

April 29th readings: You are made in God's image and likeness!



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The Bible

1. Isa. 9:6, 7

- 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

2. John 3:1–7

- 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.

3. Gal. 4:19

- 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

4. Gen. 1:26, 27, 31 (to 1st .)

- 26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. ...

5. I Kings 19:11, 12

- 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the

Lord was not in the earthquake:

- 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

6. Luke 17:20, 21

- 20 ¶ And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Science & Health

1. SH 109:24

- 24 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
27 called Wonderful.”

2. SH 470:21–28

- 21 God is the creator of man, and, the divine Principle of man remaining perfect, the divine idea or reflection, man, remains perfect. Man is the expression
24 of God's being. If there ever was a moment when man did not express the divine perfection, then there was a moment when man did not express
27 God, and consequently a time when Deity was unexpressed — that is, without entity.

Indestructible
relationship

3. SH 463:6–13

- 6 To attend properly the birth of the new child, or divine idea, you should so detach mortal thought from its
9 material conceptions, that the birth will be natural and safe. Though gathering new energy, this idea cannot injure its useful surroundings in the travail of spiritual
12 birth. A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive.

Scientific
obstetrics

4. SH 235:28

- Clergymen, occupying the watchtowers of the world, should uplift the standard of Truth. They should so raise
30 their hearers spiritually, that their listeners will love to grapple with a new, right idea and broaden their concepts. Love of Christianity, rather
1 than love of popularity, should stimulate clerical labor and progress. Truth should emanate from the pulpit,

Clergymen's
duty

3 but never be strangled there. A special privilege is vested
in the ministry. How shall it be used? Sacredly, in the
interests of humanity, not of sect.

5. SH 593:9

9 **RESURRECTION.** Spiritualization of thought; a new
and higher idea of immortality, or spiritual existence;
material belief yielding to spiritual understanding.

6. SH 579:15–27 (np)

15 **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,
1 finiteness, and mortality; “dust to dust;” red sand-
stone; nothingness; the first god of mythology; not
3 God's man, who represents the one God and is His own
image and likeness; the opposite of Spirit and His crea-
tions; that which is not the image and likeness of good,
6 but a material belief, opposed to the one Mind, or Spirit;
a so-called finite mind, producing other minds, thus mak-
ing “gods many and lords many” (I Corinthians viii. 5);
9 a product of nothing as the mimicry of something; an
unreality as opposed to the great reality of spiritual ex-
istence and creation; a so-called man, whose origin,
12 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, mat-
15 ter, 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
18 of Spirit's creation, called self-creative matter; immor-
tality's opposite, mortality; that of which wisdom saith,
“Thou shalt surely die.”

21 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 non-
24 intelligence, 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 cre-
27 ated, and then disappeared in the atheism of matter.

7. SH 475:5–22

Question. — What is man?

6 Answer. — Man is not matter; he is not made up of
brain, blood, bones, and other material elements. The
Scriptures inform us that man is made in

Fleshly
factors unreal

9 the image and likeness of God. Matter is
not that likeness. The likeness of Spirit cannot be so
unlike Spirit. Man is spiritual and perfect; and be-
12 cause he is spiritual and perfect, he must be so under-
stood in Christian Science. Man is idea, the image, of
Love; he is not physique. He is the compound idea of
15 God, including all right ideas; the generic term for
all that reflects God's image and likeness; the conscious
identity of being as found in Science, in which man is
18 the reflection of God, or Mind, and therefore is eternal;
that which has no separate mind from God; that which
has not a single quality underived from Deity; that which
21 possesses no life, intelligence, nor creative power of his
own, but reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker.

8. SH 281:27

27 Divine Science does not put new wine into old bottles,
Soul into matter, nor the infinite into the finite. Our
false views of matter perish as we grasp
30 the facts of Spirit. The old belief must be
cast out or the new idea will be spilled, and the in-
spiration, which is to change our standpoint, will be
1 lost. Now, as of old, Truth casts out evils and heals
the sick.

The true
new idea

9. SH 475:28

Man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death. The
real man cannot depart from holiness, nor
30 can God, by whom man is evolved, engender
the capacity or freedom to sin. A mortal sinner is not
1 God's man. Mortals are the counterfeits of immortals.
They are the children of the wicked one, or the one evil,
3 which declares that man begins in dust or as a material
embryo. In divine Science, God and the real man are
inseparable as divine Principle and idea.

Man
unfallen

10. SH 323:28

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen
as felt. It is the "still, small voice" of Truth
30 uttering itself. We are either turning away
from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going
up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and
1 to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of
the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks
3 and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps
to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification

Childlike
receptivity

of sense and self is a proof of progress. “Blessed are the
6 pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

11. SH 420:13

Positive
reassurance

This fact of Christian Sci-
ence should be explained to invalids when they are in a
15 fit mood to receive it, — when they will not array them-
selves against it, but are ready to become receptive to the
new idea. The fact that Truth overcomes both disease
18 and sin reassures depressed hope. It imparts a healthy
stimulus to the body, and regulates the system. It in-
creases or diminishes the action, as the case may require,
21 better than any drug, alterative, or tonic.

12. SH 336:9

9 XXII. Immortal man was and is God's image or idea,
even the infinite expression of infinite Mind, and immor-
tal man is coexistent and coeternal with that
12 Mind. He has been forever in the eternal
Mind, God; but infinite Mind can never be in man, but
is reflected by man. The spiritual man's consciousness
15 and individuality are reflections of God. They are the
emanations of Him who is Life, Truth, and Love. Im-
mortal man is not and never was material, but always
18 spiritual and eternal.

The real
manhood

13. SH 573:19 St

... St. John's corporeal sense of the heavens and
earth had vanished, and in place of this false sense was
21 the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could
see the new heaven and new earth, which involve the
spiritual idea and consciousness of reality. This is Scrip-
24 tural authority for concluding that such a recognition of
being is, and has been, possible to men in this present
state of existence, — that we can become conscious,
27 here and now, of a cessation of death, sorrow, and pain.
This is indeed a foretaste of absolute Christian Science.
Take heart, dear sufferer, for this reality of being will
30 surely appear sometime and in some way. There will
be no more pain, and all tears will be wiped away. When
you read this, remember Jesus' words, “The kingdom of
1 God is within you.” This spiritual consciousness is
therefore a present possibility.

1. Hymn. 467:1

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.

2. Hymn. 12:3

O Father-Mother God, whose plan
Hath given dominion unto man,
In Thine own image we may see
Man pure and upright, whole and free.
And ever through our work shall shine
That light whose glory, Lord, is Thine.

3. Hymn. 589:4

God has made us in Love's image,
Perfect, Christlike, pure, and free.
We all reflect this strength and power—
Let the mind of Christ shine bright.

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