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New Birth

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The Bible

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The Message (1st Pet 1:23): "...your new birth comes from God's living Word. Just think: a life conceived by God himself."

1. I Peter 1:23

- 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

King James Version

2. Ps. 51:10

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

3. Col. 3:10 put

- 10 put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

4. I Pet. 2:1-3

- 1 WHEREFORE laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
- 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

5. Gen. 32:3 Jacob, 6, 7 (to :), 9, 11 (to :), 24-28, 30

- 3 Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.
- 6 ¶ And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.
- 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed:
- 9 ¶ And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:
- 11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau:

- 24 ¶ And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.
- 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.
- 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
- 27 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.
- 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.
- 30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

6. I Peter 1:22 love one, 23

- 22 love one another with a pure heart fervently:
- 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

7. Isa. 35:3-7 (to :), 10

- 3 ¶ Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you.
- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
- 6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.
- 7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:
- 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

8. Acts 3:19 1st be, 20

- 19 be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;
- 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

9. Luke 5:36-38

- 36 ¶ And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was *taken* out of the new agreeth not with the old.

- 37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.
- 38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

10. John 3:1-13

- 1 THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
- 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
- 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
- 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
- 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
- 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?
- 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?
- 11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.
- 12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things?
- 13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

11. Mark 10:13-16

- 13 ¶ And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*.
- 14 But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
- 15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
- 16 And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed

them.

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.

NLT Titus 3:4,5: *"When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit."*

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

1. SH 249:6-9

- 6 Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy. Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine "powers that be."

Renewed
selfhood

2. 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.

3. SH 463:12

- 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.

4. SH 275:6-9

- The starting-point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He
9 is divine Principle.

5. SH 284:8-9

- Infinite Mind can have no starting-point,
9 and can return to no limit.

6. SH 21:9

9 If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striving to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things
12 of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the start, and gain a little each day in the right direction, till at last he finishes his course with joy.

7. SH 426:14

Man should renew his energies and endeavors, and see the folly of hypocrisy, while also learning the necessity of working out his own salvation. When
15 it is learned that disease cannot destroy life, and that
18 mortals are not saved from sin or sickness by death, this understanding will quicken into newness of life. It will master either a desire to die or a dread of the grave,
21 and thus destroy the great fear that besets mortal existence.

8. SH 548:12

12 Earth has little light or joy for mortals before Life is spiritually learned. 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.

9. SH 354:20-23

18 If our words
21 fail to express our deeds, God will redeem that weakness, and out of the mouth of babes He will perfect praise.

10. SH 451:8

Students of Christian Science, who start with its letter
9 and think to succeed without the spirit, will either make shipwreck of their faith or be turned sadly
12 awry. They must not only seek, but strive,
15 to enter the narrow path of Life, for “wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.” Man walks in the direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure
18 is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affections are spiritual, they come from above, not from beneath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

Treasure in
heaven

11. SH 190:14-31

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.

21 The Hebrew bard, swayed by mortal thoughts, thus
 swept his lyre with saddening strains on human existence:

As for man, his days are as grass:

24 As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
 And the place thereof shall know it no more.

27 When hope rose higher in the human heart, he sang:

As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness:
 I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

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30 For with Thee is the fountain of life;
 In Thy light shall we see light.

12. SH 206:25-28

Can there be any birth or death for man, the spiritual
 image and likeness of God? Instead of God sending
 27 sickness and death, He destroys them, and brings to light
 immortality.

13. SH 4:27-30

27 Audible prayer can never do the works of spiritual
 understanding, which regenerates; but silent prayer,
 watchfulness, and devout obedience enable
 30 us to follow Jesus' example.

Veritable
 devotion

14. SH 131:18-22

Jesus once
 said: "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and
 earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise
 21 and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even
 so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight."

15. SH 221:1-4, 10-20, 29

302:1 I knew a person who when quite a child adopted the
 Graham system to cure dyspepsia. For many years, he
 3 ate only bread and vegetables, and drank nothing
 but water. He passed many weary years in hunger
 and weakness, almost in starvation, and finally made up
 12 his mind to die, having exhausted the skill of the doctors,

Starvation and
 dyspepsia

who kindly informed him that death was indeed his only alternative. At this point Christian Science saved him, and he is now in perfect health without a vestige of the old complaint.

He learned that suffering and disease were the self-imposed beliefs of mortals, and not the facts of being; that God never decreed disease, — never ordained a law that fasting should be a means of health.

This new-born understanding, that neither food nor the stomach, without the consent of mortal mind, can make one suffer, brings with it another lesson, — that gluttony is a sensual illusion, and that this phantasm of mortal mind disappears as we better apprehend our spiritual existence and ascend the ladder of life.

Mind and
stomach

16. SH 24:11-13

12 He to whom “the arm of the Lord” is revealed will believe our report, and rise into newness of life with regeneration.

Radical changes

17. SH 296:6-9 (to 1st .)

9 Either here or hereafter, suffering or Science must destroy all illusions regarding life and mind, and regenerate material sense and self.

18. SH 242:1-3

3 Through repentance, spiritual baptism, and regeneration, mortals put off their material beliefs and false individuality.

Spiritual baptism

19. SH 69:7-8

6 God’s children already created will be cognized only as man finds the truth of being.

20. SH 35:20-25

21 We can 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 the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the sick.

Spiritual
Eucharist

21. SH 191:8-13

12 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.

The immortal
birth

22. SH 249:6-8

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newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor
material power as able to destroy.

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Hymn Lyrics

#434

A village humble, still,
A guiding star above,
A shepherd watching on a hill,
A mother-heart of love—
A child is born of grace,
Brings peace to all the earth,
While angels sing their joyous praise,
And glorify his birth.

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The shepherds brought their faith,
The Wisemen offered gold
And costly frankincense and myrrh;
Each brought his gift of old.
What shall we give today?
A thing of worldly worth?
Or hearts attuned to angel songs—
The gift of our new birth?

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#339

There are none friendless, none afraid,
The saving Truth who know,
Their shining path leads from the shade,
And up to light they go.

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It setteth free from thought of sin,
It healeth sorrow's blight,
Immortal joy is found therein,
And there shall be no night.
And O, may we, God's children true,
His healing love make known,
And see by faith all things made new
When ruled by Love alone.

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#542

O Life that maketh all things new,

The blooming earth, the thoughts of men;
Our pilgrim feet, wet with Your dew,
In gladness hither turn again.

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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:

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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;—

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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.