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**Golden Text**  
Ephesians 4:14 *We won't*

**... We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.**

**Responsive Reading**

John 9:39 (to ); Luke 21:8 *Take, 9, 10 Nation, 11, 25–28; John 8:32*

<sup>39</sup> And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see;

<sup>8</sup> ... **Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.** <sup>9</sup> But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.

<sup>10</sup> ... **Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:** <sup>11</sup> And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

<sup>25</sup> **And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of**

**nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;** <sup>26</sup> Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. <sup>27</sup> **And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.** <sup>28</sup> And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. <sup>32</sup> **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

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1 | Psalms 71:1

1 | 525:20-22

1 In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

No **baneful** creation

21 Everything good or worthy, God made. Whatever is valueless or baneful, He did not make, — hence its unreality.

2 | Ecclesiastes 3:14 (to 2<sup>nd</sup> :)

14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it:

2 | 337:10-11, 20

According to divine Science, man is in a degree as perfect as the Mind that forms him.

3 | Romans 1:20 (to ;)

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead;

21 The true idea of man, as the reflection of the invisible God, is as incomprehensible to the limited senses as is man's infinite Principle. The visible universe and material man are the poor counterfeits of the invisible universe and spiritual man. Eternal things (verities) are God's thoughts as they exist in the spiritual realm of the real. Temporal things are the thoughts of mortals and are the unreal, being the opposite of the real or the spiritual and eternal.

True idea of man

4 | 1 John 2:20 ye, 21, 27

20 ye have an **unction** from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

3 | 252:7

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

9 When false human beliefs learn even a little of their own falsity, they begin to disappear. A knowledge of error and of its operations must **precede** that understanding of Truth which destroys error, until the entire mortal, material error finally disappears, and the eternal verity, man created by and of Spirit, is understood and recognized as the true likeness of his Maker.

Eternal man recognized

5 | James 3:17 *the*, 18

17 the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be **entreated**, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

4 | 506:10-12

12 Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony. The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace.

APPLY IT

**APPLY IT** How can you exercise wisdom today?



**WORD HIGHLIGHTS**  
**unction:** ointment; anything used for anointing  
**entreated:** complied with; obeyed; petitioned; appealed to

**baneful:** poisonous; destructive; harmful

**precede:** come before

Uh-oh, what's happening?

Someone's starting to realize we aren't real!





6 | John 7:24

5 | 321:8-24

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

7 | Exodus 3:11 Moses, 12 (to ;)



11 Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? 12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee;

8 | Exodus 4:1-4, 6-8

1 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee. 2 And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4 And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

6 And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. 7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. 8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

9 When, led by wisdom to cast down his rod, he saw it become a serpent, Moses fled before it; but wisdom **bade** him come back and handle the serpent, and then Moses' fear departed. In this incident was seen the actuality of Science. Matter was shown to be a belief only. The serpent, evil, under wisdom's bidding, was destroyed through understanding divine Science, and this proof was a staff upon which to lean. The illusion of Moses lost its power to alarm him, when he discovered that what he apparently saw was really but a phase of mortal belief.

Fear of the serpent overcome

18 It was scientifically demonstrated that leprosy was a creation of mortal mind and not a condition of matter, when Moses first put his hand into his bosom and drew it forth white as snow with the dread disease, and presently restored his hand to its natural condition by the same simple process.

Leprosy healed

6 | 402:8-13

9 The time approaches when mortal mind will forsake its corporeal, structural, and material basis, when immortal Mind and its formations will be apprehended in Science, and material beliefs will not interfere with spiritual facts. Man is indestructible and eternal.

Indestructible life of man

7 | 129:22-24

24 We must look deep into realism instead of accepting only the outward sense of things.

Ontology needed

8 | 214:14

15 When it is learned that the spiritual sense, and not the material, conveys the impressions of Mind to man, then being will be understood and found to be harmonious.

9 | 403:14-20

15 You command the situation if you understand that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being. Mortal mind is constantly producing on mortal body the results of false opinions; and it will continue to do so, until mortal error is deprived of its imaginary powers by Truth, which sweeps away the **gossamer** web of mortal illusion.

Error's power imaginary



## HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED MORE CONFIDENCE

to do what God asks? Moses certainly did! After God appeared to Moses in a burning bush and instructed him to go to Pharaoh to request the release of the Jews, Moses questioned God five times. Each time, God gave Moses an answer that couldn't be ignored—like we see in the next citation!



**bade:** commanded; ordered; directed  
**gossamer:** very thin; insubstantial

## NOTES





11 | Isaiah 7:3-7

15 | 65:13-16



3 Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field; 4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying, 6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeal: 7 Thus saith the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.



12 | Ephesians 6:12-15

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

13 | Hebrews 12:28

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

The broadcast powers of evil so conspicuous to-day show themselves in the materialism and sensualism of the age, struggling against the advancing spiritual era. Powerless promises

16 | 563:1-2

1 Human sense may well marvel at discord, while, to a diviner sense, harmony is the real and discord the unreal.

17 | 288:3

3 The suppositional warfare between truth and error is only the mental conflict between the evidence of the spiritual senses and the testimony of the material senses, and this warfare between the Spirit and flesh will settle all questions through faith in and the understanding of divine Love. The great conflict

18 | 294:25-26

Man's genuine selfhood is recognizable only in what is good and true.

19 | 293:28

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

20 | 495:16

Let neither fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and calm trust, that the recognition of life harmonious — as Life eternally is — can destroy any painful sense of, or belief in, that which Life is not. Let Christian Science, instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence discord with harmony. Steadfast and calm trust



## AFTER KING SOLOMON'S REIGN,

the tribes of Israel broke apart into two nations—Israel and Judah—each with its own king (see I Kings 12:1-20). Ahaz was the eleventh king of Judah and ruler over Jerusalem, while Pekah, the son of Remaliah, was the eighteenth king of Israel. Here, Syria and Israel (which was often referred to as Ephraim) were attempting to defeat the kingdom of Judah.



Firebrands were wooden pokers used to stoke fires. However, the term was—and still is—used as a metaphor for individuals who stir up mischief or create conflict.



**conduit:** channel (used for irrigation); aqueduct; watercourse  
**fuller:** washer; someone who cleans garments or clothing  
**vex:** agitate; harm; besiege  
**shod:** shoed; being covered in footwear  
**conspicuous:** obvious; easy to see; easily recognized  
**supplant:** remove; displace; overthrow; supersede





14 | Mark 6:34

21 | 586:3

34 And 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.

3 **EYES.** Spiritual discernment, — not material but mental.

15 | Mark 8:22–25

22 | 215:11–23

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 Spiritual vision is not subordinate to geometric altitudes. Whatever is governed by God, is never for an instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence and Life.

15 We are sometimes led to believe that darkness is as real as light; but Science affirms darkness to be only a mortal sense of the absence of light, at the coming of which darkness loses the appearance of reality. Light and darkness

18 So sin and sorrow, disease and death, are the suppositional absence of Life, God, and flee as phantoms of error before truth and love.

21 With its divine proof, Science reverses the evidence of material sense.

16 | Matthew 13:16 *blessed*

16 blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

23 | 120:17

18 The Science of Mind-healing Health and the senses shows it to be impossible for aught but Mind to testify truly or to exhibit the real status of man. Therefore the divine Principle of Science, reversing the testimony of the physical senses, reveals man as harmoniously existent in Truth, which is the only basis of health; and thus Science denies all disease, heals the sick, overthrows false evidence, and refutes materialistic logic.

24 | 476:32–4

1 Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick.

25 | 428:19, 26

21 We must realize the ability of mental might to offset human misconceptions and to replace them with the life which is spiritual, not material.

27 The evidence of man's immortality will become more apparent, as material beliefs are given up and the immortal facts of being are admitted.



QUICK FACT

diving deeper

Like Christ Jesus, Mary Baker Eddy healed many conditions, including blindness. Check out

some instances of blindness being healed in *Mary Baker Eddy: Christian Healer, Amplified Edition* by Yvonne Caché von Fettweis and Robert Townsend Warneck, pp. 289–290, 338–339, and 459.

QUICKFACT

Bethsaida was the home of three of Jesus's disciples—Philip, Andrew, and Peter—and was near where Jesus fed the five thousand (see Luke 9:10–17). After healing this blind man, Jesus instructed him not to return to Bethsaida nor to tell anyone about the healing.



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# Physical healing and instance of protection

**C**HRIStIAN SCIENCE WAS THE ONLY RELIGION taught and practiced in my family with five siblings. We lived in the Territory of Hawaii, on the island of Hawaii, and had an active Christian Science Society.

When I was sixteen, one of my legs became paralyzed, and I remained immobile and bedridden for several weeks during the summer. Our housekeeper cared for me during the day while my mom worked downtown as the full-time Christian Science Reading Room librarian. We asked a Christian Science practitioner in Honolulu for help through prayer. The only way to communicate with her at that time was by letter, which could be sent by boat twice a week.

When Mom came home from work, she cared for me and daily read the weekly Bible Lesson to me from our Christian Science Pastor, the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the*

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*Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy. When she arrived home one day she said: "Here, you like biographies. Read this book by Sybil Wilbur about Mary Baker Eddy."

From the very beginning I loved the biography. My thoughts were engaged with Mrs. Eddy's spiritual search, which began from her early childhood within a very religious family. I appreciated her mother's deep love for God and a brother's interest in advancing her education. Her life inspired me. She searched the Bible for answers as to how the healing works of Jesus took place. Through biblical study, divine revelation, and practical proof in her own life, she came to see that the one God is entirely good and made man perfect in His image. She realized that He is infinite, always present, and that nothing unlike His good nature has genuine reality.

After finishing the book, I felt impelled to get out of bed and walk across the bedroom—and immediately I did so. I drove the car the next day, and attended Sunday School and the church service the following Sunday. I did not question the healing or wonder how it happened, but my thought was clearly touched by the power of Christ, Truth, through the practitioner's help and in reading of Mrs. Eddy's experience. With gratitude I did what was normal and natural—I walked.

A cousin of one of the founding members of our Christian Science Society had stopped attending church. When she saw me healed, she resumed attending and said, "I don't have to see another healing. Christian Science is for me."

This experience set the foundation for many, many healing proofs of God's loving care throughout the following years.

Later, when I was married, we lived in the High Sierra of northeastern California along the shore of a large man-made lake. My husband was a teacher, and I was a watercolor artist. We had built a studio for art workshops, classes, and a gallery.

One late October day the weather turned very cold. Winds blew. I was working alone in my studio when my husband dashed in and said: "I am going to take one more sail before I store the boats for the winter. I'll be home before dark for dinner." Engrossed in my work, I said "OK" without missing a brush stroke. My husband was a strong swimmer and an excellent sailor.

As evening approached, I walked across the lawn to the house to make dinner. My husband was not at home. I walked to the beach to look for him. No one was in sight, and the wind was whipping up into a fierce storm.

Disappointed, I returned to the house, telephoned the sheriff's office, and asked them to have their boat patrol search for him. "Sorry, ma'am. We've put our boats away for the winter," was their reply.

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After we talked, I started reading the week's Bible Lesson from the *Christian Science Quarterly*, looking for words of comfort. The first biblical citation was, "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion" (Psalms 71:1). Another

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reference reminded me that God, divine Love, always meets our needs. And words from a hymn added assurance of our Father's presence: "Year by year, Thy hand hath brought us / On through dangers oft unknown" (John M. Neale, *Christian Science Hymnal*, No. 115, adapt.).

I asked friends to drive down the highway and scan the lake and beach for my husband. I felt the need to stay home to be still and pray.

Shortly after they left, I looked up and saw my soaking wet husband walking down from the highway to our house.

He told me that he had sailed to the north. Zipping along in the strong south wind, he decided to return home. Unfortunately, with the strong wind and rough water, the boat "turtled" and tossed him into the turbulence under an upside-down boat. He was not wearing a life jacket, and though he managed to get out from under the boat, he wasn't able to turn it right side up. He was two hundred feet from the shore, and the only alternative would have been to swim to shore in the icy rough water.

He prayed for direction. When he looked up, he saw a man walking along the beach. My husband got his attention. In no time the man came in a rowboat to get him.

He told my husband, "I absolutely never go walking on the beach during this time of the year, and I do not know who owns this rowboat." Upon reaching the shore, he went up the hill to his house, got his car, and drove my husband home.

My husband went to retrieve his sailboat in the morning, but it was nowhere in sight. He and I prayed.

In mid-afternoon a call came from a marina over three miles away. They had found his boat floating upside down outside their harbor. Apparently the winds had changed direction, and those offshore winds pushed the boat three miles across the lake to the resort, where retrieval was simplified with their equipment.

Our understanding of God's loving, constant care grew as we gratefully acknowledged that "divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need" (*Science and Health*, p. 494).



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