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Though I may speak with moving words,
Which can inspire the human heart,
But have no love to seal their worth,
They are but sham and empty art.

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Though I may give my worldly goods
Without a thought of self or gain,
Unless they bear the fruits of love
They are as clouds without their rain.

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Though I may search the deepest books,
Companion with the wisest men,
God's loving voice still calls to me,
It bids me turn and look again.

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Now I would learn to know this Love
Through meek and patient ministry,
Until my life has grown anew
And Love is All-in-all to me.

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MARIA LOUISE BAUM

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CHEERFULNESS

CHRISTOPH E. F. WEYSE

If the Lord build not the house
They that labor build in vain;
Father, may our corner stone
Stand foursquare, without a stain.

Make our planting timely, true,
Governed by a power benign;
Nourish by a heavenly dew

All the branches and the vine.

Fruitful shall our tillage be,
Known the work of perfect Mind,
Leaves be gathered from the tree
For the healing of mankind.

Cleansing men of fear and hate,
Lifting hope above the sod,
Truth will summon, soon or late,
All the earth to worship God.

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HOSEA BALLOU

Adapted

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MORNING HYMN

FRANCOIS H. BARTHÉLÉMON

When God is seen with men to dwell,
And all creation makes anew,
What tongue can half the wonders tell,
What eye the dazzling glories view?

Celestial streams shall gently flow,
The wilderness shall joyful be;
On parched ground shall lilies grow
And gladness spring on every tree;

The weak be strong, the fearful bold,
The deaf shall hear, the dumb shall sing,
The lame shall walk, the blind behold,
And joy through all the earth shall ring.

The Bible

1. Ps. 96:12

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

2. Ps. 104:12

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* sing among the branches.

3. Gen. 2:8 1st the, 9, 15 1st the, 16, 17

8 the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the

man whom he had formed.

- 9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- 15 the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
- 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
- 17 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.

4. Gen. 3:22-24

- 22 ¶ And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
- 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
- 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

5. Prov. 3:13, 18

- 13 ¶ Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.
- 18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

6. Prov. 11:28, 30

- 28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

7. Prov. 15:4 (to :)

- 4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life:

8. Zech. 3:8

- 8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

9. Zech 4:1-3, 11, 14

- 1 AND the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,
- 2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof:
- 3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.
- 11 ¶ Then answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these two olive trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?
- 14 Then said he, These *are* the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

10. Mark 6:34 Jesus

- 34 Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

11. Mark 8:22-25

- 22 ¶ And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.
- 23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught.
- 24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.
- 25 After that he put *his* hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

12. Luke 6:41-45 why (to ;)

- 41 why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?
- 42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.
- 43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- 44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.
- 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good;

13. John 15:1, 2, 4-9

- 1 I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
- 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
- 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

14. Rev 21:1-3

- 1 AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
- 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

15. Rev 22:1, 2, 13, 14, 16

- 1 AND he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.
- 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
- 14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
- 16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

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

1. SH 406:1-16

¶96:1 The Bible contains the recipe for all healing. “The

leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”
Sin and sickness are both healed by the same
Principle. The tree is typical of man’s divine
Principle, which is equal to every emergency, offering
full salvation from sin, sickness, and death. Sin will
submit to Christian Science when, in place of modes and
forms, the power of God is understood and demonstrated
in the healing of mortals, both mind and body. “Per-
fect Love casteth out fear.”

The leaves of
healing

The Science of being unveils the errors of sense, and
spiritual perception, aided by Science, reaches Truth.
Then error disappears. Sin and sickness will
abate and seem less real as we approach the
scientific period, in which mortal sense is subdued and
all that is unlike the true likeness disappears.

Sickness will
abate

2. SH 538:13-15

The “tree of life” is significant of
eternal reality or being. The “tree of knowl-
15 edge” typifies unreality.

3. SH 481:12

The forbidden fruit of knowledge,
against which wisdom warns man, is the testimony of
error, declaring existence to be at the mercy of death,
15 and good and evil to be capable of commingling. This
is the significance of the Scripture concerning this “tree
of the knowledge of good and evil,” — this growth of
18 material belief, of which it is said: “In the day that thou
eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” Human hypotheses
first assume the reality of sickness, sin, and death, and
21 then assume the necessity of these evils because of their
admitted actuality. These human verdicts are the pro-
curers of all discord.

4. SH 214:18

18 We bow down to matter, and entertain finite thoughts
of God like the pagan idolater. Mortals are inclined to
fear and to obey what they consider a material
21 body more than they do a spiritual God. All
material knowledge, like the original “tree of knowledge,”
multiplies their pains, for mortal illusions would rob God,
24 slay man, and meanwhile would spread their table with
cannibal tidbits and give thanks.

Idolatrous
illusions

5. SH 459:24-27

24 To mortal sense Christian Science seems abstract, but
the process is simple and the results are sure if the Science
is understood. The tree must be good, which
27 produces good fruit.

Certainty of
results

6. SH 518:5-8, 19

6 *Genesis* i. 29, 30. And God said, Behold, I have given
you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all
the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree
yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Love giveth to the least spiritual idea
might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through
21 all as the blossom shines through the bud. All the varied
expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality —
infinite Life, Truth, and Love.

7. SH 129:22-26

21 We must look deep
into realism instead of accepting only the out-
24 ward sense of things. Can we gather peaches
from a pine-tree, or learn from discord the concord of
being?

Ontology needed

8. SH 525:30-9

30 *Genesis* ii. 9. And out of the ground made the Lord God
[Jehovah] to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight,
526:1 and good for food; the tree of life also, in the midst of the
garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

3 The previous and more scientific record of creation
declares that God made “every plant of the field be-
fore it was in the earth.” This opposite
6 declaration, this statement that life issues
from matter, contradicts the teaching of the first chap-
ter, — namely, that all Life is God. Belief is less than
9 understanding.

Contradicting
first creation

9. SH 526:14-22

The first mention of evil is in the legendary Scriptural
15 text in the second chapter of Genesis. God pronounced
good all that He created, and the Scriptures
declare that He created all. The “tree of
18 life” stands for the idea of Truth, and the sword which
guards it is the type of divine Science. The “tree of
knowledge” stands for the erroneous doctrine that the
21 knowledge of evil is as real, hence as God-bestowed, as

Record of error

the knowledge of good.

10. SH 527:6-20

6 *Genesis* ii. 16, 17. And the Lord God [Jehovah] com-
manded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou
mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good
9 and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou
eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Here the metaphor represents God, Love, as tempting
12 man, but the Apostle James says: “God cannot be
tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any
man.” It is true that a knowledge of evil would
15 make man mortal. It is plain also that mate-
rial perception, gathered from the corporeal senses, consti-
tutes evil and mortal knowledge. But is it true that God,
18 good, made “the tree of life” to be the tree of death to His
own creation? Has evil the reality of good? Evil is un-
real because it is a lie, — false in every statement.

No temptation
from God

11. SH 165:1

165:1 Physiology is one of the apples from “the tree
of knowledge.” Evil declared that eating this fruit
3 would open man’s eyes and make him as a god. Instead
of so doing, it closed the eyes of mortals to man’s God-
given dominion over the earth.

12. SH 166:3 (only)

3 As a man thinketh, so is he.

13. SH 272:6-8

6 In the soil of an “honest and good heart” the
seed must be sown; else it beareth not much fruit, for the
swinish element in human nature uproots it.

14. SH 270:31

The life of Christ Jesus was not miraculous, but it was
indigenous to his spirituality, — the good soil wherein the
271:1 seed of Truth springs up and bears much fruit. Christ’s
Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing
3 in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with
the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of
God. Neither emasculation, illusion, nor insubordination
6 exists in divine Science.

15. SH 299:18

28 Knowledge gained from material sense is figuratively
represented in Scripture as a tree, bearing the fruits of

sin, sickness, and death. Ought we not then to judge the knowledge thus obtained to be untrue and dangerous, since “the tree is known by his fruit”?

16. SH 303:16-20, 30-2

Divine Science lays the axe at the root of the illusion that life, or mind, is formed by or is in the material body, and Science will eventually destroy this illusion through the self-destruction of all error and the beatified understanding of the Science of Life.

When the evidence before the material senses yielded to spiritual sense, the apostle declared that nothing could alienate him from God, from the sweet sense and presence of Life and Truth.

17. SH 324:32-1, 5

Jesus said substantially, “He that believeth in me shall not see death.” Such a one abideth in Life, — life obtained not of the body incapable of supporting life, but of Truth, unfolding its own immortal idea. Jesus gave the true idea of being, which results in infinite blessings to mortals.