

# 240807 Man is Ageless

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## 1. Hymn. 187:1–3

Mighty God, the First, the Last, / What are ages in Thy sight / But as yesterday when past, / Or  
a watch within the night?

All that being e'er shall know, / On, still on, through farthest years, / All eternity can show, /  
Bright before Thee now appears.

Whatsoe'er our lot may be, / Calmly in this thought we rest: / When we see as Thou dost see, /  
We shall love Thee and be blest.

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## 1. Job 11:7, 13, 15 then, 17, 18 (to ;), 19 thou (to ;)

Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? ...

If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him; ...

... then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear: ...

And *thine* age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the  
morning. And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; ...

... thou shalt lie down, and none shall make *thee* afraid; ...

## 2. Ps. 71:1, 9 (to ;), 14–21 I

In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. ...

Cast me not off in the time of old age; ...

... I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more. My mouth shall shew forth  
thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*. I will go in  
the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only. O  
God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.  
Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy  
strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come. Thy righteousness  
also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee! *Thou*,

which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

**3. Ps. 92:1, 2, 4, 5, 12–15**

*It is a good thing* to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, ...

For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands. O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* thy thoughts are very deep. ...

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

**4. Ps. 1:1–3**

Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

**5. Josh. 14:6, 7 (to ;), 10, 11 (to 2nd ,)**

¶ Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh–barnea. Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh–barnea to espy out the land; ...

And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of* Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I *am as* strong this day as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, ...

**6. Isa. 48:12, 17 I**

¶ Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last. ...

... I *am* the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way *that* thou shouldest go.

**7. Rev. 21:5 he (to 1st .), 6 I**

... he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. ...

... I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

## 8. Rev. 7:17 (to :)

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: ...

### 1. SH 249:6–8

Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy.

Renewed  
selfhood

### 2. SH 468:26 Life

... Life is divine Principle, Mind, Soul, Spirit. Life is without beginning and without end. Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of Life, and time is no part of eternity. One ceases in proportion as the other is recognized. Time is finite; eternity is forever infinite. Life is neither in nor of matter. What is termed matter is unknown to Spirit, which includes in itself all substance and is Life eternal. Matter is a human concept. Life is divine Mind. Life is not limited. Death and finiteness are unknown to Life. If Life ever had a beginning, it would also have an ending.

Eternity  
of Life

### 3. SH 245:32–6

The infinite never began nor will it ever end. Mind and its formations can never be annihilated. Man is not a pendulum, swinging between evil and good, joy and sorrow, sickness and health, life and death. Life and its faculties are not measured by calendars. The perfect and immortal are the eternal likeness of their Maker.

Man  
reflects God

### 4. SH 598:19–2

**YEAR.** A solar measurement of time; mortality; space for repentance.

“One day is with the Lord as a thousand years.” (II Peter iii. 8.)

One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity. This exalted view, obtained and retained when the Science of being is understood, would bridge over with life discerned spiritually the interval of death, and man would be in the full consciousness of his immortality and eternal harmony, where sin, sickness, and death are unknown. Time is a mortal thought, the divisor of which is the solar year. Eternity is God’s measurement of Soul-filled years.

### 5. SH 520:10

The numerals of infinity, called *seven days*, can never be reckoned according to the calendar of time. These days will appear as mortality disappears, and they will reveal eternity, newness of Life, in which all sense of error forever disappears and thought accepts the divine infinite calculus.

## 6. SH 244:7–18, 23–27

If we were to derive all our conceptions of man from what is seen between the cradle and the grave, happiness and goodness would have no abiding-place in man, and the worms would rob him of the flesh; but Paul writes: “The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Man undergoing birth, maturity, and decay is like the beasts and vegetables, — subject to laws of decay. If man were dust in his earliest stage of existence, we might admit the hypothesis that he returns eventually to his primitive condition; but man was never more nor less than man. ...

Man never  
less than  
man

Man in Science is neither young nor old. He has neither birth nor death. He is not a beast, a vegetable, nor a migratory mind. He does not pass from matter to Mind, from the mortal to the immortal, from evil to good, or from good to evil.

Man not  
evolved

## 7. SH 246:10–13, 20–31

The measurement of life by solar years robs youth and gives ugliness to age. The radiant sun of virtue and truth coexists with being. Manhood is its eternal noon, undimmed by a declining sun. ...

... Except for the error of measuring and limiting all that is good and beautiful, man would enjoy more than threescore years and ten and still maintain his vigor, freshness, and promise. Man, governed by immortal Mind, is always beautiful and grand. Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty, and holiness.

Undesirable  
records

Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the demonstration thereof. Life and goodness are immortal. Let us then shape our views of existence into loveliness, freshness, and continuity, rather than into age and blight.

True life  
eternal

## 8. SH 247:3–7, 13

I have seen age regain two of the elements it had lost, sight and teeth. A woman of eighty-five, whom I knew, had a return of sight. Another woman at ninety had new teeth, incisors, cuspids, bicuspid, and one molar. ...

Eyes  
and teeth  
renewed

... Immortality, exempt from age or decay, has a glory of its own, — the radiance of Soul. Immortal men and women are models of spiritual sense, drawn by perfect Mind and reflecting those higher conceptions of loveliness which transcend all material sense.

Eternal  
beauty

## 9. SH 476:9–11, 13–15, 21–32

God is the Principle of man, and man is the idea of God. Hence man is not mortal nor material. ... Mortals are not fallen children of God. They never had a perfect state of being, which may subsequently be regained. ...

Mortals are  
not immortals

Learn this, O mortal, and earnestly seek the spiritual status of man, which is outside of all material selfhood. Remember that the Scriptures say of mortal man: “As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.”

Imperishable  
identity

When speaking of God’s children, not the children of men, Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you;” that is, Truth and Love reign in the real man, showing that man in God’s image is unfallen and eternal.

The kingdom  
within

### 10. SH 475:5 What, 6–14 Man

... What is man?

... Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements. The Scriptures inform us that man is made in the image and likeness of God. Matter is not that likeness. The likeness of Spirit cannot be so unlike Spirit. Man is spiritual and perfect; and because he is spiritual and perfect, he must be so understood in Christian Science. Man is idea, the image, of Love; he is not physique.

Fleshly  
factors unreal

### 11. SH 24:11–13

He to whom “the arm of the Lord” is revealed will believe our report, and rise into newness of life with regeneration.

### 2. Hymn. 436:1, 2

All may seem vain, but we are forever / With You, written in the book of Life. / You are forever, You are forever, / All may seem vain, but You endure. / You, You endure; You, You endure, / With those written in the book of Life.

Life is eternal, infinite light, and / It gives us conviction, strength, and might. / Infinite light, infinite light, / Life is eternal, infinite light. / Infinite light, infinite light, / It gives us conviction, and strength, and might.

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### 3. Hymn. 71:1–3

Glorious things of thee are spoken, / Zion, city of our God; / He whose word cannot be broken, / Formed thee for His own abode: / On the Rock of Ages founded, / What can shake thy sure repose? / By salvation’s walls surrounded / Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, / See the cloud and fire appear / For a glory and a covering, / Showing that the Lord is near. / Thus deriving from their banner, / Light by night, and shade by day, / Safe they feed upon the manna, / Which He gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters, / Springing from eternal Love, / Well supply thy sons and daughters, / And all fear of want remove. / Who can faint, while such a river / Ever shall their thirst assuage,— / Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, / Never fails from age to age?

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