

The following passage is from *Miscellaneous Writings* by Mary Baker Eddy, “A mortal who is sinning, sick, and dying, is not immortal man; and never was, and never can be, God’s image and likeness, the true ideal of immortal man’s divine Principle. The spiritual man is that perfect and unfallen likeness, coexistent and coeternal with God. ‘As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.’” Tonight’s readings focus on Adam, the false concept of man to be laid aside for the true man as revealed only in Christian Science.

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(1) Colossians 3:2, 9, 10	(1) Page 368:10-14
(2) 1 Timothy 4:7 (<i>refuse</i>)	(2) Page 579:15-27 (following page)
(3) Genesis 2:7, 15, 18-22	(3) Page 306:32
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(6) Matthew 21:18-20	(6) Page 289:9-11
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(12) Genesis 7:12, 21, 22	(12) Page 536:26
(13) Isaiah 2:22 (to :)	(13) Page 581:8 (only), 9-14 (<i>the</i>)
(14) Genesis 8:1, 6-11	(14) Page 584:26
(15) John 14:1 (to :), 16-18 (<i>I</i>)	(15) Page 592:22 (only), 22 (<i>knowledge</i>)
(16) 2 Corinthians 1: 2-4	(16) Page 293:28
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Col. 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col. 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Col. 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

1Tim. 4:7 refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness.

Gen. 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Gen. 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Gen. 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

Gen. 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Gen. 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen. 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Gen. 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Gen. 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Gen. 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Gen. 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Gen. 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Gen. 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened,

Gen. 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

Gen. 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

Gen. 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Gen. 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

Gen. 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

Gen. 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it *wast* thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Gen. 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

Gen. 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Gen. 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Gen. 4:9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am* I my brother's keeper?

Gen. 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Gen. 4:11 And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

Gen. 4:12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Matt. 21:18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.

Matt. 21:19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

Matt. 21:20 And when the disciples saw *it*, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

Matt. 7:17 a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Matt. 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Matt. 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Hos. 13:14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction:

Gen. 5:28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

Gen. 5:29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This *same* shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

Gen. 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

Gen. 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Gen. 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

Gen. 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Gen. 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

Gen. 6:18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Gen. 7:12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

Gen. 7:21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

Gen. 7:22 All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died.

Is. 2:22 Cease ye from man, whose breath *is* in his nostrils:

Gen. 8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

Gen. 8:6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

Gen. 8:7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

Gen. 8:8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

Gen. 8:9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

Gen. 8:10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

Gen. 8:11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled:

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

John 14:17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

2Cor. 1:2 Grace *be* to you and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

2Cor. 1:3 Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

2Cor. 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Prov. 26:2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Against the fatal beliefs that error is as real as Truth, that evil is equal in power to good if not superior, and that discord is as normal as harmony, even the hope of freedom from the bondage of sickness and sin has little inspiration to nerve endeavor.

ADAM. Error; a falsity; the belief in “original sin,” sickness, and death; evil; the opposite of good, -- of God and His creation; a curse; a belief in intelligent matter, finiteness, and mortality; “dust to dust” red sandstone; nothingness; the first god of mythology; not God’s man, who represents the one God and is His own image and likeness; the opposite of Spirit and His creations; that which is not the image and likeness of good, but a material belief, opposed to the one Mind, or Spirit; a so-called finite mind, producing other minds, thus making “gods many and lords many” (I Corinthians viii. 5); a product of nothing as the mimicry of something; an unreality as opposed to the great reality of spiritual existence and creation; a so-called man, whose origin, substance, and mind are found to be the antipode of God, or Spirit; an inverted image of Spirit; the image and likeness of what God has not created, namely, matter, sin, sickness, and death; the opposer of Truth, termed error; Life’s counterfeit, which ultimates in death; the opposite of Love, called hate; the usurper of Spirit’s creation, called self-creative matter; immortality’s opposite, mortality; that of which wisdom saith, “Thou shalt surely die.”

The name Adam represents the false supposition that Life is not eternal, but has beginning and end; that the infinite enters the finite, that intelligence passes into nonintelligence, and that Soul dwells in material sense; that immortal Mind results in matter, and matter in mortal mind; that the one God and creator entered what He created, and then disappeared in the atheism of matter.

The parent of all human discord was the Adam-dream, the deep sleep, in which originated the delusion that life and intelligence proceeded from and passed into matter. This pantheistic error, or so-called *serpent*, insists still upon the opposite of Truth, saying, “Ye shall be as gods,” that is, I will make error as real and eternal as Truth.

Above error’s awful din, blackness, and chaos, the voice of Truth still calls: “Adam, where art thou? Consciousness, where art thou?”

Until the lesson is learned that God is the only Mind governing man, mortal belief will be afraid as it was in the beginning, and will hide from the

demand, "Where art thou?" This awful demand, "Adam, where art thou?" is met by the admission from the head, heart, stomach, blood, nerves, etc.: "Lo, here I am, looking from happiness and life in the body, but finding only an illusion, a blending of false claims, false pleasures, pain, sin, sickness, and death."

To suppose that sin, lust, hatred, envy, hypocrisy, revenge, have life abiding in them, is a terrible mistake.

The history of error or matter, if veritable, would set aside the omnipotence of Spirit; but it is the false history in contradistinction to the true.

The history of error is a dream-narrative. The dream has no reality, no intelligence, no mind; therefore the dreamer and dream are one, for neither is true nor real. *First*, this narrative supposes that something springs from nothing, that matter precedes mind. *Second*, it supposes that mind enters matter, and matter becomes living, substantial, and intelligent.

This is the error,-- that mortal man starts materially, that nonintelligence becomes intelligence, that mind and soul are both right and wrong.

All human knowledge and material sense must be gained from the five corporeal senses. Is this knowledge safe, when eating its first fruits brought death? "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," was the prediction in the story under consideration. Adam and his progeny were cursed, not blessed; and this indicates that the divine Spirit, or Father, condemns material man and remands him to dust.

Genesis iii. 9. And the Lord God [Jehovah] called unto Adam, and said unto him, where art thou?

Ashamed before Truth, error shrank abashed from the divine voice calling out to the corporeal senses. Its summons may be thus paraphrased: "Where art thou, man? Is Mind in matter? Is Mind capable of error as well as of truth, of evil as well as of good, when God is All and He is Mind and there is but one God, hence one Mind?"

The first impression material man had of himself was one of nakedness and shame. Had he lost man's rich inheritance and God's behest, dominion over all the earth? No! This had never been bestowed on Adam.

Mortals are not fallen children of God. They never had a perfect state of being, which may subsequently be regained. They were, from the beginning of mortal history, “conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity.” Mortality is finally swallowed up in immortality. Sin, sickness, and death must disappear to give place to the facts which belong to immortal man.

Learn this, O mortal, and earnestly seek the spiritual status of man, which is outside of all material selfhood.

Through toil, struggle, and sorrow, what do mortals attain? They give up their belief in perishable life and happiness; the mortal and material return to dust, and the immortal is reached.

ARK. the understanding of Spirit, destroying belief in matter.

God and man coexistent and eternal; Science showing that the spiritual realities of all things are created by Him and exist forever. The ark indicates temptation overcome and followed by exaltation

DOVE. A symbol of divine Science; purity and peace; hope and faith.

NOAH. knowledge of the nothingness of material things and of the immortality of all that is spiritual.

Christian Science brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal harmony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness of evil.

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations;... equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

Because Mind makes all, there is nothing left to be made by a lower power. Spirit acts through the Science of Mind, never causing man to till the ground, but making him superior to the soil. Knowledge of this lifts man above the sod, above earth and its environments, to conscious spiritual harmony and eternal being.

Our Master said, “But the Comforter... shall teach you all things.” When the Science of Christianity appears, it will lead you into all truth.

This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science