

Man Is Ageless

Prov 9:11 by
by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the
years of thy life shall be increased.

Gen. 5:1,2,5 (to :),8 (to :),11 (to :),14
(to:),23,24

This is the book of the generations of Adam.
In the day that God created man, in the
likeness of God made he him;
Male and female created he them; and
blessed them, and called their name Adam,
in the day when they were created.
And all the days that Adam lived were nine
hundred and thirty years:
And all the days of Seth were nine hundred
and twelve years:
And all the days of Enos were nine hundred
and five years:
And all the days of Cainan were nine
hundred and ten years:
And all the days of Enoch were three
hundred sixty and five years:
And Enoch walked with God: and he was
not; for God took him.

Ps 71:9
Cast me not off in the time of old age;
forsake me not when my strength faileth.

Ps 36:9 (to:)
For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy
light shall we see light.

Ps 92: 12-15
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.

Eccl 3:1-15

To every thing there is a season, and a time
to every purpose under the heaven: A time
to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to
break down, and a time to build up; A time
to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to
mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast
away stones, and a time to gather stones
together; a time to embrace, and a time to
refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a
time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to
cast away; A time to rend, and a time to
sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to
speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a
time of war, and a time of peace. What
profit hath he that worketh in that wherein
he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which
God hath given to the sons of men to be
exercised in it. He hath made every thing
beautiful in his time: also he hath set the
world in their heart, so that no man can find
out the work that God maketh from the
beginning to the end. I know that there is no
good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and
to do good in his life. And also that every
man should eat and drink, and enjoy the
good of all his labour, it is the gift of God. I
know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be
for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any
thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that
men should fear before him. That which
hath been is now; and that which is to be
hath already been; and God requireth that
which is past.

John 17:3
And this is life eternal, that they might know
thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ,
whom thou hast sent.
244:23-246:31

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. Such admissions cast us headlong into darkness and dogma. Even Shakespeare's poetry pictures age as infancy, as helplessness and decadence, instead of assigning to man the everlasting grandeur and immortality of development, power, and prestige.

The error of thinking that we are growing old, and the benefits of destroying that illusion, are illustrated in a sketch from the history of an English woman, published in the London medical magazine called *The Lancet*.

Disappointed in love in her early years, she became insane and lost all account of time. Believing that she was still living in the same hour which parted her from her lover, taking no note of years, she stood daily before the window watching for her lover's coming. In this mental state she remained young. Having no consciousness of time, she literally grew no older. Some American travellers saw her when she was seventy-four, and supposed her to be a young woman. She had no care-lined face, no wrinkles nor gray hair, but youth sat gently on cheek and brow. Asked to guess her age, those unacquainted with her history conjectured that she must be under twenty.

This instance of youth preserved furnishes a useful hint, upon which a Franklin might work with more certainty than when he coaxed the enamoured lightning from the clouds. Years had not made her old, because she had taken no cognizance of passing time nor thought of herself as growing old. The bodily results of her belief that she was young manifested the influence of such a belief. She could not age while believing herself young, for the mental state governed the physical.

Impossibilities never occur. One instance like the foregoing proves it possible to be young at seventy-four; and the primary of that illustration makes it plain that decrepitude is not according to law, nor is it a necessity of nature, but an illusion.

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 is by no means a material germ rising from the imperfect and endeavoring to reach Spirit above his origin. The stream rises no higher than its source.

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. As the physical and material, the transient sense of beauty fades, the radiance of Spirit should dawn upon the enraptured sense with bright and imperishable glories.

Never record ages. Chronological data are no part of the vast forever. Time-tables of birth and death are so many conspiracies against manhood and womanhood. 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.

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.

223:21,32

Spiritual rationality and free thought accompany approaching Science, and cannot be put down. They will emancipate humanity, and supplant unscientific means and so-called laws.

Longevity is increasing and the power of sin diminishing, for the world feels the alterative effect of truth through every pore.

SH 76:32-77:9

The recognition of Spirit and of infinity comes not suddenly here or hereafter. The pious Polycarp said: "I cannot turn at once from good to evil." Neither do other mortals accomplish the change from error to truth at a single bound.

Existence continues to be a belief of corporeal sense until the Science of being is reached. Error brings its own self-destruction both here and hereafter, for mortal mind creates its own physical conditions.

SH 258:19,27

The infinite Principle is reflected by the infinite idea and spiritual individuality, but the material so-called senses have no cognizance of either Principle or its idea. The human capacities are enlarged and perfected in proportion as humanity gains the true conception of man and God.

Never born and never dying, it were impossible for man, under the government of God in eternal Science, to fall from his high estate.

SH 256:1

Progress takes off human shackles. The finite must yield to the infinite. Advancing to a higher plane of action, thought rises from the material sense to the spiritual, from the scholastic to the inspirational, and from the mortal to the immortal. All things are created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man.

249: 31 (only)

Man is the reflection of Soul.

Hymn 359

William P. McKenzie

WILLINGHAM

Franz Abt

Trust the Eternal when the shadows gather,
When joys of daylight seem so like a dream;
God the unchanging pities like a father;
Trust on and wait, the daystar yet shall gleam.

Trust the Eternal, for the clouds that vanish
No more can move the mountains from their base
Than sin's illusive wreaths of mist can banish
Light from His throne or loving from His face.

Trust the Eternal, and repent in meekness
Of that heart's pride which frowns and will not yield,
Then to thy child-heart shall come strength in weakness,
And thine immortal life shall be revealed.

Hymn 144

Adapted

And let thy living light show forth
Man's unity with God.

MOUNT CALVARY

Robert P. Stewart

In atmosphere of Love divine,
We live, and move, and breathe;
Though mortal eyes may see it not,
'Tis sense that would deceive.

The mortal sense we must destroy,
If we would bring to light
The wonders of eternal Mind,
Where sense is lost in sight.

For God, immortal Principle,
Is with us everywhere;
He holds us perfect in His love,
And we His image bear.

Hymn 14

Mary I. Mesechre

POTSDAM

Arranged from Johann Sebastian Bach

Arise, arise and shine,
On thee hath dawned the day;
God is thy sun, and Christ thy light,
Be thou a steadfast ray.

Sing praise, O waking heart,
For all thy God hath wrought;
For Truth's clear light on thee hath shone,
And purified thy thought.

No more shall sin and wrong
Obscure the light divine,
For God hath given thee His Son,
And lo, all things are thine.

Arise, arise and shine,
Uplift thee from the sod,