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Love

GOLDEN TEXT

I John 4:16 *God is*

... God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

The Golden Text is from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

RESPONSIVE READING

I John 4:6 (to :), 7, 8, 12 If, 13, 17, 18 (to :), 19–21; Romans 13:8–10

I John 4:6 We are of God:

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

12 ... If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of

judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear:

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Rom. 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | [Jeremiah 31:3](#)

³ The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

2 | [Deuteronomy 10:12](#) *what, 13*

¹² what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, ¹³ To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

3 | [Psalms 119:156](#) (to :), [165](#)

¹⁵⁶ Great are thy tender mercies,
O Lord:

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

4 | [Psalms 70:4](#)

⁴ Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

5 | [Romans 5:5](#) *the*

⁵ the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6 | [Hebrews 10:24](#)

²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

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1 | [6:17–18](#)

“God is Love.” More than this we cannot ask, higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.

2 | [520:3–5](#) *The (to .)*

The depth, breadth, height, might, majesty, and glory of infinite Love fill all space.

3 | [256:7](#)

Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man.

4 | [167:17](#)

To have one God and avail yourself of the power of Spirit, you must love God supremely.

5 | [4:17–22](#)

Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fash-

Watchfulness
requisite

ion us anew, until we awake in His likeness.

6 | [454:18–19](#)

Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way.

SECTION 2

The Bible

7 | [Proverbs 3:26](#) *the*

²⁶ the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

8 | [Psalms 121:8](#)

⁸ The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

9 | [II Kings 6:8–23](#) *the*

⁸ the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. ⁹ And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. ¹⁰ And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. ¹¹ Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? ¹² And one of his servants

said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. ¹³ And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. ¹⁴ Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. ¹⁵ And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? ¹⁶ And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. ¹⁸ And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. ¹⁹ And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. ²⁰ And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw; and, be-

hold, they were in the midst of Samaria.
 21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? 22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. 23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

10 | [Matthew 5:44 Love, 45 \(to :\)](#)

44 Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:

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7 | [571:18](#)

Clad in the panoply of Love, The armor of divinity
 human hatred cannot reach you.
 The cement of a higher humanity will unite all interests in the one divinity.

8 | [225:16](#)

A few immortal sentences, Immortal sentences
 breathing the omnipotence of
 divine justice, have been potent to break

despotic fetters and abolish the whipping-post and slave market; but oppression neither went down in blood, nor did the breath of freedom come from the cannon's mouth. Love is the liberator.

9 | [234:12](#)

We should love our Hospitality to health and good
 enemies and help them
 on the basis of the Golden Rule;
 but avoid casting pearls before those who trample them under foot, thereby robbing both themselves and others.

10 | [578:13–18](#)

[LOVE] prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: [LOVE] anointeth my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [LOVE] for ever.

SECTION 3

The Bible

11 | [Matthew 14:14](#)

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

12 | Luke 9:38–43 (to .)

38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. 39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him. 40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not. 41 And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither. 42 And as he was yet a-coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father. 43 And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God.

Science and Health**11 | 454:17–18**

Love for God and man is the true incentive in both healing and teaching.

Love the incentive

12 | 135:26

Christianity as Jesus taught it was not a creed, nor a system of ceremonies, nor a special gift from a ritualistic Jehovah; but it was the demonstration of divine Love casting out error and healing the sick, not merely in the *name* of Christ, or Truth, but in demonstration of Truth, as

must be the case in the cycles of divine light.

13 | 332:19

Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost, or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.

Holy Ghost or Comforter

14 | 494:10

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

15 | 412:1–5, 13

The great fact that God lovingly governs all, never punishing aught but sin, is your standpoint, from which to advance and destroy the human fear of sickness. Mentally and silently plead the case scientifically for Truth.

The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and death.

Eloquent silence

SECTION 4

The Bible

13 | [Zephaniah 3:17](#)

¹⁷ The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

14 | [Matthew 9:10–13](#)

¹⁰ And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? ¹² But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. ¹³ But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

15 | [Luke 19:1–10](#)

¹ And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. ² And, behold, there was a man named Zacchæus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. ³ And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. ⁴ And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and

said unto him, Zacchæus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house. ⁶ And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. ⁸ And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. ⁹ And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

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16 | [19:6](#)

Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine Love.

17 | [224:31 \(only\)](#)

No power can withstand divine Love.

18 | [466:26](#)

The Science of Christianity comes with fan in hand to separate the chaff from the wheat. Science will declare God

aright, and Christianity will demonstrate this declaration and its divine Principle, making mankind better physically, morally, and spiritually.

19 | [12:10](#)

It is neither Science nor Truth which acts through blind belief, nor is it the human understanding of the divine healing Principle as manifested in Jesus, whose humble prayers were deep and conscientious protests of Truth, — of man's likeness to God and of man's unity with Truth and Love.

20 | [365:31](#)

The poor suffering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace, patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear Father's loving-kindness.

21 | [567:3–6 Truth, 7–8](#)

Truth and Love come nearer in the hour of woe, when strong faith or spiritual strength wrestles and prevails through the understanding of God.

To infinite, ever-present Love, all is Love, and there is no error, no sin, sickness, nor death.

22 | [248:29](#)

Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

SECTION 5

The Bible

16 | [Romans 8:38, 39](#)

³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

17 | [Ephesians 2:4–6 God](#)

⁴ God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) ⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

18 | [II Corinthians 13:11 Be](#)

¹¹ Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

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23 | [9:17](#)

Dost thou "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind"? This command includes much, even the surrender of all merely material sensation, affection, and worship. This is the El Dorado of Christianity. It involves the Science

Practical
religion

of Life, and recognizes only the divine control of Spirit, in which Soul is our master, and material sense and human will have no place.

24 | [91:5](#)

Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and Love. Here is the great point of departure for all true spiritual growth.

25 | [467:9](#)

It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love. Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established. Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ.

26 | [469:30–5](#)

With one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and with one Mind and that God, or good, the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth, and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science.

SECTION 6

The Bible

19 | [Philippians 1:2, 9–11](#)

2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; 10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

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27 | [494:15–19](#)

The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love. Jesus demonstrated the inability of corporeality, as well as the infinite ability of Spirit, thus helping erring human sense to flee from its own convictions and seek safety in divine Science.

Reason
and Science

28 | [4:3–5](#)

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.

29 | 495:28–31

Adhere to the divine
Principle of Christian Science
and follow the behests of God, abiding
steadfastly in wisdom, Truth, and Love.

Rudiments
and growth

supreme good? Am I demonstrating the
healing power of Truth and Love? If so,
then the way will grow brighter “unto the
perfect day.” Your fruits will prove what
the understanding of God brings to man.

30 | 496:9–14 Ask

Ask yourself: Am I living
the life that approaches the

Condition
of progress

31 | 113:5–6

The vital part, the heart and soul of
Christian Science, is Love.

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