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SECTION I

1 | **Rom. 12:2 1st be**

2 be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2 | **John 3:1-12**

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.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

3 | **II Cor. 5:16-17 1st henceforth**

16 henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

4 | **Matt. 9:15-17**

15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.

- 16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.
- 17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

5 | Acts 8:3

- 3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

6 | Acts 9:1-21 Saul

- 1 Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
- 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
- 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
- 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
- 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
- 7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
- 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.
- 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.
- 10 ¶ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.
- 11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
- 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
- 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
- 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
- 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:
- 16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.
- 17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.
- 19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

- 20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.
- 21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?
- 7 | Col. 3:1-2, 9 seeing, 10, 12-15(to ,)**
- 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
- 9 seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
- 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
- 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
- 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
- 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,

8 | Ps. 51:10-12

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

1 | SH 409:20

The real man is

- 21 spiritual and immortal, but the mortal and imperfect so-called "children of men" are counterfeits from the beginning, to be laid aside for the pure reality. This
- 24 mortal is put off, and the new man or real man is put on, in proportion as mortals realize the Science of man and seek the true model.

2 | SH 296:4

Progress is born of experience. It is the ripening of mortal man, through which the mortal is dropped for

- 6 the immortal. Either here or hereafter, suffering or Science must destroy all illusions regarding life and mind, and regenerate material sense and self. The old man with his deeds must be put off. Nothing sensual or sinful is immortal. The death of a false material sense and of sin, not the death of organic
- 12 matter, is what reveals man and Life, harmonious, real, and eternal.

3 | SH 597:27-29(to .); 598:1-10

27 **WIND.** That which indicates the might of omnipotence and the movements of God's spiritual government, encompassing all things.

598:1 The Greek word for *wind* (*pneuma*) is used also for *spirit*, as in the passage in John's Gospel, the third chapter, where we read: "The wind [*pneuma*] bloweth where it listeth. . . . So is every one that is born of the Spirit [*pneuma*]." Here the original word is the same in both cases, yet it has received different translations, as in other passages in this same chapter and elsewhere in the New Testament. This shows how our Master had constantly to employ words of material significance in order to unfold spiritual thoughts.

4 | **SH 507:3 water (only)**

3 *water* symbolizes the elements of Mind.

5 | **SH 170:22-31; 171:4-7 (to ,)**

Spiritual causation is the one question to be considered, for more than all others spiritual causation relates to human progress. The age seems ready to approach this subject, to ponder somewhat the supremacy of Spirit, and at least to touch the hem of Truth's garment.

**Causation
considered**

The description of man as purely physical, or as both material and spiritual, — but in either case dependent upon his physical organization, — is the Pandora box, from which all ills have gone forth, especially despair.

Through discernment of the spiritual opposite of materiality, even the way through Christ, Truth, man will reopen with the key of divine Science the gates of Paradise which human beliefs have closed,

**Paradise
regained**

6 | **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 the facts of Spirit. The old belief must be cast out or the new idea will be spilled, and the inspiration, which is to change our standpoint, will be lost. Now, as of old, Truth casts out evils and heals the sick.

**The true
new idea**

7 | **SH 324:19-31; 325:10-19**

Paul was not at first a disciple of Jesus but a persecutor of Jesus' followers. When the truth first appeared to him in Science, Paul was made blind, and his blindness was felt; but spiritual light soon enabled him to follow the example and teachings of Jesus, healing the sick and preaching Christianity throughout Asia Minor, Greece, and even in imperial

**Paul's
enlightenment**

Rome.

27 Paul writes, "If Christ [Truth] be not risen, then is
our preaching vain." That is, if the idea of the suprem-
acy of Spirit, which is the true conception of being,
30 come not to your thought, you cannot be benefited by
what I say.

In Colossians (iii. 4) Paul writes: "When Christ, who
is our life, shall appear [be manifested], then shall ye also
12 appear [be manifested] with him in glory." **Indestructible
being**
When spiritual being is understood in all its
perfection, continuity, and might, then shall man be found
15 in God's image. The absolute meaning of the apostolic
words is this: Then shall man be found, in His likeness,
perfect as the Father, indestructible in Life, "hid with
18 Christ in God," — with Truth in divine Love, where
human sense hath not seen man.

8 | SH 326:23

Saul of Tarsus beheld the way — the Christ, or Truth
24 — only when his uncertain sense of right yielded to a
spiritual sense, which is always right. Then **Conversion
of Saul**
the man was changed. Thought assumed a
27 nobler outlook, and his life became more spiritual. He
learned the wrong that he had done in persecuting Chris-
tians, whose religion he had not understood, and in hu-
30 mility he took the new name of Paul. He beheld for the
first time the true idea of Love, and learned a lesson in
divine Science.

9 | SH 274:23-25

Divine Science is absolute, and permits no half-way
24 position in learning its Principle and rule — establishing
it by demonstration. **Impossible
partnership**

10 | SH 35:19-25 2nd Our

Our
church is built on the divine Principle, Love. We can
21 unite with this church only as we are new- **Spiritual
Eucharist**
born of Spirit, as we reach the Life which
is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth
24 the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the
sick.

11 | SH 201:7

We cannot build safely on false foundations. Truth
makes a new creature, in whom old things pass away
9 and "all things are become new." Passions, selfishness,
false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirit-
uality, and the superabundance of being is on the side
12 of God, good.

12 |

SH 299:31-300:12

If man were solely a creature of the material senses,
 he would have no eternal Principle and would be mutable
 300:1 and mortal. Human logic is awry when it attempts
 to draw correct spiritual conclusions regarding life from
 3 matter. Finite sense has no true apprecia- **Old and**
 tion of infinite Principle, God, or of His infi- **new man**
 nite image or reflection, man. The mirage, which makes
 6 trees and cities seem to be where they are not, illustrates
 the illusion of material man, who cannot be the image
 of God.

9 So far as the scientific statement as to man is under-
 stood, it can be proved and will bring to light the true
 reflection of God— the real man, or the *new* man (as
 12 St. Paul has it).

13 | SH 325:30

30 When first spoken in any age, Truth, like the light,
 "shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended
 it not." A false sense of life, substance, and mind
 326:1 hides the divine possibilities, and conceals scientific
 demonstration.

14 | SH 66:14

Each suc-
 15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine
 goodness and love.

15 | SH 249:6

6 Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into
 newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor **Renewed**
 material power as able to destroy. Let us re- **selfhood**
 9 joice 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.

16 | SH 323:13-16

In order to apprehend more, we must put into prac-
 tice what we already know. We must recollect that
 15 Truth is demonstrable when understood, and **Need and**
 that good is not understood until demonstrated. **supply**

