 2nd and, 2, 5

1 and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

7. Ps. 92:13, 14 (to 1st ;)

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;

8. Deut. 34:7 Moses

7 Moses *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

9. Josh. 14:6 1st the, 7, 10, 11

6 the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh–barnea.

7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh–barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of Israel* wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I *am as* strong this day as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

10. Titus 2:1-4 speak

1 speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

11. Luke 1:5-7, 11-13, 18, 19, 37

5 ¶ THERE was in the days of Herod, the king of Judæa, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elisabeth.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were *now* well stricken in years.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

- 18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.
- 19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.
- 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.
12. II Cor 5:17 if
- 17 if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
13. I Cor. 15:39, 40, 44 There, 46-53, 57 thanks
- 39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.
- 40 *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.
- 44 There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
- 46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.
- 47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.
- 48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.
- 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
- 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
- 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
- 57 thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

1. SH 124:14-19

- The universe, like man, is to be interpreted by Science
- 15 from its divine Principle, God, and then it can be understood; but when explained on the basis of physical sense and represented as subject to

Right
interpretation

18 growth, maturity, and decay, the universe, like man, is,
and must continue to be, an enigma.

2. SH 549:4-8

The supposition that life germinates in eggs and
must decay after it has grown to maturity, if not before,
6 is shown by divine metaphysics to be a mistake, — a
blunder which will finally give place to higher theories
and demonstrations.

3. SH 214:28-30

Neither age nor
accident can interfere with the senses of Soul,
30 and there are no other real senses.

4. SH 122:29-4

Our theories make the same mistake regarding Soul
30 and body that Ptolemy made regarding the solar system.
They insist that soul is in body and mind therefore tribu-
tary to matter. Astronomical science has destroyed the
123:1 false theory as to the relations of the celestial bodies, and
Christian Science will surely destroy the greater error as
3 to our terrestrial bodies. The true idea and
Principle of man will then appear.

Ptolemaic and
psychical error

5. SH 310:11-17, 29-2

Day may decline and shadows fall, but darkness flees
12 when the earth has again turned upon its axis. The sun
is not affected by the revolution of the earth.
So Science reveals Soul as God, untouched
15 by sin and death, — as the central Life and intelligence
around which circle harmoniously all things in the sys-
tems of Mind.

The central
intelligence

Mind is God, and God is not seen by material sense,
30 because Mind is Spirit, which material sense cannot dis-
cern. There is neither growth, maturity, nor decay in
Soul. These changes are the mutations of material sense,
311:1 the varying clouds of mortal belief, which hide the truth
of being.

6. SH 305:27-30

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.

7. SH 236:29-32

While
30 age is halting between two opinions or battling with

false beliefs, youth makes easy and rapid strides towards Truth.

8. SH 244:7-246:1

If we were to derive all our conceptions of man from what is seen between the cradle and the grave, happiness and goodness would have no abiding-place in man, and the worms would rob him of the flesh; but Paul writes: “The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Man undergoing birth, maturity, and decay is like the beasts and vegetables, — subject to laws of decay. If man were dust in his earliest stage of existence, we might admit the hypothesis that he returns eventually to his primitive condition; but man was never more nor less than man.

If man flickers out in death or springs from matter into being, there must be an instant when God is without His entire manifestation, — when there is no full reflection of the infinite Mind.

Man in Science is neither young nor old. He has neither birth nor death. He is not a beast, a vegetable, nor a migratory mind. He does not pass from matter to Mind, from the mortal to the immortal, from evil to good, or from good to evil. Such admissions cast us headlong into darkness and dogma. Even Shakespeare’s poetry pictures age as infancy, as helplessness and decadence, instead of assigning to man the everlasting grandeur and immortality of development, power, and prestige.

The error of thinking that we are growing old, and the benefits of destroying that illusion, are illustrated in a sketch from the history of an English woman, published in the London medical magazine called The Lancet.

Disappointed in love in her early years, she became insane and lost all account of time. Believing that she was still living in the same hour which parted her from her lover, taking no note of years, she stood daily before the window watching for her lover’s coming. In this mental state she remained young. Having no consciousness of time, she literally grew no older. Some American travellers saw her when she was seventy-four, and supposed her to be a young woman. She had no care-lined face, no wrinkles nor gray hair, but youth sat gently on cheek and brow. Asked to guess her age, those unacquainted with her history conjectured that she must be under twenty.

Man never less than man

Man not evolved

Perpetual youth

18 This instance of youth preserved furnishes a useful
 hint, upon which a Franklin might work with more cer-
 21 tainty than when he coaxed the enamoured lightning
 from the clouds. Years had not made her old, because
 she had taken no cognizance of passing time nor thought
 of herself as growing old. The bodily results of her belief
 24 that she was young manifested the influence of such a be-
 lief. She could not age while believing herself young, for
 the mental state governed the physical.

27 Impossibilities never occur. One instance like the
 foregoing proves it possible to be young at seventy-four;
 and the primary of that illustration makes it plain that
 30 decrepitude is not according to law, nor is it a necessity of
 nature, but an illusion.

The infinite never began nor will it ever end. Mind
 246:1 and its formations can never be annihilated.

9. SH 246:10-13, 17-31

The measurement of life by solar years robs youth and
 gives ugliness to age. The radiant sun of virtue and truth
 12 coexists with being. Manhood is its eternal noon, un-
 dimmed by a declining sun.

Never record ages. Chronological data are no part
 18 of the vast forever. Time-tables of birth and death are
 so many conspiracies against manhood and
 womanhood. Except for the error of meas-
 21 uring and limiting all that is good and beautiful, man
 would enjoy more than threescore years and ten and
 still maintain his vigor, freshness, and promise. Man,
 24 governed by immortal Mind, is always beautiful and
 grand. Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty,
 and holiness.

27 Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the
 demonstration thereof. Life and goodness are immortal.
 Let us then shape our views of existence into
 30 loveliness, freshness, and continuity, rather
 than into age and blight.

Undesirable
records

True life eternal

10. SH 247:3-7, 28

3 I have seen age regain two of the elements it had lost,
 sight and teeth. A woman of eighty-five, whom I knew,
 had a return of sight. Another woman at
 6 ninety had new teeth, incisors, cuspids, bi-
 cuspids, and one molar.

The embellishments of the person are poor substitutes
 for the charms of being, shining resplendent and eternal
 30 over age and decay.

Eyes and teeth
renewed

11. SH 261:8-20

The effect of mortal mind on health and happiness is
 9 seen in this: If one turns away from the body with such
 absorbed interest as to forget it, the body
 experiences no pain. Under the strong im-
 12 pulse of a desire to perform his part, a noted actor was
 accustomed night after night to go upon the stage and
 sustain his appointed task, walking about as actively
 15 as the youngest member of the company. This old man
 was so lame that he hobbled every day to the theatre, and
 sat aching in his chair till his cue was spoken, — a signal
 18 which made him as oblivious of physical infirmity as if
 he had inhaled chloroform, though he was in the full pos-
 session of his so-called senses.

Unreality of pain

12. SH 520:10

The numerals of infinity, called *seven days*, can
 never be reckoned according to the calendar of time.
 12 These days will appear as mortality disappears, and they
 will reveal eternity, newness of Life, in which all sense of
 error forever disappears and thought accepts the divine
 15 infinite calculus.

13. SH 598:19 (to 2nd ;), 21-24

YEAR. A solar measurement of time; mortality;
 21 “One day is with the Lord as a thousand years.”
 (II Peter iii. 8.)
 One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual
 24 understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity.

14. SH 599:1

Eternity is God’s measurement of Soul-
 filled years.