

Longing for Springtime? Well, Renewal and Regeneration Happens Right Now - Moment by Moment!

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The Bible

Gen 1:1,11-13

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

Gen 8:13-17,21 *and*,22

13 ¶ And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

21 and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Gen 9:1,7

1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

Isa 35:1,2(to :),7(to :)

1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing:

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:

Isa 40:31 *they*

31 they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isa 41:10

10 ¶ Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Lev 26:1 I am,2-6,9-13

1 I am the Lord your God.

2 ¶ Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord.

3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

13 I am the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

Deut 28:1-6,8,9,12,13

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

8 The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

9 The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

12 The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

Mark 4:26-32

26 ¶ And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 ¶ And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

John 12:23-25

23 ¶ And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

Science and Health

220:9-10

9 The violet lifts her blue eye to greet the
 early spring.

183:8

 Can the agriculturist, according to belief, produce a
9 crop without sowing the seed and awaiting its germination according to the laws of nature? The answer is no, and yet the Scriptures inform us that sin, or error, first
12 caused the condemnation of man to till the ground, and indicate that obedience to God will remove this necessity.
 Truth never made error necessary, nor devised a law to
15 perpetuate error.

212:17-20,22-24

18 Mortals have a modus of their own, undirected and un-
sustained by God. They produce a rose through seed and
soil, and bring the rose into contact with the
olfactory nerves that they may smell it.

Human
falsities

24 God alone makes
and clothes the lilies of the field, and this He does by
means of Mind, not matter.

551:27

27 All must be Mind, or
else all must be matter. Neither can produce the other.
Mind is immortal; but error declares that the material
30 seed must decay in order to propagate its species, and
the resulting germ is doomed to the same routine.

66:11

12 Spiritual development germi-
nates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes,
but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher
joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. Each suc-
15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine
goodness and love.

507:11-21,28-6

12 *Genesis* i. 11. And God said, Let the earth bring forth
grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding
fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth:
and it was so.

15 The universe of Spirit reflects the creative power of
the divine Principle, or Life, which reproduces the multi-
tudinous forms of Mind and governs the mul-
18 tiplication of the compound idea man. The
tree and herb do not yield fruit because of any propagat-
ing power of their own, but because they reflect the Mind
21 which includes all.

Divine
propagation

Ever-
appearing

Creation is ever appearing, and must ever con-
20 tinue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source.
30 Mortal sense inverts this appearing and calls ideas mate-
rial. Thus misinterpreted, the divine idea seems to fall

1 to the level of a human or material belief, called mortal
 man. But the seed is in itself, only as the divine Mind
 3 is All and reproduces all — as Mind is the multiplier,
 and Mind's infinite idea, man and the universe, is the
 product. The only intelligence or substance of a thought,
 6 a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it.

508:26-4

Genesis i. 13. And the evening and the morning were
 27 the third day.

The third stage in the order of Christian Science is an
 important one to the human thought, letting in the light
 1 of spiritual understanding. This period corresponds to
 the resurrection, when Spirit is discerned to be the Life of
 3 all, and the deathless Life, or Mind, dependent
 upon no material organization. Rising to
the light

575:13-16

The description is metaphoric. Spiritual teach-
 ing must always be by symbols. Did not Jesus illustrate
 15 the truths he taught by the mustard-seed and the prodi-
 gal?

136:32-7

Jesus patiently persisted in
 1 teaching and demonstrating the truth of being. His stu-
 dents saw this power of Truth heal the sick, cast out evil,
 3 raise the dead; but the ultimate of this wonderful work
 was not spiritually discerned, even by them, until after the
 crucifixion, when their immaculate Teacher stood before
 6 them, the victor over sickness, sin, disease, death, and
 the grave.

510:28-6

	Sci-	Spiritual
	ence reveals only one Mind, and this one shin-	subdivision
30	ing by its own light and governing the universe, including	
1	man, in perfect harmony. This Mind forms ideas, its	
	own images, subdivides and radiates their borrowed light,	
3	intelligence, and so explains the Scripture phrase, "whose	
	seed is in itself." Thus God's ideas "multiply and re-	
	plenish the earth." The divine Mind supports the sub-	
6	limity, magnitude, and infinitude of spiritual creation.	

520:23-3

24 Here is the emphatic declaration that God creates all
 through Mind, not through matter, — that the plant
 grows, not because of seed or soil, but because
 growth is the eternal mandate of Mind. Mor-
 27 tal thought drops into the ground, but the immortal creat-
 ing thought is from above, not from beneath. Because
 Mind makes all, there is nothing left to be made by a
 30 lower power. Spirit acts through the Science of Mind,
 never causing man to till the ground, but making him
 1 superior to the soil. Knowledge of this lifts man above
 the sod, above earth and its environments, to conscious
 3 spiritual harmony and eternal being.

Growth is
from Mind

531:19-32

Who will say that minerals, vegetables, and
 animals have a propagating property of their own?
 21 Who dares to say either that God is in matter or that
 matter exists without God? Has man sought out other
 creative inventions, and so changed the method of his
 24 Maker?

Which institutes Life, — matter or Mind? Does Life
 begin with Mind or with matter? Is Life sustained by
 27 matter or by Spirit? Certainly not by both, since flesh
 wars against Spirit and the corporeal senses can take no
 cognizance of Spirit. The mythologic theory of mate-
 30 rial life at no point resembles the scientifically Christian
 record of man as created by Mind in the image and like-
 ness of God and having dominion over all the earth.

509:23

Mind made the "plant of
 24 the field before it was in the earth." The periods of
 spiritual ascension are the days and seasons of Mind's
 creation, in which beauty, sublimity, purity, and holiness
 27 — yea, the divine nature — appear in man and the uni-
 verse never to disappear.

Divine nature
appearing

Hymns

Hymn 197

Hymn 197, 198

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SCIENCE

Lyman Brackett

WISDOM

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Now sweeping down the years untold,
The day of Truth is breaking;
And sweet and fair the leaves unfold,
Of Love's immortal waking.

For flower and fruitage now are seen,
Where blight and mildew rested:
The Christ today to us has been
By word and deed attested.

His living presence we have felt,
The Word made flesh among us:
And hearts of stone before him melt,
His peace is brooding o'er us.

Hymn 98

Hymn 97, 98

Thomas Hastings

Adapted

ILSLEY

Frank G. Ilesley

IN BABILONE

Dutch Traditional Melody

He that goeth forth with weeping,
Bearing still the precious seed,
Never tiring, never sleeping,
Soon shall see his toil succeed;
Showers of rain will fall from heaven,
Then the cheering sun will shine;
So shall plenteous fruit be given,
Through an influence all divine.

Sow thy seed, be never weary,
Let not fear thy thoughts employ;
Though the prospect seem most dreary,

Thou shalt reap the fruits of joy:
Lo, the scene of verdure brightening,
See the rising grain appear;
Look again, the fields are whitening,
Harvest time is surely here.

Hymn 314

Hymn 314

James Montgomery
Adapted

SELMA

Traditional Melody, Isle of Arran, arr. by R. A. Smith

Sow in the morn thy seed,
At eve hold not thy hand;
To doubt and fear give thou no heed;
Broadcast it o'er the land.

It duly shall appear
In verdure, beauty, strength,
The tender blade, the stalk, the ear;
The full corn comes at length.

The harvest now is white;
Lift up thine eyes, behold,
Illumed by Love's transforming light,
God's blessings manifold.