

## Are Thoughts Human or Divine?

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### Bible

1. Ps 33:4 the, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 18-20

the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

2. Ps 40:5, 8, 11

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

3. Ps 94:11

The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

4. Ps 139:17, 18, 23

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

5. Proverbs 16:3

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

6. Isaiah 55:7-9

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

¶For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

7. Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

### S&H

1. 259: 6, 22-25, 26-12

In divine Science, man is the true image of God. The divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted their lives higher than their poor thought-models would allow, — thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick, sinning, and dying. The Christlike understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea, — perfect God and perfect man, — as the basis of thought and demonstration.

Mortal thought transmits its own images, and forms its offspring after human illusions. God,

Spirit, works spiritually, not materially. Brain or matter never formed a human concept.

Immortal ideas, pure, perfect, and enduring, are transmitted by the divine Mind through divine Science, which corrects error with truth and demands spiritual thoughts, divine concepts, to the end that they may produce harmonious results.

Deducing one's conclusions as to man from imperfection instead of perfection, one can no more arrive at the true conception or understanding of man, and make himself like it, than the sculptor can perfect his outlines from an imperfect model, or the painter can depict the form and face of Jesus, while holding in thought the character of Judas.

The conceptions of mortal, erring thought must give way to the ideal of all that is perfect and eternal. Through many generations human beliefs will be attaining diviner conceptions, and the immortal and perfect model of God's creation will finally be seen as the only true conception of being.

2. 261:4

Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts.

3. 286:21

God's thoughts are perfect and eternal, are substance and Life. Material and temporal thoughts are human, involving error, and since God, Spirit, is the only cause, they lack a divine cause. The temporal and material are not then creations of Spirit. They are but counterfeits of the spiritual and eternal. Transitory thoughts are the antipodes of everlasting Truth, though (by the supposition of opposite qualities) error must also say, "I am true." But by this saying error, the lie, destroys itself.

4. 123:12

Divine Science, rising above physical theories, excludes matter, resolves things into thoughts, and replaces the objects of material sense with spiritual ideas.

5. 86:13 (only), 29-31

Mortals evolve images of thought.

Mortal mind sees what it believes as certainly as it believes what it sees. It feels, hears, and sees its own thoughts.

6. 88:9-14

How are veritable ideas to be distinguished from illusions? By learning the origin of each. Ideas are emanations from the divine Mind. Thoughts, proceeding from the brain or from matter, are offshoots of mortal mind; they are mortal material beliefs.

7. 103:25-2

The truths of immortal Mind sustain man, and they annihilate the fables of mortal mind, whose flimsy and gaudy pretensions, like silly moths, singe their own wings and fall into dust.

In reality there is no mortal mind, and consequently no transference of mortal thought and will-power. Life and being are of God. In Christian Science, man can do no harm, for scientific thoughts are true thoughts, passing from God to man.

8. 298:28-30

Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their individualism may be.

9. 299:7

My angels are exalted thoughts, appearing at the door of some sepulchre, in which human belief has buried its fondest earthly hopes. With white fingers they point upward to a new and glorified trust, to higher ideals of life and its joys. Angels

are God's representatives. These upward-soaring beings never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to the divine Principle of all good, whither every real individuality, image, or likeness of God, gathers. By giving earnest heed to these spiritual guides they tarry with us, and we entertain "angels unawares."

10. 337:22

The visible universe and material man are the poor counterfeits of the invisible universe and spiritual man. Eternal things (verities) are God's thoughts as they exist in the spiritual realm of the real. Temporal things are the thoughts of mortals and are the unreal, being the opposite of the real or the spiritual and eternal.

11. 191:1, 16-17, 19, 24-25

The brain can give no idea of God's man. It can take no cognizance of Mind. Matter is not the organ of infinite Mind.

The human thought must free itself from self-imposed materiality and bondage.

Mind is not helpless. Intelligence is not mute before non-intelligence.

The Science of being reveals man and immortality as based on Spirit.

12. 506:18

Spirit, God, gathers unformed thoughts into their proper channels, and unfolds these thoughts, even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may appear.

13. 513:17, 26-9

Spirit diversifies, classifies, and individualizes all thoughts, which are as eternal as the Mind conceiving them; but the intelligence, existence, and continuity of all individuality remain in God, who is the divinely creative Principle thereof.

God creates all forms of reality. His thoughts are spiritual realities. So-called mortal mind — being nonexistent and consequently not within the range of immortal existence — could not by simulating deific power invert the divine creation, and afterwards recreate persons or things upon its own plane, since nothing exists beyond the range of all-inclusive infinity, in which and of which God is the sole creator. Mind, joyous in strength, dwells in the realm of Mind. Mind's infinite ideas run and disport themselves. In humility they climb the heights of holiness.

14. 462:23-24

Are thoughts divine or human? That is the important question.

### **Hymn 109**

*Maria Louise Baum*

*ELLESDIE*

*Attrib. to Mozart, arr. by H. P. Main*

Here, O God, Thy healing presence  
Lifts our thoughts from self and sin,  
Fills with light their hidden places,  
When Thy love is welcomed in.  
Here Thy tender sweet persuasions  
Turn us home to heavenly ways,  
While our hearts, unsealed, adoring,  
Pour the fragrance of Thy praise.

Reverent lives unveil Thy beauty,  
Faithful witness bear of Thee;  
Binding up the broken-hearted,  
We reflect Thy radiancy.  
So may deeper consecration  
Show Thee forth in healing's sign,  
Till through joyful self-surrender  
We in Love's pure likeness shine.

### **Hymn 218**

*Samuel Longfellow*

*MISSIONARY CHANT*

*Heinrich C. Zeuner*

O Life that maketh all things new,  
The blooming earth, the thoughts of men;

Our pilgrim feet, wet with Thy dew,  
In gladness hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows,  
From eye to eye the signals run,  
From heart to heart the bright hope glows,  
The seekers of the Light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth,  
One in the joy of paths untrod,  
One in the heart's perennial youth,  
One in the larger thought of God; —

The freer step, the fuller breath,  
The wide horizon's grander view;  
The sense of Life that knows no death, —  
The Life that maketh all things new.

### **Hymn 370**

*Nellie B. Mace*

*DEERHURST*

*James Langran*

We are hid with Christ forever  
In the Father's holy plan.  
In this pure eternal union  
We behold the perfect man;  
And we know that sin can never  
Overthrow the sacred rod  
Of dominion over evil:  
We are hid with Christ in God.

Hid with Christ in God, O gladness:  
O the meekness and the might,  
When the risen Christ has lifted  
All our thoughts into the light,  
Light of Truth wherein no sadness  
Dims the radiant peace we find,  
As we set our whole affection  
On the beauteous things of Mind.