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Ps. 33:5 1st the

5the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Ps. 65:5, 6 9-13

5O God of our salvation, You are the confidence of all the ends of the earth,

9You visit the earth, and water it: You greatly enrich it: the river of God, is full of water: You provide their grain. For so You have prepared it.

10You water the ridges abundantly: You settle its furrows: You make it soft with showers: You bless its growth.

11You crown the year with Your goodness; and Your paths drip with abundance.

12They drop on the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

13The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain; they shout for joy, they also sing.

Ps. 104:16, 17, 24, 30

16The trees of the Lord are full of sap;

17Where the birds make their nests:

24O Lord, how manifold are Your works! in wisdom You have made them all: the earth is full of Your possessions.

30You send forth Your spirit, they are created: and You renew the face of the earth.

Isa. 11:9

... the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Ex. 15:1, 2, 4, 6, 13, 17, 22-27

1Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song unto the Lord, and spoke, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously:

2The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will praise Him; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

4Pharaoh's chariots and his host he has cast into the sea:

6 Your right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power:

8And with the blast of Your nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright like an heap, and the depths congealed in the heart of the sea.

13You in Your mercy have led forth the people which You have redeemed: You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.

17You will bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which You have made for Your own dwelling, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.

22So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23¶And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter:

24And the people complained against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25So he cried out to the Lord; and the Lord showed him a tree, and when he had cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet:

27¶Then they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

Ex. 16:1-15

1And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departed from the land of Egypt.

2And the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

3And the children of Israel said unto them, Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, and when we ate bread to the full! for ye have brought us out into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4¶Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law, or not.

6And Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, At evening you shall know that the Lord has brought you out from the land of Egypt:

7And in the morning, you shall see the glory of the Lord;

13So it was, that the quails came up at evening, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay all around about the host.

14And when the layer of dew was lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance as fine as the hoar frost on the ground.

15And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, What is it?: for they did not know what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat.

Ex. 13:21,22

21And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; so as to go by day and night:

22He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Num. 9:22, 23

22Whether it was two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud remained, the children of Israel would remain encamped, and would not journey: but when it was taken up, they would journey.

23At the commandment of the Lord they remained encamped, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed: they kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

Ps. 72:19

19And blessed be his glorious name for ever! and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, by Mary Baker Eddy

SH 240:1-11

Nature voices natural, spiritual law and divine Love, but human belief misinterprets nature. Arctic regions, sunny tropics, giant hills, winged winds, mighty billows, verdant vales, festive flowers, and glorious heavens, — all point to Mind, the spiritual intelligence they reflect. The floral apostles are hieroglyphs of Deity. Suns and planets teach grand lessons. The stars make night beautiful, and the leaflet turns naturally towards the light. In the order of Science, in which the Principle is above what it reflects, all is one grand concord.

SH 83:13-22

The scientific manifestation of power is from the divine nature and is not supernatural, since Science is an

explication of nature. The belief that the universe, including man, is governed in general by material laws, but that occasionally Spirit sets aside these laws, — this belief belittles omnipotent wisdom, and gives to matter the precedence over Spirit. It is contrary to Christian Science to suppose that life is either material or organically spiritual.

SH 182: 5

The demands of God appeal to thought only; but the claims of mortality, and what are termed laws of nature, appertain to matter. Which, then, are we to accept as legitimate and capable of producing

the highest human good?

SH 326:8-11

All nature teaches God's love to man, but man cannot love God supremely and set his whole affections on spiritual things, while loving the material or trusting in it more than in the spiritual.

SH 124:14-24

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.

Adhesion, cohesion, and attraction are properties of Mind. They belong to divine Principle, and support the equipoise of that thought-force, which launched the earth in its orbit and said to the proud wave, "Thus far and no farther."

SH 585:5-8 (from the Glossary chapter, a definition)

EARTH. A sphere; a type of eternity and immortality, which are likewise without beginning or end.

To material sense, earth is matter; to spiritual sense, it is a compound idea.

SH 183:19-21

Laws of nature are laws of Spirit; but mortals commonly recognize as law that which hides the power of

Spirit.

SH 176:7-16

The primitive custom of taking no thought about food left the stomach and bowels free to act in obedience to nature, and gave the gospel a chance to be seen in its glorious effects upon the body.

A ghastly array of diseases was not paraded before the imagination. There were fewer books on digestion and more "sermons in stones, and good in everything." When the mechanism of the human mind gives place to the divine Mind, selfishness and sin, disease and death, will lose their foothold.

SH 183:4-7

To suppose that God constitutes laws of inharmony is a mistake; discords have no support from nature or divine law, however much is said to the contrary.

SH 220:1-17

We hear it said: "I exercise daily in the open air. I take cold baths, in order to overcome a predisposition to take cold; and yet I have continual colds, catarrh, and cough." Such admissions ought to open people's eyes to the inefficacy of material hygiene, and induce sufferers to look in other directions for cause and cure.

Instinct is better than misguided reason, as even nature declares. The violet lifts her blue eye to greet the

early spring. The leaves clap their hands as nature's untired worshippers. The snowbird sings and soars amid the blasts; he has no catarrh from wet feet, and procures a summer residence with more ease than a na-

bob. The atmosphere of the earth, kinder than the atmosphere of mortal mind, leaves catarrh to the latter.

Colds, coughs, and contagion are engendered solely by human theories.

SH 530:5-12

In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being. The earth, at God's command, brings forth food for man's use. Knowing this, Jesus once said, "Take no thought for your life,

what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink," — presuming not on the prerogative of his creator, but recognizing God, the Father and Mother of all, as able to feed and clothe man as He doth the lilies.

SH 89:32-90:8

If seed is necessary to produce wheat, and wheat to produce flour, or if one animal can originate another, how then can we account for their primal origin? How were the loaves and fishes multiplied on the shores of Galilee, — and that, too, without meal or monad from which loaf or fish could come?

SH 209:16-30

The compounded minerals or aggregated substances composing the earth, the relations which constituent masses hold to each other, the magnitudes, distances, and revolutions of the celestial bodies, are of no real importance, when we remember that they all must give place to the spiritual fact by the translation of man and the universe back into Spirit. In proportion as this is done, man and the universe will be found harmonious and eternal. Material substances mundane formations, astronomical calculations, and all the paraphernalia of speculative theories, based on the hypothesis of material law or life and intelligence resident in matter, will ultimately vanish, swallowed up in the infinite calculus of Spirit.

SH 191:8-15

As a material, theoretical life-basis is found to be a misapprehension of existence, the spiritual and divine

The immortal birth Principle of man dawns upon human thought, and leads it to "where the young child was," — even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual sense of being and of what Life includes.

Thus the whole earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light, chasing away the darkness of error.