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Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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## HYMNS

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**475**

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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Hymn 25

## **Hymn 23–28, 432, 433**

### **CHRISTMAS MORN**

MARY BAKER EDDY

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### **SERENITY**

ARR. FROM WILLIAM V. WALLACE

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### **CHRISTMAS MORN**

ALBERT F. CONANT

(25)

### **KINGTON**

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS

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**DRANSFIELD**

G. THALBEN-BALL

(27)

**INFINITAS**

PERCY WHITLOCK

(28)

**SELWORTHY**

E. NORMAN GREENWOOD

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds  
Pursue thy way,  
Thy light was born where storm enshrouds  
Nor dawn nor day!

Dear Christ, forever here and near,  
No cradle song,  
No natal hour and mother's tear,  
To thee belong.

Thou God-idea, Life-encrowned,  
The Bethlehem babe—  
Beloved, replete, by flesh embound—  
Was but thy shade!

Thou gentle beam of living Love,  
And deathless Life!  
Truth infinite,—so far above  
All mortal strife,

Or cruel creed, or earth-born taint:  
Fill us today  
With all thou art—be thou our saint,  
Our stay, alway.

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**Hymn 51, 52**

MARY ALICE DAYTON

(51)

**SPOHR**

LOUIS SPOHR

(52)

**ST. MATTHEW**

WILLIAM CROFT

*Modern form of tune*

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.

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.

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.

### **The Bible**

#### 1. I John 3:9

- 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

#### 2. Job 14:1, 2

- 1 MAN *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.  
2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

#### 3. Job 15:14, 15, 17

- 14 What *is* man, that he should be clean? and *he which is* born of a woman,

that he should be righteous?

15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

17 I will shew thee, hear me; and that *which* I have seen I will declare;

4. I John 5:1, 4 whatsoever, 5

1 WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

4 whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

5. Isa. 7:14 the Lord

14 the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

6. Isa. 9:6 (to 2nd :)

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

7. Acts 10:36-38

36 The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judæa, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

8. John 8:31-34, 37-42, 59

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.

33 ¶ They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

- 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.
- 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.
- 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.
- 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.
- 59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

9. John 9:1-7

- 1 AND as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.
- 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
- 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
- 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
- 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
- 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

10. I John 4:7 every

- 7 every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

11. I John 5:18 (to ;)

- 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not;

12. Luke 7:19 John, 20, 22, 23, 28 I

- 19 John calling *unto him* two of his disciples sent *them* to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?
- 20 When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?
- 22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

- 23 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me.
- 28 I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

13. Acts 17:22 Paul (to 2nd ), 24, 28

- 22 Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said,
- 24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;
- 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

(14) I Jhn 4:7 (NIV)

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

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

1. SH 267:3-5 (to 1st )

- 3 The offspring of God start not from matter or ephemeral dust. They are in and of Spirit, divine Mind, and so forever continue.

2. SH 325:26-29

- The time cometh when
- 27 the spiritual origin of man, the divine Science which ushered Jesus into human presence, will be understood and demonstrated.

3. SH 533:21-23, 30-5

- 21 Materiality, so obnoxious to God, is already found in the rapid deterioration of the bone and flesh which came from Adam to form Eve.
- She has already learned that corporeal sense is the serpent. Hence
- 534:1 she is first to abandon the belief in the material origin of man and to discern spiritual creation. This hereafter
- 3 enabled woman to be the mother of Jesus and to behold at the sepulchre the risen Saviour, who was soon to manifest the deathless man of God's creating.

4. SH 598:1-5

- 598:1 The Greek word for *wind* (*pneuma*) is used also for *spirit*, as in the passage in John's Gospel, the third chapter, where we read: "The wind [*pneuma*] bloweth where it listeth. . . . So is every one that is born of the Spirit

[*pneuma*].”

5. SH 262:27-28 (to 1st .)

27 The foundation of mortal discord is a false sense of  
man’s origin.

6. SH 63:5

6 In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior  
9 to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

Spiritual origin

7. SH 265:16

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

8. SH 61:14, 29

If some fortuitous circumstance places promising children in the arms of gross parents, often these beautiful  
15 children early droop and die, like tropical flowers born amid Alpine snows. If perchance  
18 they live to become parents in their turn, they may reproduce in their own helpless little ones the grosser traits of their ancestors. What hope of happiness, what noble  
21 ambition, can inspire the child who inherits propensities that must either be overcome or reduce him to a loathsome wreck?

Propensities inherited

The formation of mortals must greatly improve to  
30 advance mankind. The scientific *morale* of marriage is spiritual unity. If the propagation of a higher human species is requisite to reach this goal, then its material conditions can only be permitted for the purpose of generating. The foetus must be kept mentally pure and the  
62:1 period of gestation have the sanctity of virginity.  
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9. SH 178:8-17

13 Heredity is not a law. The remote cause or belief  
9 of disease is not dangerous because of its priority and the connection of past mortal thoughts with present.

The predisposing cause and the exciting cause are mental.

Perhaps an adult has a deformity produced prior to his birth by the fright of his mother. When wrested from human belief and based on Science or the divine Mind, to which all things are possible, that chronic case is not difficult to cure.

10. SH 272:19-25

It is the spiritualization of thought and Christianization of daily life, in contrast with the results of the ghastly farce  
21 of material existence; it is chastity and purity,  
in contrast with the downward tendencies  
and earthward gravitation of sensualism and impurity,  
24 which really attest the divine origin and operation of Christian Science.

Unspiritual  
contrasts

11. SH 305:27-29

Because man is the reflection of his  
Maker, he is not subject to birth, growth, maturity, decay.

12. SH 206:25-26

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

13. 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.

14. SH 215:24-26

Mortal man is the  
antipode of immortal man in origin, in existence, and in his relation to God.

15. SH 250:7-11 (to 1st .)

6 Spirit is the Ego which  
never dreams, but understands all things;  
9 which never errs, and is ever conscious; which  
never believes, but knows; which is never born and  
never dies.

Spirit the one  
Ego

16. SH 288:31-1

The eternal Truth destroys what mortals seem to have  
learned from error, and man's real existence as a child  
289:1 of God comes to light.



17. SH 227:17-19 Paul

Paul said, "I was free born." All men should  
be free. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

18. SH 553:29

You may say that mortals are formed before they  
think or know aught of their origin, and you  
may also ask how belief can affect a result  
which precedes the development of that belief. It can  
only be replied, that Christian Science reveals what "eye  
hath not seen," — even the cause of all that exists, — for  
the universe, inclusive of man, is as eternal as God, who  
is its divine immortal Principle. There is no such thing  
as mortality, nor are there properly any mortal beings,  
because being is immortal, like Deity, — or, rather, being  
and Deity are inseparable.

Being is  
immortal

19. SH 109:24-31

When a new spiritual idea is borne to earth, the  
prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is renewedly fulfilled:  
"Unto us a child is born, . . . and his name shall be  
called Wonderful."

Jesus once said of his lessons: "My doctrine is not  
mine, but His that sent me. If any man will do His will,  
he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or  
whether I speak of myself." (John vii. 16, 17.)

20. SH 25:16-17

Jesus presented the ideal of God better  
than could any man whose origin was less spiritual.

21. SH 30:5-8, 11

Born of a woman, Jesus' advent in the flesh partook  
partly of Mary's earthly condition, although he was en-  
dowed with the Christ, the divine Spirit, with-  
out measure. Had his origin and birth been wholly apart from mortal  
usage, Jesus would not have been appreciable to mortal  
mind as "the way."

Jesus the  
way-shower

22. SH 191:8

As a material, theoretical life-basis is found to be a  
misapprehension of existence, the spiritual and divine  
Principle of man dawns upon human thought,  
and leads it to "where the young child was,"  
— even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual  
sense of being and of what Life includes. Thus the whole

The immortal  
birth

earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light,  
chasing away the darkness of error.

23. SH 127:26

Science is an emanation of

- 27   divine Mind, and is alone able to interpret God aright.  
It has a spiritual, and not a material origin. It is a divine  
utterance, — the Comforter which leadeth into all truth.

24. SH 35:20-25

We can

- 21   unite with this church only as we are new-  
born of Spirit, as we reach the Life which  
is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth  
24   the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the  
sick.

Spiritual  
Eucharist

25. SH 190:14

Human birth, growth, maturity, and decay are as the  
15   grass springing from the soil with beautiful green blades,  
afterwards to wither and return to its native  
nothingness. This mortal seeming is temporal;  
18   it never merges into immortal being, but finally disappears,  
and immortal man, spiritual and eternal, is found  
to be the real man.

Human frailty

26. 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.