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# Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?

## GOLDEN TEXT

**Matthew 19:26 with God**

... with God all things are possible.

## RESPONSIVE READING

**Isaiah 45:5, 6, 11–13 Ask (to :), 18, 22,  
24 (to :); Psalms 37:5, 6**

Isa. 45:5 I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

**6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else.**

**11 . . . Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.**

**12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.**

**13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways:**

**18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.**

**22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.**

**24 Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength:**

**Ps. 37:5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.**

**6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.**

## SECTION 1

### The Bible

#### 1 | [Hebrews 11:3](#)

<sup>3</sup> Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

#### 2 | [Isaiah 40:1, 4, 5](#)

<sup>1</sup> Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

#### 3 | [Isaiah 43:21](#)

<sup>21</sup> This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

#### 4 | [Isaiah 14:27](#) *the*

<sup>27</sup> the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

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

#### 1 | [547:23-27](#)

The Scriptures are very sacred. Our aim must be to have them understood spiritually, for only by this understanding can truth be gained. The true theory of the universe, including man, is not in material history but in spiritual development.

True theory  
of the  
universe

#### 2 | [295:5-8](#)

God creates and governs the universe, including man. The universe is filled with spiritual ideas, which He evolves, and they are obedient to the Mind that makes them.

Mortals  
unlike  
immortals

#### 3 | [209:5-8](#)

Mind, supreme over all its formations and governing them all, is the central sun of its own systems of ideas, the life and light of all its own vast creation; and man is tributary to divine Mind.

Allness of  
Truth

## SECTION 2

### The Bible

#### 5 | [Jeremiah 32:17](#)

<sup>17</sup> Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy

great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

6 | [Psalms 104:1, 5, 10, 14](#)

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

7 | [Isaiah 40:11](#)

11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

8 | [Romans 8:16](#)

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

### ***Science and Health***

4 | [335:18–20](#) *Nothing*

Nothing but Spirit, Soul, can evolve Life, for Spirit is more than all else.

Soul and  
Spirit one

5 | [170:22–24](#)

Spiritual causation is the one question to be considered, for more than all others spiritual causation relates to human progress.

6 | [507:3–6](#)

Spirit duly feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the fatherhood and motherhood of God.

7 | [124:25](#)

Spirit is the life, substance, and continuity of all things. We tread on forces. Withdraw them, and creation must collapse. Human knowledge calls them forces of matter; but divine Science declares that they belong wholly to divine Mind, are inherent in this Mind, and so restores them to their rightful home and classification.

## SECTION 3

### The Bible

9 | [Zechariah 2:10, 13](#) (to :)

10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord.

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord:

10 | [Luke 1:5–7, 11–14, 16, 18, 19, 24, 25](#)

5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judæa, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. 14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, 25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he

looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

11 | [Deuteronomy 15:18 the](#)

18 the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

## *Science and Health*

8 | [298:2–4, 28–30](#)

Life, Truth, and Love are the realities of divine Science. They dawn in faith and glow full-orbed in spiritual understanding.

Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their individualism may be.

Thought-  
angels

9 | [299:7–11](#)

My angels are exalted thoughts, appearing at the door of some sepulchre, in which human belief has buried its fondest earthly hopes. With white fingers they point upward to a new and glorified trust, to higher ideals of life and its joys.

Our angelic  
messengers

10 | [258:13–15, 21](#)

God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis.

The human capacities are enlarged and perfected in proportion as humanity

gains the true conception of man and God.

### 11 | [124:14](#)

The universe, like man, is to be interpreted by Science from its divine Principle, God, and then it can be understood; but when explained on the basis of physical sense and represented as subject to growth, maturity, and decay, the universe, like man, is, and must continue to be, an enigma.

Right  
interpretation

### 12 | [13:20–24](#)

If we pray to God as a corporeal person, this will prevent us from relinquishing the human doubts and fears which attend such a belief, and so we cannot grasp the wonders wrought by infinite, incorporeal Love, to whom all things are possible.

Corporeal  
ignorance

### 13 | [207:28–29](#)

The spiritual fact, repeated in the action of man and the whole universe, is harmonious and is the ideal of Truth.

## SECTION 4

### The Bible

#### 12 | [Luke 1:26–38 \(to 1<sup>st</sup>.\)](#)

<sup>26</sup> And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> To a virgin

espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. <sup>29</sup> And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: <sup>33</sup> And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. <sup>34</sup> Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For with God nothing shall be impossible. <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

## Science and Health

14 | [29:20–4](#)

The illumination of Mary's spiritual sense put to silence Spiritual conception material law and its order of generation, and brought forth her child by the revelation of Truth, demonstrating God as the Father of men. The Holy Ghost, or divine Spirit, overshadowed the pure sense of the Virgin-mother with the full recognition that being is Spirit. The Christ dwelt forever an idea in the bosom of God, the divine Principle of the man Jesus, and woman perceived this spiritual idea, though at first faintly developed.

Man as the offspring of God, as the idea of Spirit, is the immortal evidence that Spirit is harmonious and man eternal. Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-conscious communion with God. Hence he could give a more spiritual idea of life than other men, and could demonstrate the Science of Love — his Father or divine Principle.

15 | [588:7](#)

**HOLY GHOST.** Divine Science; the development of eternal Life, Truth, and Love.

16 | [256:2](#)

Advancing to a higher plane No material creation of action, thought rises from the material sense to the spiritual, from the scholastic to the inspirational, and from the mortal to the immortal. All things are

created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man.

17 | [90:24–25](#)

The admission to one's self that man is God's own likeness sets man free to master the infinite idea.

## SECTION 5

### The Bible

13 | [Luke 1:39–47, 49, 50, 56–58](#)

<sup>39</sup> And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; <sup>40</sup> And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. <sup>41</sup> And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: <sup>42</sup> And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. <sup>43</sup> And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. <sup>46</sup> And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house. 57 Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. 58 And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

14 | [Zechariah 4:6](#) *Not*

6 Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

## *Science and Health*

18 | [506:18](#)

Spirit, God, gathers unformed thoughts into their proper channels, and unfolds these thoughts, even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may appear.

Unfolding  
of thoughts

19 | [63:5](#)

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 to reaching in-

Spiritual  
origin

telligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

20 | [463:6–13](#)

To attend properly the birth of the new child, or divine idea, you should so detach mortal thought from its 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 birth. A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive.

Scientific  
obstetrics

21 | [507:15–18](#)

The universe of Spirit reflects the creative power of the divine Principle, or Life, which reproduces the multitudinous forms of Mind and governs the multiplication of the compound idea man.

Divine  
propagation

22 | [249:8](#)

Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine "powers that be." Such is the true Science of being. Any other theory of Life, or God, is delusive and mythological.

Renewed  
selfhood

## SECTION 6

### The Bible

#### 15 | [Isaiah 32:2](#)

2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

#### 16 | [Luke 2:1, 4–11, 40, 52](#)

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of

great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

#### 17 | [Luke 4:14](#)

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

#### 18 | [Matthew 15:30, 31](#)

30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: 31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

#### 19 | [Psalms 47:7](#)

7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

### *Science and Health*

#### 23 | [347:14–17](#)

Christ, as the spiritual or true idea of God, comes now

Essential  
element of  
Christianity



as of old, preaching the gospel to the poor, healing the sick, and casting out evils.

24 | [539:30–1](#)

The Science of creation, so conspicuous in the birth of Jesus, inspired his wisest and least-understood sayings, and was the basis of his marvelous demonstrations.

Scientific  
offspring

25 | [134:31–1](#)

A miracle fulfils God’s law, but does not violate that law. This fact at present seems more mysterious than the miracle itself.

26 | [135:6–15](#)

The miracle introduces no disorder, but unfolds the primal order, establishing the Science of God’s unchangeable law. Spiritual evolution alone is worthy of the exercise of divine power.

The same power which heals sin heals also sickness.

Fear and  
sickness  
identical

This is “the beauty of holiness,” that when Truth heals the sick, it casts out evils, and when Truth casts out the evil called disease, it heals the sick.

27 | [260:7](#)

The conceptions of mortal, erring thought must give way to the ideal of all that is perfect and eternal. Through many generations human beliefs will be attaining diviner conceptions, and the immortal and perfect model of God’s creation will finally be seen as the only true conception of being.

Spiritual  
discovery

28 | [171:12–13](#)

Mind’s control over the universe, including man, is no longer an open question, but is demonstrable Science.

29 | [180:25–27](#)

When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who understands all things, man knows that with God all things are possible.

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