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Author's Preface

I have great reverence and respect for the *Bible* as a spiritual work. As the story of humankind's evolving spiritual consciousness it deserves to be studied with an open mind and willing heart. The *Bible* takes us from creation to Adam to Jesus and from unenlightened human to enlightened spiritual being. Viewed this way, the *Bible* is an epic quest. It is truly a thoughtful account of the evolution of our evolving Christ Consciousness.

It is a journey we all must take, and the Scriptures tell us how to do it. It is an inner journey, a journey which *demands* that we go beyond the literal to the metaphysical, the allegorical, the metaphorical, if we are to understand its deeper wisdom and relevance to us today.

The difficulties, contradictions, and discrepancies which have proven so perplexing to tens of millions of people who have only read and studied literal translations of the *Bible* are dissolved from a metaphysical perspective.

For those willing to look past its literal meaning, the *Bible* is rich in timeless, hidden wisdom. The universality of a metaphysical interpretation takes the *Bible* beyond a mere churchianity perspective. It moves it past the exclusiveness of religion to the inclusiveness of spirituality.

Care has, however, been taken neither to overstress its esoteric or metaphorical significance, nor to read into a passage more than is inherent within its intended purpose. My hope is that you will be deepened by the connection between the literal translations and their metaphysical counterparts. My sense is, if you give yourself permission, you will feel the tug of Spirit as you open your mind and heart to the hidden truths contained in each of the familiar scriptural passages selected for this work.

Matthew 1:18-19
(King James Version)

18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

Matthew 1:18-19
(New Metaphysical Version)

18. Now, the Christ of us is expressed as an exalted Divine Idea. It comes through the interplay of superior intuition (Mary) and heart-centered understanding (Joseph), particularly when these qualities within us move toward their oneness which unfolds our Christ potential (child) that comes from the activity of Spirit (Holy Ghost).

19. No matter how highly developed our intellect (the Joseph of us) is it cannot quite grasp the significance of our Christ potential and so it wants to keep our intuition in check (put her away privily).

Matthew: 1:20-21
(Holy Bible: From the Aramaic of the Peshitta)

20. While he was considering this, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said to him, “O, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take your wife Mary, because he that is to be born of her is of the Holy Spirit. 21. She will give birth to a son, and you will call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:20-21
(New Metaphysical Version)

20. No matter how resistant our intellect (our Josephness) is there is that Higher Spiritual Quality within us which prompts us to trust our intuitive abilities (the Mary of us) because It knows that our Christ potential (he that is to be born) can only be expressed through God as Omni-activity (Holy Spirit). 21. And when we express this divine principle (give birth to a Son) in action we actualize our Christ potential (the Jesus of us) and transcend error thoughts, beliefs, and actions (sins).

Matthew 1:23-25
(21st Century King James Version)

23. "Behold, a virgin shall be with child and bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" (which being interpreted is, "God with us").

24. Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife,

25. and knew her not until she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Matthew 1:23-25
(New Metaphysical Version)

23. When we come from a place of absolute serenity and stillness (virgin) and spiritual clarity, we shall manifest the Christ Presence (Son, Emmanuel) within us ("God with us.")

24. So, we must remain open to the 'still small voice' (be raised from our sleep) and accept our God-given potential. We must arise from the limitations of sense consciousness (sleep) and listen to our illumined intellect (Joseph) which has been enlivened by our superior intuition (wife, Our Maryness).

25. If we do that, we will begin to unfold into our Christhood (first born son) as we begin actualizing our Christ potential (Jesus).

Matthew 2:1-8
(21st Century King James Version)

1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, 2. saying, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

3. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6. And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule My people Israel."

7. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 8. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

Matthew 2:1-8
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. In spite of the influence of our worldly ego (Herod), when we awaken to our Christ potential (the Jesus of us) through our spiritual recognition (wise men) of the abiding presence (Bethlehem) of Universal Substance, we gain inner peace (Jerusalem) by going within (the East).

2. It is the nature of our interior wisdom to ask the ego rhetorically, “Where do ruling spiritual thoughts (King of the Jews) come from?” There is that within us that recognizes the true Inner Authority as the Indwelling Christ and that we should honor It.

3. When our unenlightened ego (the Herod of us) is faced with these troublesome prospects it 4. gathers the support it needs from established religious beliefs (chief priests and scribes) and tries to understand what it cannot comprehend.

5. The only help a clueless intellect can provide the frightened ego is to intellectualize what it means to understand the availability of Universal Substance (Bethlehem). 6. ‘Out of the essence of Universal Substance comes divine ideas (princes of Judah) from our super-conscious (Governor) which can rule human consciousness.’

7. Our bruised ego (the Herod of us) cringes at the thought of a higher authority and sees it as a threat to its own authority. 8. The ego does not fully comprehend the nature of this *spiritual adversary* (young child) and seeks to deny its presence.

Matthew 2:10-11
(The Living Bible)

10. Their joy knew no bounds! 11. Entering the house where the baby and Mary his mother were, they threw themselves down before him, worshipping. Then they opened their presents and gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:10-11
(New Metaphysical Version)

10. We shall rejoice with exceedingly great spiritual aliveness (joy) 11. when we come from a consciousness (house) which fosters the intuitive awareness (the Mary of us) of our Christ potential (baby). And the way we can begin to experience (worship) that oneness with Spirit is to adopt three specific spiritual practices: maintain an abiding consciousness of the Omnipresent richness of Substance (gold), be prayer-conditioned through affirmative prayer and daily meditation (frankincense), and let go of error thoughts, attitudes, and habits that serve no spiritual purpose (myrrh).

Matthew 2:16-18
(King James Version)

16. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.

17. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

18. In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

Matthew 2:16-18
(New Metaphysical Version)

16. Keep in mind, however, that a frightened and jealous ego (the Herod of us) will want to erase any and all thoughts and ideas, and especially new ones (wise men), that pertain to our divinity.

17. So it is important to remain steadfastly faithful (our Jeremiahness) and absolutely committed to our spiritual growth

18. by staying in a high state (in Rama) of spiritual consciousness. This is especially important since the paranoid ego has a history of discounting our true nature by tempting us to censor (Rachel weeping) our own spiritual ideas from being expressed.

Matthew 3:1-11
(King James Version)

1. In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2. and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” 3. For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:

“ The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘ Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make His paths straight.’”

4. Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5. Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him 6. and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

7. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8. Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9. and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. 10. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:1-11
(New Metaphysical Version)

1 As we grow our spirituality we begin our metamorphosis from an undisciplined intellectual perspective (our John the Baptizer quality) which is not yet quickened by Spirit, but nevertheless seeks to praise God. 2. We consciously turn from error thinking and embrace that part of our being which produces divine ideas (Kingdom of Heaven). 3. There is that sense of deeper knowing within us that feels the promptings of our higher self and seeks to prepare itself for higher knowing. 4. It is this same undisciplined intellect that perseveres, despite its tendency to bridle our creativity (clothed in camel's hair), censor new ideas (leather belt), and settle for sweet but simplistic spiritual understanding (locusts and honey).

5. At this point in our spiritual growth we can attain the inner peace and spiritual maturation (Judea) we desire when we harmonize our spiritual and egocentric thought processes. 6. This state of being (Jordan) can transform our inner life. 7. particularly when we recognize the inadequacy of a letter of the law mentality (Pharisees) and self-righteous judgmentalness (Sadducees) which are the wrathful tools of a frightened ego. 8. It is better to place our attention on the fruits of Spirit and turn from the inharmonies associated with our materialistic bents. 9. We must take care, however, to keep our high ideals in perspective so we can remain faithful to the Source of our unlimited supply (Abraham as our father).

10. Therefore, release those thoughts which see duality (ax laid to roots) and bring a sense of separation because they cannot stand in the face of truth. 11. Indeed, as we transform our thinking we will honor that within us which is mightier than our human personality, whose essence we cannot possibly describe with mere words, but which transforms us with love, purifying us and cleansing us in truth.

Matthew 3:13-17
(King James Version)

13. Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15. And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:13-17
(New Metaphysical Version)

13. As we mature in our ability to discern truth from error, our I-Am-ness (the illumined Jesus of us) filters down into our subconsciousness (Galilee) from our super-consciousness and energizes our intellect (our John quality), melding it with Spirit.

14. Thus enlightened the intellect (the John of us) recognizes its limitations and seeks to be made whole.

15. When that is our authentic intention, our I-Am-ness (the illumined Jesus of us) affirms our connection. Our heightened awareness is a prerequisite for our continued spiritual growth.

16. Once we choose not to give power to appearances (went up straightway out of the water) and affirm our oneness (Heaven opens) with the Christ of us we can rise above (dove descending) old error patterns and find peace of mind (dove lighting on him).

17. At this stage of our spiritual development there comes upon us a sense of our true identity and our eternal connection with our Christ Nature (Beloved Son).

Matthew 4:1-10
(King James Version)

1. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

3. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9. And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 4:1-10
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. The attainment of a higher spiritual consciousness is generally followed by thoughts from our sense consciousness (wilderness) which reject our oneness [tempted by devilish thoughts] with Spirit and express themselves as earthly temptations.

2. The best way to handle such spiritually corrosive thoughts is to *retreat forward* (forty days and forty nights) into prayer and meditation for the strength needed to address these enticements.

3. We can put material things before God (turn stones into bread),

4. or we can affirm that God is the Source of all of our supply and put God first.

5. We can choose to publicly proselytize [devilish thoughts] our spiritual inclinations (holy city), insights, and abilities for personal gain and recognition,

6. believing we are favored and protected by dogma and religious biases, 7. or we can remind ourselves of the unenlightened ego's penchant for deception and reaffirm our oneness with Spirit.

8. We can allow ourselves to abdicate our power, dominion, and authority to the lure of sense delights 9. by telling ourselves that there's nothing really wrong with worshipping material things. Many people believe a material universe is all there is.

10. Or, we can resolutely declare our absolute oneness with Spirit and affirm we are God expressing Godness as us.

Matthew 4:19
(King James Version)

19. And he saith unto them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:19
(New Metaphysical Version)

19. If our higher spiritual qualities (the disciples) are used in the right way (“Follow me...”), they will fortify other qualities (become fishers of men) and we will accomplish what we have come here to do.

Matthew 5:1-12
(New Revised Standard Version)

1. When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
2. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
3. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the poor in heart, for they will see God.
9. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of God.
11. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:1-12
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. Recognizing the need to develop our relationship with the Christ of us, it is a good practice to withdraw into prayer and meditation, and to focus on our higher spiritual qualities. 2. When we declare our oneness with Spirit we come to the understanding that:

3. We are blessed when we lack narcissistic pride (poor in spirit), when we are teachable, when we are open and receptive to eternal truths, when we are humble – for we shall expand our understanding of our divine potential (Kingdom of Heaven).
4. We are blessed when we *yearn* (mourn) for a closer relationship with our Christ Self – for we shall enjoy unlimited opportunities for spiritual growth.
5. We are blessed when we are non-resistant (meek) to God expressing Godness as us – for we shall have control over all of our thoughts, attitudes, emotions, and actions.
6. We are blessed when we hunger and thirst after right thinking (principle-oriented thinking) for we shall be transformed by the renewing of our minds.
7. We are blessed when we are merciful, when we give what we wish to receive – for we shall be treated likewise.
8. We are blessed when, through the clarity of Spirit (poor in heart), we are not fooled by outer appearances – for we shall view all things from our Christ Consciousness.
9. We are blessed when we are peacemakers, bringing our Christ awareness to the world – for we shall become radiating centers of peace, love, and unity.
10. We are blessed when we refuse to allow error (evil) to deter us from making Christ-centered choices – for we shall continue to grow into a deeper understanding of our divine potential.
11. We are blessed when we stand strong against errant thoughts and all manner of false inclinations for truth's sake.
12. We must rejoice! Celebrate! For great will be our inner harmony in body, mind, and spirit as it has been for those who came before us. Everyone who has made the Christ choice has gone through similar trials and triumphs.

Matthew 5:14
(*Phillips Modern English*)

14. You are light for all the world. A town that stands on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:14
(*New Metaphysical Version*)

14. We *indivisiblized* expressions of the Christ (light) in physical bodies (the world). And when we express (stand on a hill) our Christ Nature from the heightened awareness (town) that we are innately divine everyone will see it.

Matthew 5:21-22
(King James Version)

21. Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22. But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, *Raca*, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:21-22
(New Metaphysical Version)

21. Metaphysicians (them of old) have long known that we should not put periods (kill) where God puts commas, especially when it applies to discerning Truth from error (judgment).

22. The truth is, when we get angry at our human selves (brother) for not being as spiritually advanced as we think we should be, we tend to belittle, or even berate ourselves unnecessarily. We do not need to focus on the cumulative errors (say *Raca*) of our human personality (brother) or doubt the existence of our higher spiritual nature. Denying our spiritual nature (being in danger of hell fire) will not help us overcome worldly attachments (the Council)

Matthew 5:27-28
(Good News Bible)

27. You have heard that it was said, “Do not commit adultery.” 28. But now I tell you: anyone who looks at a woman and wants to possess her is guilty of committing adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28
(New Metaphysical Version)

27. How many times have we heard it said that half truths (adulterous thoughts) do not make truths? 28. When we use or even consider using half truths we have essentially bought into a consciousness of separation by lusting after sense appetites (are guilty of committing adultery) instead of honoring the Christ within.

Matthew 5:29-30
(New Revised Standard Version)

29. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go to hell.

Matthew 5:29-30
(New Metaphysical Version)

29. We find ourselves limiting our greater good by being seduced into tempting experiences. All that goes with carnal aggrandizement (sin) must be let go. We must move beyond that kind of dependence. It is better to rid ourselves of a self-defeating perspective (right eye) and sense appetites and habits than to put our entire body, mind, and soul at risk. 30. And if an activity (right hand), even if it is well-intentioned, limits our spiritual growth we must stop doing it! It is better to refrain from that activity or practice than to erode our spiritual progress.

Matthew 5:31-32
(Revised Standard Version)

31. It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." 32. But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Matthew 5:31-32
(New Metaphysical Version)

31. It has been said, that when we choose to be unreceptive (divorce) to our higher intuitive abilities (wife) we adulterate our oneness with Spirit. 32. We must recognize the catastrophic implications of sense-oriented choices which demonstrate our unwillingness to hear the still small voice of intuition (wife). When we consciously deny our oneness with Spirit and intentionally lust after material appetites, we adulterate not only our thoughts and emotions, but our bodies as well.

Matthew 5:38-39
(King James Version)

38. Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39. But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Matthew 5:38-39
(New Metaphysical Version)

38. How many times has the expression “Don’t get mad, get even” been used to justify ill considered actions?

39. We should not give power to personal attacks like slights, ridicule, or false accusations against us. Instead, we must turn from our naturally defensive human nature to the wise counsel of our Christ perspective.

Matthew 5:43-48
(King James Version)

43. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47. And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 5:43-48
(New Metaphysical Version)

43. There are those who believe we should love our Higher Self and see our ego as our adversary.

44. However, we will deepen our truth walk if we love every aspect of ourselves, including our egos. A good practice is to pray, affirm, and visualize our humanness into wholeness; love our vulnerabilities into strengths; and affirm our oneness with Spirit.

45. It is absolutely necessary for us to do this because the Divine Plan is for each of us to develop and fulfill our Christ Nature, despite of our human tendencies to doubt our innate divinity.

46. It is easy to love others when we are loved, everyone can do that.

47. And it is easy to have a 'mutual admiration society' (salute brethren) when everyone feels good about each other.

48. However, much is expected of us. We are dynamic, growing expressions of God expressing at the point of us. We are perfect at the level of Spirit (God, Father, the One Reality). It is our responsibility to become perfectly attuned with our innate divinity so we can attain Christ Consciousness (Heaven).

Matthew 6:5-6
(Holy Bible: From the Aramaic of the Peshitta)

5. And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who like to pray, standing in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they be seen by men. Truly I say to you that they have already received their reward.

6. But as for you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber and lock your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret shall himself reward you openly.

Matthew 6:5-6
(New Metaphysical Version)

5. Because communion (prayer) with our Christ Self is the language of disciplined spirituality, we should not pray from a narcissistic (hypocritical) standpoint. Otherwise, praying is just an empty attempt to connect with our Higher Self.

6. Our prayers must come from our innermost need to connect with Source (Father). When we feel the rightness of that inner connection our daily lives will be filled with prosperity and abundance.

Matthew 6:9-13
(King James Version)

9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

10. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11. Give us this day our daily bread.

12. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13
(New Metaphysical Version)

9. When we pray we should use the following template: *Universal
Consciousness, whose kingdom is within me, perfect and Whole is my true
nature.*

10. *Because I express the Christ within, my will and Thy will are one.*

11. *I am attuned to Thy daily word.*

12. *Forgive my error consciousness as I forgive the error consciousness in
others.*

13. *The urge for my Christ nature to express Itself is so great that I know I
am never comfortless. And I give You the glory forever. Amen.*

Matthew 6:19-21
(King James Version)

19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:19-21
(New Metaphysical Version)

19. We should not judge our self-worth by our net- worth because egocentric thoughts (moth and rust) can steal our sense of worthiness and contentment.

20. Instead, we must build our prosperity consciousness (heaven) through prosperous thoughts (treasures) realizing that God alone is the Source of our supply and that truth and error (thief) cannot occupy the same place at the same time.

21. That is especially significant since our evolving Christ Consciousness (treasure) affects the nature of our subconscious [warehoused life patterns, beliefs and stale scripts] and feeling natures (our heart center).

Mathew 6:24
(The Twentieth Century New Testament)

24. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will attach himself to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:24
(New Metaphysical Version)

24. We cannot serve truth and error (two masters) for very long; our indecisiveness and lukewarm spiritual practices will tear us apart. The truth is we cannot actualize our innate Godness by putting material interests first.

Matthew 6:25-33
(Today's New International Version)

25. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27. Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28. "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31. So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32. For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:25-33
(New Metaphysical Version)

25. So, remember this, getting our physical, material, and ego needs met will never satisfy our true hunger. That can only be satisfied from affirming Universal Substance. 26. Our thoughts (birds) come and go. In and of themselves they don't become actions or even belief systems, yet they come from our I-Am-ness just the same. 27. Our thoughts are only part of our total being.

28. Although our human personality (clothes) is important it cannot elevate our spiritual consciousness. 29. The flowering of our spiritual growth is more beautiful than anything we can ever produce by our quickening intellect (Solomon). 30. Our I-Am-ness (God), which is the truth of us, is of much greater worth than the lessons we experience in *skin school*. 31. Therefore, we must take our minds off purely material interests. 32. Unfortunately, that's where most people are. Instead, we must trust the guidance of Spirit. 33. That means when we live at the speed of our Christ Consciousness seek the Kingdom), we will not want for anything.

Matthew 7:1
(King James Version)

1. Judge not, that ye be not judged.

Matthew 7:1
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. Do not discount the unfailing accuracy of the Law of Life, because it applies to all of us.

Matthew 7:7
(The Living Bible)

7. Ask, and you will be given what you ask for. Seek, and you will find.
Knock, and the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7
(New Metaphysical Version)

7. We must confidently, but reverently, declare (ask) our oneness with Spirit, commune (seek) with our Christ Self, and affirm (knock) our indivisibleness with Spirit. Because we are subject to Universal Law our every thought, word, and action is based on strict cause and effect relationships.

Matthew 7:12
(The Message)

12. “Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them. Add up God’s Law and Prophets and this is what you get.

Matthew 7:12
(New Metaphysical Version)

12. So, whatever experiences we want to create in our lives, all we have to do is *re-cause* our thoughts and produce new effects (actions). Experiences are nothing more than specific effects of specific causes. This is the underlying Principle of the Universe (adding up God’s Law and Prophets), and the true out-picturing of God’s plan for us.

Matthew 7:13-14
(New Revised Standard Version)

13. Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it.

14. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:13-14
(New Metaphysical Version)

13. It is best for us to focus on our spiritual discernment (narrow gate), because our fickle and undisciplined sense instincts (wide gate and easy road) generally lead us to destructive ends – and, unfortunately many people take the error-prone sense route.

14. Disciplined spiritual unfoldment (narrow gate) is the better route to heightened spirituality; however, few choose to walk the pure path.

Matthew 7:15
(Phillips Modern English)

15. Beware of false prophets, men who come to you dressed up as sheep while underneath they are savage wolves.

Matthew 7:15
(New Metaphysical Version)

15. Watch out for deceptive practices (wolves dressed up as sheep) and unenlightened human tendencies (false prophets) which demonstrate a penchant for choosing materialistic means to materialistic ends, hoping sense appetites will lead to spiritual enlightenment.

Matthew 7:21
(*Good News Bible*)

21. Not everyone who calls me “Lord, Lord,” will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do what my Father in heaven wants them to do.

Matthew 7:21
(*New Metaphysical Version*)

21. It is important to know that all of our ideas are not divinely ordered from a spiritually-charged consciousness (Kingdom of Heaven). Sometimes we manifest Divine Ideas from a spiritually attuned consciousness, other times we manifest diddlysquat order from a sense-coated consciousness [*coma consciousness*].

Matthew 7:24-27
(King James Version)

24. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Matthew 7:24-27
(New Metaphysical Version)

24. When we follow that inner prompting (wise men) to become one with the Christ of us, to become complete, to honor our evolving Christhood, we are on solid spiritual ground (house built on rock).

25. And we will not be shaken by doubt or fear or danger in the face of unexpected circumstances.

26. But the awareness of our unfailing connection with Spirit is the key. If we do not stand in the truth of who we are (are foolish), we may place our faith in a consciousness (house) which places too much value on temporal things.

27. And when we do that we usually give power to outer appearances (rain, floods, wind) and fall from the awareness of our innate divinity.

Matthew 8:1-4
(Today's New International Version)

1. When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him.

2. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

3. Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

4. Then Jesus said to him, "See that you don't tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Matthew 8:1-4
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. When we leave the serenity of prayer and meditation (come down from the mountain) we usually find ourselves in the hustle and bustle of worldly thoughts (crowd).

2. Oftentimes we are faced with sense pleasures that can tempt us to have sense-soaked inclinations that tend to compromise our spiritual growth (leprous thoughts).

3. When that happens all we have to do is affirm: "I am one with Spirit, therefore all of my thoughts come from my Jesus qualities which are the Christ of me."

4. Remember, spiritual growth is an inside out process. However it is best to avoid retailing our spiritual growth each time we catch ourselves choosing wisely. A better tact is to discipline our thoughts by going into the Silence [prayer and meditation] to connect with Indwelling Christ so that we can cleanse our consciousness (the gift of Moses) of impure thoughts.

Matthew 8:16
(Revised Standard Version)

16. That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick.

Matthew 8:16
(New Metaphysical Version)

16. Even as we begin to unfold into the awareness that we are innately divine we may be surprised that selfish, aggrandizing thoughts and motives (demons) we thought we had outgrown begin to surface. This experience is called chemicalization (mood swings and the surfacing of old psychological tapes which have limited our good as we seek to tame our human willfulness).

Matthew 8:20
(The Living Bible)

20. Jesus said, “foxes have dens and birds have nests, but I, the Messiah, have no home of my own – no place to lay my head.

Matthew 8:20
(New Metaphysical Version)

20. We must honor our Christ potential (listen to the Jesus quality, the Messiah) within us particularly when we are influenced by secular promptings (foxes) and most definitely when we want to express spiritual (birds) ideologies (dens and nests). Truth does not rest on material perspectives (nowhere to lay my head).

Matthew 8:24-26
(King James Version)

24. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with waves: but he was asleep. 25. And his disciples came to him, and woke him, saying, Lord save us: we perish. 26. And he saith unto them: Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Matthew 8:24-26
(New Metaphysical Version)

24. And when we live, move, and have our being in our Christ Consciousness, we can face any crisis or turmoil (tempest) with unruffled composure. 25. However, sometimes we allow outer appearances to fool us and frighten us even though we have spiritual qualities (disciples) that can sustain us. 26. When that happens, all we have to do is give ourselves a faith-lift (rebuke the winds) and believe in our connection to Spirit. Those actions alone will bring us peace and serenity.

Matthew 8:32
(The New Testament: A New Translation)

32. And he said unto them, “Begone!” And when they were gone, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea and perished in the waters.

Matthew 8:32
(New Metaphysical Version)

32. There may be some things we aren’t quite ready to release yet. This attachment may push us into a period of intense negativity (herd of swine) and self-punishment as we attempt to connect our “spiritual” dots. We must deny the power of outer appearances (say “Begone.”) and allow the weight of error to implode upon itself (run violently down a steep cliff into the sea).

Matthew 9:5-6
(The American Standard Version)

5. For which is easier to say, “Thy sins are forgiven;” or to say, “Arise and walk?” 6. But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – he then said to the paralytic – “Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.”

Matthew 9:5-6
(New Metaphysical Version)

5. When we deny the power of error (sins) over us and affirm our ability to move beyond disabling human limitations (“Arise and walk.”) 6. we can live above the immobility of error thoughts, attitudes, and actions by elevating our power of discernment (our Son of Man quality). This enables us to open our awareness (take up our bed) so that we remain receptive to the Divine Presence within us (go home)..

Matthew 9:10-13
(King James Version)

10. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

12. But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Matthew 9:10-13
(New Metaphysical Version)

10. As we continue our spiritual education there will be times when our consciousness (house) is filled with sense thoughts and dogmatic appetites (publicans and sinners) despite our knowing we have many spiritual qualities (disciples).

11. These distractions generally spring from a closed religious perspective (our pharisaical nature) which questions our spiritual progress and rationalizes our shortcomings.

12. But if we keep our spiritual antennae (our Jesus perspective) tuned in,

13. we will understand that spiritual growth means transforming our sense consciousness (coma consciousness) into Christ Consciousness.

Matthew 9:15
(Holy Bible: From the Aramaic of the Peshitta)

15. Jesus said to them, “Is it possible for those at the wedding feast to fast as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days are coming when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and then they will fast.”

Matthew 9:15
(New Metaphysical Version)

15. When these thoughts surface, we can remind ourselves that there is only one kind of *fasting* – abstaining from error thoughts which separate us from our conscious oneness with Spirit (Bridegroom). When our conscious commitment (marriage) to Spirit is real, fasting from material appetites is not a concern because we have already censored the very thoughts that create those sense desires in the first place.

Matthew 9:20
(The Twentieth Century New Testament)

20. But meanwhile a woman, who has been suffering from hemorrhage came behind him, and touched his garment.

Matthew 9:20
(New Metaphysical Version)

20. No matter how much we neglect (suffer from a hemorrhage) the intuitive flow (woman) of divinely inspired energies, they are still part of our life force and can be accessed when we seek to understand (touch the hem) our Christ Nature.

Matthew 9:27-31
(King James Version)

27. And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us.

28. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

29. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

31. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

Matthew 9:27-31
(New Metaphysical Version)

27. When we become aware of spiritual cateracts, from both our intellectual and emotional perspectives, we follow an inner urge, a Grail quest, toward wholeness.

28. As we become more conscious of our oneness with “Spirit, we understand at a deep level that our blindness is ego-driven and not Spirit-led. In that state of awareness we usually are willing to accept our divinity.

29. We can gain awesome inner clarity (he touched the eyes) because of our faith in our divine connection.

30. We can see clearly through newly-opened spiritual filters (eyes open). The only caution here is not to allow our Adamic tendencies to cause us to doubt our divine attributes.

31. Although the tendency is to second guess our divine attributes as we integrate our spiritual growth into our current concepts and belief systems, we must choose clarity over spiritual glaucoma.

Matthew 9:37
(New Revised Standard Version)

37. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Matthew 9:37
(New Metaphysical Version)

37. The possibilities for spiritual growth (harvest) are unlimited (the harvest is plentiful), but our ability to manifest them only comes with deeper spiritual understanding which is defined by Christed thoughts (the laborers are few).

Matthew 10:1
(King James Version)

1. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases.

Matthew 10:1
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. When we call upon all twelve of our spiritual qualities (disciples) we will have the wherewithal to move beyond sense-oriented thoughts (unclean spirits) which lead to poor choices (sicknesses and diseases) in order to restore our conscious health.

Matthew 10:7
(The Living Bible)

7. Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

Matthew 10:7
(New Metaphysical Version)

7. It is from this exalted state of awareness that we have immediate and unlimited access to the realm of Divine Ideas (Kingdom of Heaven) within us.

Matthew 10:8-13
(Today's New International Version)

8. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. 9. "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— 10. no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for workers are worth their keep.

11. Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at that person's house until you leave. 12. As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.

Matthew 10:8-13
(New Metaphysical Version)

8. We can overcome error, cleanse leprous attitudes or beliefs of separation, resurrect our spiritual vitality, and eliminate thoughts that negate our divinity. Once we allow ourselves to receive light we can give light. 9. It is not wise to get complacent or neglectful with a mind charged with rich ideas or elegant demonstrations. 10. Nor should we pride ourselves with the knowledge of scriptural passages, or with the ability to discriminate both the human and divine nature of things without taking the appropriate Christ-Centered actions. Nor must we flaunt our capacity to free ourselves from limited spiritual understanding, We earn those special gifts through our discipline and commitment. And so we must walk our talk with humility, empathy and loving kindness.

11. As we apply our growing awareness of truth principles to our existing beliefs and habitual ways of thinking, we must give ourselves time to integrate the learning. 12. It is quite all right to give ourselves permission to accelerate our spiritual growth. 13. However, we should not be surprised if we meet with some internal resistance. Some of our beliefs will be easy to change. Others may take a while. In either case we must be patient with ourselves.

Matthew 10:14
(English Standard Version)

14. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.

Matthew 10:14
(New Metaphysical Version)

14. Even if we are not quite ready to release certain beliefs, we don't have to get caught up in forcing ourselves to abandon nonproductive belief systems (unwelcoming home or town) all at once. Clarity will come, so long as we don't allow (shake dust off feet) those lingering perceptions to cloud our spiritual understanding and compromise our spiritual growth.

Matthew 10:16
(New Revised Standard Version)

16. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Matthew 10:16
(New Metaphysical Version)

16. When we consciously recognize our oneness with Spirit our thoughts and inclinations will be genuine and unpretentious (sheep) rather than contentious (wolves); and we will be guided by wisdom (quickened serpentine energy), nonresistance, and peace of mind (doves).

Matthew 10:21
(Phillips Modern English)

21. Brothers are going to betray their brothers to death, and fathers their children. Children are going to betray their parents and have them executed.

Matthew 10:21
(New Metaphysical Version)

21. As we mature in our spirituality we may experience periods of turmoil as we resolve to remain faithful to Spirit. We may find that current perspectives and associated viewpoints (brothers) that once seemed congruent may clash. Even assumed cause and effect relationships (fathers and children) which we may have taken for granted confuse us as we out-grow (betray) old concepts and beliefs (parents).

Matthew 10:28-31
(King James Version)

28. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:28-31
(New Metaphysical Version)

28. Worldly thoughts can stifle our personal and spiritual growth, but they cannot sever our connection with Spirit. However, if we misuse our spiritual knowledge through selfish and irreverent material pursuits the repercussions can be catastrophic.

29. Both worldly thoughts and spiritual thoughts (two sparrows) are imprinted in consciousness and have their respective values. Spiritual thoughts are connected to Spirit (Father). Material thoughts have their proportional worldly value.

30. And every thought (hair), no matter how fleeting, registers in our consciousness; nothing is lost.

31. But the bottom line is we are more than our thoughts and the value of our thoughts increases as the level of our consciousness rises.

Matthew 10:34
(Revised Standard Version)

34. Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Matthew 10:34
(New Metaphysical Version)

34. Until we recognize our oneness with the Christ of us we will not fill our consciousness (earth) with the peace, prosperity, and contentment we seek. As a matter of fact, our inner peace won't come at all unless and until we embrace the Truth (sword).

Matthew 11:3
(The Living Bible)

3. And said unto him, Are you the coming one, or a different one are we to expect?

Matthew 11:3
(New Metaphysical Version)

3. Until we move beyond intellectualizing our spirituality we will not fully comprehend or appreciate our divine nature.

Matthew 11:11
(The Emphasized New Testament: A New Translation)

11. Verily, I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Immerser, notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11
(New Metaphysical Version)

11. A high intellectual understanding (our John the Immerser quality) , nourished by its own receptivity to know more about hidden truths. It is the first step (least) in gaining access to the realm of Divine Ideas (Kingdom of Heaven) as we unfold into our Christhood (that which is greater than our human intellect).

Matthew 11:28-30
(Holy Bible: From Aramaic of the Peshitta)

28. Come to me, all you who labour and carry burdens, and I will give you rest. 29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and meek in my heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30. For my yoke is pleasant and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30
(New Metaphysical Version)

28. When we labor studiously to move beyond any resistance (burdens) to our divinity, we will find the inner path detour-free (rest). 29. The more we discipline ourselves to follow truth principles (accept the yoke), the less resistance (meekness) we will have toward actualizing our divinity 30. because the purpose of our human incarnation is to unfold into our Christhood (lighten our burden).

Matthew 12:8-16
(New American Standard Bible)

8. "For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

9. Departing from there, He went into their synagogue. 10. And a man was there whose hand was withered. And they questioned Jesus, asking, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"--so that they might accuse Him.

11. And He said to them, "What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out?"

12. "How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

13. Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand!" He stretched it out, and it was restored to normal, like the other. 14. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

15. But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all, 16. and warned them not to tell who He was.

Matthew 12:8-16
(New Metaphysical Version)

8. Know that our Christed thoughts (Son of Man) rule our spirit-filled consciousness (a Sabbath experience).

9. When we apply spiritual laws (go into synagogue) to every part of our lives 10. we will become human beings being spiritual instead of *humans doings* doing spiritual things.

11. When we are consciously one with Divine Presence, everything we do has a spiritual connotation - from the emergence of a purely spiritual thought (sheep) which surfaces to the influence of an old thought pattern (pit). This usually surprises us because we do not expect such intrusions when we are in a state of spiritual attentiveness [honoring the Sabbath].

12. It is always good to marinate every day experiences in the context of our spiritual development.

13. Spirit continually prompts us to rest (separate ourselves) from material thoughts and extend our energies toward our wholeness. 14. It will come as no surprise, however, that the part of us that clings to the literal letter of the law resists a deeper, more esoteric spiritual perspective.

15. It is our Christ potential (the Jesus of us) which vivifies our thoughts and entrains us toward health and wholeness, 16. and encourages us to be nonresistant to purely sense thoughts which invade our spiritual space.

Matthew 12:22
(*Good News Bible*)

22. Then some people brought to Jesus a man who was blind and could not talk because he had a demon. Jesus healed the man, so that he was able to talk and see.

Matthew 12:22
(*New Metaphysical Version*)

22. Once we move beyond the unawareness (blindness, muteness) of our innate divinity and awaken to our oneness with Spirit we can transcend error thoughts (demons) and live life from the perspective of Spirit [the Divine Presence within us].

Matthew 12:26
(Revised Standard Version)

26. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?

Matthew 12:26
(New Metaphysical Version)

26. Once that part of us, the unenlightened ego which is under the illusion of our separation from Spirit (our satanic impulse), recognizes its own ignorance (is divided against itself), our Adamic consciousness (kingdom) implodes on itself as we become more spiritualized.

Matthew 12:30-32
(King James Version)

30. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

31. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

32. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Matthew 12:30-32
(New Metaphysical Version)

30. We must refuse to give energy to error thoughts and inclinations or allow them to compromise our spiritual growth.

31. The slate on most error thoughts can be wiped clean; however, the denial (blasphemy) of our divinity, our *indivisible* connection to the omniactivity of god (Holy Ghost) causes us irreparable – and unnecessary – pain and suffering.

32. This spiritual truth is so important for our spiritual growth that it demands our ability to discern Truth from error (the Son of Man aspect of us). Initially, we may doubt whether a particular thought or inclination comes from Spirit; however, we must be under no illusion whatsoever that we are *indivisiblized* expressions of Spirit expressing It's Godness as us! If we deny our innate divinity (speak against the Holy Ghost) we will not be able to erase error (be forgiven) within our human consciousness (this world) or the super-conscious (the world to come).

Matthew 12:36-37
(King James Version)

36. But I say unto you, that every idle word that man shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 27. For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:36-37
(New Metaphysical Version)

36. Every thought (cause) creates intentions, choices or actions (effects) which can express truth or falsehood (day of judgment). 37. For as we think (set a cause in motion) we create outcomes (effects) that determine the quality of our living.

Matthew 12:40
(*New English Bible*)

40. Jonah was in the sea monster's belly for three days and three nights, and in the same way the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the bowels of the earth.

Matthew 12:40
(*New Metaphysical Version*)

40. We can live our lives from a negative, materialistic perspective (sea monster's belly) which produces *diddlysquat order* (a Jonah mentality), or live from our I-Am-ness (our highest spiritual perspective) which gives us the power to Divinely Order (represented by three days) our human experiences.

Matthew 12:43-45
(The Living Bible)

43-45. This evil nation is like a man possessed by a demon. For if the demon leaves, it goes into the deserts for a while, seeking rest but finding none. Then it says, "I will return to the man I came from." So it returns and finds the man's heart clean but empty! Then the demon finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and all enter the man and live in him. And so he is worse off than before.

Matthew 12:43-45
(New Metaphysical Version)

43. It is easy, then, to fall back on the false beliefs (evil nation) of random chance, coincidence, and separation (demonic thinking) from Spirit. 44. When we silence our higher, more Spirit-led thoughts, we create more room for self-doubt, self-delusion and self-deception (demon returns). 45. And we end up even more confused and disillusioned (brings seven more demons) than we were in the first place, taunted by the negative consequences (unclean spirits) of our error thinking.

Matthew 13:3-9
(King James Version)

3. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

4. And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

5. Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6. And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

8. But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

9. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 13:3-9
(New Metaphysical Version)

3. We can choose to see the spiritual in every material experience and sow good. For example, spiritually-oriented thoughts or intentions (seeds) 4. can either produce choices, 5. or remain superficial intentions.

6. In these cases our lack of interest or commitment may rob them of their enrichment value.

7. Other spiritual inclinations can get stuck in intellectual quicksand (thorn) or get choked in religious dogma (thorn).

8. And of course, other thoughts sown from our higher consciousness are acted upon and bring us immeasurable joy, prosperity and abundance.

9. Those who are at one with their Christ nature already know this to be true.

Matthew 13:10-13, 16-17
(New Revised Standard Version)

10. Then the disciples came and asked him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?”

11. He answered, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

12. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

13. The reason I speak to them in parables is that ‘seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.’

16. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

17. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”

Matthew 13:10-13, 16-17
(New Metaphysical Version)

10. Sometimes it is best to attempt to understand higher spiritual principles through the use of stories.

11. The reason stories, analogies, and metaphors work is because they bypass the unaware ego and filter into our higher consciousness (Kingdom of Heaven).

12. At the level of Spirit we can comprehend the nuances of truth and enjoy enriched lives; but at the level of an unenlightened intellect we miss many pearls of wisdom.

13. Therefore, stories can be catalysts for the enlightened mind and catacombs for the rational-oriented intellect.

16. Those who experience this on-going oneness (entrainment) gain incredible spiritual insights and become adept at hearing the *still small voice*.

17. After all, we are the products of our evolving spiritual consciousness. That means the potential to see these truths, understand them, and express them are our birthrights. They are in our spiritual DNA.

Matthew 13:31
(The New Testament: A New Translation)

31. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, the realm of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed.

Matthew 13:31
(New Metaphysical Version)

31. A higher spiritual perspective (the Realm of Heaven) produces thoughts even if they are small, under-developed, Lilliputian thoughts (grains of mustard seed).

Matthew 13:45-46
(King James Version)

45. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

46. Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Matthew 13:45-46
(New Metaphysical Version)

45. It bears repeating that a higher spiritual perspective (Kingdom of Heaven) may include entrepreneurial thoughts (merchant) that may appear to be the result of purely mercantile interests (goodly pearls).

46. However, those interests are of a spiritual nature and usually involve spiritual aspiration and not personal ambition. The underlying intent is recognize our innate divinity (pearl of great price) which can transform our entire consciousness.

Matthew 13:57
(New Revised Standard Version)

57. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.

Matthew 13:57
(New Metaphysical Version)

57. However, we must move beyond the illusion of our own insignificance when it comes to our spiritual origins (country) so we can grow our spiritual consciousness (house).

Matthew 14:6-12
(King James Version)

6. But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.

7. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

8. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

9. And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.

10. And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

11. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother.

12. And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

Matthew 14:6-12
(New Metaphysical Version)

6. Despite reminding itself of the intellect's usefulness, the sense-oriented ego (Herod) finds itself lusting after each new form of sexual gratification (Herodias' daughter) which presents itself.

7. So enamored, the ego becomes a slave to lust, even to the point of compromising any principle that calls for abstinence.

8. As our attachment to sense gratifications accelerates we totally block out our conscience (the Baptizer's head on a charger) which threatens to censor our sense appetites.

9. Even though we realize we are giving our sense consciousness precedence over our spiritual growth we seem willing to neutralize our conscience (are beheaded) in matters of sexual gratification.

10. And, more often than not, we tend to do just that.

11. Then we rationalize our actions, satisfied with our power to choose the carnal over the spiritual.

12. When this happens we tend to bury the incident in our subconscious hoping our carnality will be forgotten or at least hidden so it won't affect our spiritual growth. The truth is we may rid ourselves of our conscience (behead John the Baptizer) but our act of disobedience is registered in our soul memory and will have to be dealt with sooner or later.

Matthew 14:17
(Phillips Modern English)

17. “But we haven’t anything here,” they told him, “except five loaves and two fish.”

Matthew 14:17
(New Metaphysical Version)

17. If our only discernment is through our five senses (five loaves), oftentimes we will see a lack of resources or fail to see the spiritual worth (two fish) of the resources we have.

Matthew 14:26
(*Good News Bible*)

26. When they saw him walking on water, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost!” they said, and screamed with fear.

Matthew 14:26
(*New Metaphysical Version*)

26. Sometimes we find ourselves in such an emotional upheaval that we’re not sure the higher guidance we receive (walk on water) is from Spirit or of our own making (a ghost).

Matthew 15:4-6
(King James Version)

4. For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

5. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

6. And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Matthew 15:4-6
(New Metaphysical Version)

4. Spirit expects us to honor the established truths (father and mother) instead of neglecting (cursing) them. Failing to apply truth principles keeps us in the world of duality and separation (we die the death).

5. We fall out of integrity when we deny the spirit of the law its proper place in our decisions.

6. Unfortunately, many people are so attached to narrow-minded interpretations of scripture that they miss the whole point of God's will for our lives.

Matthew 15:17-20
(King James Version)

17. Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

18. But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

19. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20. These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Matthew 15:17-20
(New Metaphysical Version)

17. Our consciousness, much like our stomach on the physical level, has the ability to absorb truth and dispose of error.

18. But it is the thoughts, words, and actions that come out of us that show others how far we have strayed from the Truth or followed Truth principles.

19. Error thoughts (murderers, adulterers, thieves, blasphemers, etc.) spring from a mortal consciousness imbedded in sense delights and can lead to any number of ills.

20. It is these sense-based intentions and behaviors that contaminate (defile) us, not the life experiences (unwashed hands) we encountered before we understood (eat) Truth principles.

Matthew 15:30
(The Living Bible)

30. And a vast crowd brought him their lame, blind, maimed, and those who couldn't speak, and many others, and laid them before Jesus and he healed them all.

Matthew 15:30
(New Metaphysical Version)

30. A multitude of thoughts and inclinations (vast crowd) come to us as we center ourselves on our wholeness and oneness with Spirit. These thoughts constitute a gamut of thoughts, from those that cripple us in some way to those which leave us speechless, or even "in the dark."

Matthew 16:13-17
(King James Version)

13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14. And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 16:13-17
(New Metaphysical Version)

13. When we allow our Christ potential (the Jesus of us) to unfold we move into a state of highly receptive consciousness (Caesar Philippi) It is at this level of being that we seek to understand the difference between Truth and error (our Son of Man perspective).

14. We try to understand our true nature through the intellect (our John the Baptizer quality), or religious over-zealousness (our over-enthusiastic Elijah quality), or by seeing doom and gloom in everything (our sorrowful Jeremiah quality).

15 But it takes more than those purely human qualities to understand who we really are.

16. It takes mature faith (our Peter quality) to answer the call

17. because faith is the belief in the unseen Omnipresence of Spirit which underwrites all that is.

Matthew 16:18
(The Twentieth Century New Testament)

18. And I say unto thee: Your name is Peter, a rock, and upon this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18
(New Metaphysical Version)

18. And it is on our maturing faith (our rock-like Peter quality) that Spirit builds its Presence (Church) within us, so that no avenue of sense consciousness (gates of hell) can prevail against it.

Matthew 16:23-26
(King James Version)

23. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Matthew 16:23-26
(New Metaphysical Version)

23. Our naive faith can become a stumbling block in our spiritual development if its focus is on the illusionary power of outer appearances [our satanic denial of our innate divinity] instead of the resurrecting power of Spirit. The truth is we divinely order our experiences.

24. With the quickening of our twelve spiritual powers (disciples) we will be able to cross out error thoughts (deny himself) by following Spirit.

25. If we have a penchant for material things we will lose our connection to Spirit; but if we keep the pleasures of worldly appetites in their proper place we will gain access into the kingdom.

26. For what will it profit us if we settle for illusion (the world of physicality) instead of Truth?

Matthew 17:10-13
(King James Version)

10. And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

11. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

12. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

13. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

Matthew 17:10-13
(New Metaphysical Version)

10. It also occurs to us that there are those who are still waiting for an external God to appear.

11. We must realize that our inclination to wait upon the Lord comes from a deeper part of our being which we don't quite understand.

12 But we feel the Omnipresence of our God Essence. It is within us and yet it envelopes us. It is *indivisiblized* as us. But many people do not realize it because they are under the illusion that an anthropomorphic God in the sky will come someday.

13. The chief culprit in this illusion is an unenlightened ego which refuses to release its hold on the material kingdom it has built.

Matthew 17:22-23
(Good News Bible)

22. When the disciples all came together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be handed over to men 23. who will kill him; but three days later he will be raised to life." The disciples became very sad.

Matthew 17:22-23
(New Metaphysical Version)

22. We must remind ourselves that we can choose to fall into old ego-driven patterns (go to Galilee) which deny (hand over) our ability to discern the difference between and error(our Son of Man quality)

23. As mentioned before, this tendency can stunt (kill) the growth of spiritual ideas unless we choose to *re-cause our experience* by divinely ordering (represented by three days) our choices. We must not allow an undisciplined ego to keep us stuck in old patterns of thinking. All we have to do is make the next choice a Christ choice.

Matthew 18:3-5
(New Revised Standard Version)

3. Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

4. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

Matthew 18:3-5
(New Metaphysical Version)

3. It is important that we not prematurely judge newly formed Divine Ideas (little children) which come to us. Judging them restricts their flow and will eventually cut them off, making it difficult, if not impossible, to grow spiritually (enter the Kingdom of Heaven).

4. When we grasp the essence of Divine Ideas we will understand the nature of the *Domain of the Divine* (Kingdom of Heaven) within us.

5. Whenever we welcome a Divine Idea (little child) from the awareness that it comes from Spirit, we welcome the Christ of us into our lives.

Matthew 18:8-9
(King James Version)

8. Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

9. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

Matthew 18:8-9
(New Metaphysical Version)

8. If we are tempted to see discordant actions (offensive hand) as normal or settle for limited knowledge (foot) of spiritual principles, we must break those patterns and censor the thoughts which cause them. It is better to have the courage and good sense to transform our thinking than to have our lives continue to be defined by errant thoughts and actions.

9. Our materialistic perspective (ego) will cause us to stumble. It is better for us to tear ourselves away from it than to settle for a limited, one-sided view (one eye) which will keep us constantly off balance and out-of-tune with Spirit.

Matthew 18:11-14
(King James Version)

11. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

12. How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13. And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

14. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

Matthew 18:11-14
(New Metaphysical Version)

11. A highly developed ability to discern Truth (our Son of Man quality) helps us eliminate error (that which is lost).

12. And because It has that express purpose, Truth seeks to purify and cleanse one hundred percent of our error-proneness.

13. And when Truth vivifies even one discordant thought, It places the same value on it as all other higher spiritual thoughts.

14. It is not Spirit's wish that even one discordant thought remains discordant.

Matthew 18:18
(Holy Bible: From the Aramaic of the Peshitta)

18. Truly I said to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you release on earth will be released in heaven.

Matthew 18:18
(New Metaphysical Version)

18. This is vitally important because all of our thoughts have soul growth consequences, and whatever we do has lasting spiritual effects as well.

Matthew 18:21-22
(Revised Standard Version)

21. Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” 22. Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

Matthew 18:21-22
(New Metaphysical Version)

21. How often should we give up the false for the true (forgive)? The short answer is: shall we give ourselves seven days to get it right? Is a week long enough to wean ourselves from error thoughts? 22. The truth is, we must give up the false for the true (forgive) each consecutive-moment-of-now, for as long as it takes for us to become centered in Truth.

Matthew 19:1-12
(The American Standard Version)

1. When Jesus had finished this instruction, He departed from Galilee and went to the region of Judea across the Jordan. 2. Large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there. 3. Some Pharisees approached Him to test Him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife on any grounds?"

4. "Haven't you read," He replied, "that He who created them in the beginning made them male and female , 5. and He also said: For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh ? 6. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, man must not separate."

7. "Why then," they asked Him, "did Moses command [us] to give divorce papers and to send her away?"

8. He told them, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because of the hardness of your hearts. But it was not like that from the beginning. 9. And I tell you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."

10. His disciples said to Him, "If the relationship of a man with his wife is like this, it's better not to marry!"

11. But He told them, "Not everyone can accept this saying, but only those it has been given to. 12 For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb, there are eunuchs who were made by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves that way because of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can."

Matthew 19:1-12
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. When we understand the process of removing error thoughts (cross the Jordan), we become more Christlike in our expression and quicken the energies in our subconscious mind (depart from Galilee) so that our interior light (Judea) shines. 2. This allows us to transform all of our thoughts from error to Truth and, thus, raise the octane (are healed) of our overall consciousness. 3. Even though we reach this level of development, we can be tested by Pharisaical thoughts. For example we may ask, "Is it all right for us to see our emotional nature as separate from our spiritual nature?" 4. However, in truth, we know that these qualities (our masculine and feminine natures) have never been separate in Spirit. 5. For this reason our mortal thoughts can outgrow our previous conditioning and become fully entrained in Spirit as higher, more spiritual thoughts. 6. So, they no longer see separation, but wholeness and oneness with Spirit.

7. Error thoughts which rule in the darkness (our ignorance of the truth) may surface and cause us to question ourselves. For example, we may ask ourselves why we feel justified in sticking purely to the letter of the law and not the spirit of the law as we grow in our spiritual awareness. 8. It will occur to us that it is because we are so naively fundamental in our beliefs that it is easy for us to believe in our separation from Spirit. 9. It must become perfectly clear that whenever we substitute one error thought or belief for another we are still adulterating our spirituality. 10. Sorting out Truth from error may frustrate us. The process can become so difficult that we may tend to give up. 11. Truth walks are not for the faint of heart. 12. For there is that worldly side of us (eunuchs) which wants to censor our spiritual growth. It is from this fractured consciousness that we allow ourselves to be influenced by beliefs devoid of spiritual substance. These beliefs make it easy for us to cut ourselves off from spiritual growth because they are bankrupt of spiritual insights. You may find that hard to believe, but it's really that simple.

Matthew 19:14
(New Revised Standard Version)

14. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs.

Matthew 19:14
(New Metaphysical Version)

14. But the Christ of us encourages us to welcome, unconditionally and joyfully, all new spiritually-oriented ideas (children), no matter how fleeting; for that is the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven (the Domain of the Divine within us).

Matthew 19:18-19
(King James Version)

18. He saith unto him, “Which?” Jesus said, “Thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, 19. Honour thy father and thy mother: and, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Matthew 19:18-19
(New Metaphysical Version)

18. And so, we wonder which ones will be the most beneficial. But intuitively we know which ones they are: We must not discount (murder) the power of divine ideas or spiritual impulses; we must not choose carnal thoughts (commit adultery) over spiritual ones; we must not think we can walk the Spiritual path on material feet; we must refrain from telling partial truths (bear false witness) to satisfy pure materialistic urges; 19. We must honor the truth of who we really are and honor the Source of our very existence, God expressed as the Indwelling Christ of us; also, we must love our body (neighbor) and care for it as our biological address, since it is the somatic dwelling place of Spirit which is *indivisiblized as us*.

Matthew 19:23-24
(The Centenary Translation)

23. Then said Jesus to his disciples, “In solemn truth I tell you that a rich man will find it difficult to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. 24. And again I say to you, “it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 19:23-24
(New Metaphysical Version)

23. We must honor the quality within us that has mastered thinking and living above material thoughts and appetites (our Jesus quality) so we can appreciate our human dilemma. As long as we are filled with material appetites which are the products of an unenlightened ego (rich man) it will be difficult for us to have Christed ideas (enter the Kingdom of Heaven). 24. The truth is it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for our material-minded human personality to still itself long enough to achieve Christ Consciousness.

Matthew 20:1-12
(King James Version)

1. For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. 2. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

4. And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. 6. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7. They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

8. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

9. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. 10. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. 11. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

12. Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

Matthew 20:1-12
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. All of this is possible because the Presence of the Divine (the Kingdom of Heaven) is an ever-present, all-expanding state of consciousness within us. Our Christ Consciousness (the landowner) readies itself to receive (hire) newly-formed thoughts, intentions, and beliefs (laborers) for use in the Kingdom (the vineyard).

2. Discerning that these thoughts are spiritually-focused Spirit accepts them into the Kingdom and bestows upon them unlimited spiritual potential (the usual daily wage).

3. Even mature, concretized, secular ideas have spiritual potential. 4. So Spirit offers them the same opportunity for unlimited spiritual growth.

5. Other ideas, which have evolved into intentions, and even strong inclinations are welcomed for their spiritual potential as well. 6. Even stale belief systems have spiritual potential 7. despite outer appearances.

8. Once our ideas move from potential to expression they serve as the foundation for even more ideas. 9. Even the most stagnant belief systems can be revitalized and redirected to express their full potential.

10. Although newly-formed ideas have the same spiritual potential as ideas which materialize later 11. they must go through the same process of unfoldment.

12. Sometimes the ideation process, from figment to filament, is accelerated and each idea's spiritual potential is realized sooner than later.

Matthew 20:16
(*Good News Bible*)

16. Jesus concluded, “So those who are last will be first, and those who are first will be last.”

Matthew 20:16
(*New Metaphysical Version*)

16. Once an idea is fully formed it serves as the foundation (is last) for a new idea and then that combination serves as the heuristics for the next idea (first) that evolves into a fully-developed idea. Each idea serves as the foundation for another idea, and so on. Both process and potential are symbiotic and endless.

Matthew 20:20-23
(King James Version)

20. Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Matthew 20:20-23
(New Metaphysical Version)

20. There may be times when our personal ambition (mother of Zebedee's) produces thoughts (children) which seek expression through our higher consciousness.

21. The Christ of us recognizes the intrusion of these thoughts and a deeper sense of us questions our intention. But we believe, because of our evolving love and wisdom capabilities that we can cultivate both human ambitions and spiritual aspirations equally.

22. If we believe that however, we truly don't understand the nature of our journey toward Christhood. The question becomes obvious: can we attain eternal life (drink the cup) without crossing out our materialistic desires?

23. We will obtain eternal life eventually; but, to try to live a double life, seeking spiritual growth on one hand and cultivating material appetites on the other, regardless of how loving or wise we think ourselves to be, is the long route to Christhood. Its evolution is a matter of Divine Order.

Matthew 20:30
(The Message)

30. Suddenly they came upon two blind men sitting alongside the road. When they heard it was Jesus passing, they cried out, “Master, have mercy on us! Mercy, Son of David!” The crowd tried to hush them up, but they got all the louder, crying, “Master, have mercy on us! Mercy, Son of David!”

Matthew 20:30
(New Metaphysical Version)

30. Worldly thoughts come from an unenlightened mind and intellect which are blinded by the duality (two blind men) of outer appearances, and so we are unable to grasp the higher essences of spiritual truths. Limited beliefs (large crowd) about our spiritual unfoldment spring from a frightened and confused ego cannot recognize that spiritual understanding only comes through the heart (David), the center of love and wisdom.

Matthew 21:2
(Revised Standard Version)

2. (Jesus) said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her,” untie them and bring them to me.

Matthew 21:2
(New Metaphysical Version)

2. From a state of grace (our Christ potential) we can loosen our tenacious personal ambition from its hold on us and show our willingness (colt) to surrender (donkey) to the promptings of Spirit.

Matthew 21:6-11
(King James Version)

6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
7. And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.
8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.
9. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
10. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?
11. And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Matthew 21:6-11
(New Metaphysical Version)

6. When we develop our spiritual qualities (disciples) we can take the necessary steps 7. to prove our mastery over base human desires (animals).
8. This surrender to Spirit shows our willingness (spreading garments) to adopt Truth principles.
9. And so we sing offer up spontaneous expressions of praise and thanksgiving (Hosannas) 10. which stir the nerve centers in our entire consciousness (Jerusalem). When that happens we sense that something wonderful is happening.
11. And this *something* is the culmination of our initial awareness that we are divine.

Matthew 21:12
(The Living Bible)

12. Jesus went into the Temple, drove out the merchants, and knocked over the money-changers' tables and the stalls of those selling doves.

Matthew 21:12
(New Metaphysical Version)

12. This “depth charge” of inner quickening, orchestrated by our Christ Nature, intensifies and leads to the process of inner transformation and cleansing (chemicalization) whereby we gain peace of mind.

Matthew 21:18-19
(The Holy Bible: From the Aramaic of the Peshitta)

18. In the morning, as he returned to the city, he became hungry. 19. And he saw a fig tree on the roadside, and he came to it and found nothing on it except leaves; and he said to it, "Let there be no fruit on you again forever." And shortly the fig tree withered.

Matthew 21:18-19
(New Metaphysical Version)

18. When we approach a new experience (morning) from our Christ nature we are hungry for the truths it holds. 19. For example, in our quest for Truth we will no doubt believe our intentions are good. We usually start with a basic foundation of truth principles, but fail to deepen our spirituality. We settle for religious myopia instead of striving for spiritual vision. Many of us become quite satisfied with only a literal interpretation of Scripture (fig tree with only leaves) and see no need to explore hidden Truths, or we simply fail to apply spiritual truths at all. When these conditions exist, they represent a sterile state of mind – one devoid of producing higher spiritual insights (a barren fig tree). Upon closer examination we realize these views are truncated, unproductive, and out of touch with true spiritual growth. And so any spiritual potential we have withers in comparison to what we could produce with a more open-minded approach.

Matthew 21:22
(King James Version)

22. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 21:22
(New Metaphysical Version)

22. When we live at the speed of our Christ Consciousness, whatever we affirm (ask) from our Christ Nature will unfold (ye shall receive) because it has been divinely ordered.

Matthew 22:1-7
(King James Version)

1. And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,
2. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,
3. And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.
4. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.
5. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:
6. And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.
7. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

Matthew 22:1-7
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. This analogy (parable) amplifies the previous one.
2. The essence of the Kingdom of Heaven (the Indwelling Presence of the Divine) is like this: God, Absolute Good (King), has underwritten our existence with Eternal Substance, which is everywhere present. We are *indivisiblized* expressions (married) of the Christ (Son) enthroned in human form.
3. For many of us, our initial response to our spiritual development is to take it seriously so we can receive divine ideas, but then we don't pay any attention to them (bidden to come but neglected our invitation). We fail to see our oneness (wedding) with Spirit.
4. However Spirit's ever-present invitation is always available to us, urging us to unfold our Christhood.
5. But we constantly neglect our divinity (make light of it) and continue in our materialistic ways.
6. One way we denying our connection with Spirit is to overlook (slay) any spiritual tendencies which surface by opting for sense gratifications.
7. Be assured, however, that Absolute Truth (the King) prevails. Christed thoughts (armies) cancel out errors (murderers) and cleanse (burn) our entire consciousness (city) from discordant thoughts.

Matthew 22:9-14
(King James Version)

9. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

10. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12. And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14. For many are called, but few are chosen.

Matthew 22:9-14
(New Metaphysical Version)

9. It doesn't matter what our religious or philosophical affiliations (highways) are, we still have access (the marriage) to unlimited divine ideas.

10. The only thing that matters is our receptivity to Spirit.

11. Even though the perennial invitation remains open to all of us, we cannot expect to understand spiritual truths with a material mind (absence of wedding garment).

12. It quickly becomes obvious that unless we center ourselves in Spirit (have a wedding garment) we are confusing activity with accomplishment (are speechless).

13. Since our unenlightened intellect is not able to comprehend the works of Spirit (bound hand and foot) or understand the super-conscious aspects of the higher life, we can remain unaware of our true nature (are in the dark).

14. As long as we remain unreceptive to divine guidance (many are called) we will be unable to enjoy the fruits of Spirit (few are chosen).

22:21
(The Four Gospels)

21. Then he said to them, “Pay Caesar what is due to Caesar, and God what is due to God.”

22:21
(New Metaphysical Version)

21. Hopefully, we can come to our senses and realize that material thoughts come from a sense-driven ego (pay Caesar) and perpetuate material thoughts that characterize a worldly ego (due to Caesar). On the other hand, spiritual thoughts originate from Divine Mind (God) and bring spiritual outcomes which are in sync with our True Nature (due to God).

Matthew 22:36-40
(The Message)

“Teacher, which command in God’s Law is most important?”

36-40. Jesus said, ‘Love the Lord your God with all you passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.

Matthew 22:36-40
(New Metaphysical Version)

And so we test the validity of any new spiritual insight against our current myopic thinking 36. by setting parameters in terms of what we cannot do instead of what we can do to deepen our religious practice. 37. However, the Christ of us seeks to instill in us the knowledge that the best way to deepen our spirituality is to integrate the wisdom of the heart (passion) and the higher intellect with our soul essence. In this way we affirm our oneness with Spirit so we can see the deeper meaning of scripture. And that means putting God first in everything we do. 38. This is the best way to divinely order our experience (first on any list). 39. And the second most important spiritual practice is to see the oneness of all life (love others) and our spiritual connection to every living thing, that the Christ is the Real Self of all of us, because all that is comes from the same Source, God, Absolute Good, everywhere present. 40. On these two divine principles (commands) rest the entire foundation (God’s Law and Prophets) for our spiritual unfoldment.

Matthew 23:1-9
(King James Version)

1. Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,
2. Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:
3. All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
4. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.
5. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,
6. And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
7. And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
8. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.
9. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

Matthew 23:1-9
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. It is important for us to consider the *band width* (multitude) of our Truth walk 2. especially if we intend to obey only the letter of the Law (scribes and Pharisees).

3. There is a part of us, if we are not careful, which is quite satisfied with superficially applying Truth principles.

4. Unfortunately, this kind of self-righteous passivity creates stumbling blocks (burdens) for others as well as ourselves.

5. Merely pretending interest by going through the motions just to be seen by others 6. in public (uppermost rooms at feasts and chief seats in synagogues) 7. and greeted with respect as a Truth teacher (Rabbi) and practitioner 8. is just a charade. In truth there is only one Teacher (the Christ) and we are all students.

9. We are all ideas in the Mind of God (Father), therefore, our human consciousness can unfold into its highest spiritual essence (heaven).

Matthew 23:11-12
(King James Version)

11. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Matthew 23:11-12
(New Metaphysical Version)

11. Our highest spiritual inclinations (he that is greatest) will serve us greatly.

12. And everything we think, say, and do will be a testament, or an abasement, to our spiritual growth.

Matthew 23:14, 23, 25
(King James Version)

14. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

23. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

25. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Matthew 23:14, 23, 25
(New Metaphysical Version)

14. When we cease to internalize the essence of prayerfulness and a reverence for the truth we essentially *widow* ourselves from our spirituality.

23. Despite this knowledge many of us tend to give very little of ourselves to spiritual pursuits. We find it a bit inconvenient to commit wholly to Spirit. We neglect our true spiritual growth.

25. We seem to place more value on our physical appearance than on our inner strength and goodness.

Matthew 23:37
(King James Version)

37. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Matthew 23:37
(New Metaphysical Version)

37. The Jerusalem within us (the mystical love center just back of our heart) is both spiritually sensitive and emotionally volatile. We can manage this sympathetic relationship joyfully or bitterly. Its proper use is a testament of our spiritual growth. Unfortunately, we have not given ourselves a chance to harmonize our emotional and spiritual natures.

Matthew 24:6-8
(Good News Bible)

6. You are going to hear the noise of battles close by and the news of battles far away; but do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but they do not mean that the end has come. 7. Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be famines and earthquakes every where. 8. All these things are like the first pains of childbirth.

Matthew 24:6-8
(New Metaphysical Version)

6. Many of us vacillate between higher thoughts and worldly thoughts. This condition constitutes an internal war of thoughts (noise of battles), so to speak. However, we must not become alarmed because such interior upheaval forecasts the end of an error-prone consciousness and the beginning of a Truth-oriented perspective. 7. As we reach each *culmination of consciousness* in our spiritual unfoldment, we will experience dissonance between old concepts and new concepts, stale belief systems and fresh insights (countries warring against each other), so much so that any *arid areas* (famines) in our spiritual knowledge base will be exposed by upheavals in our interior landscapes (earthquakes) as deeply embedded error patterns push themselves toward the surface of our changing inner horizons. 8. All of this is merely the beginning phase of our spiritual birth pangs.

Matthew 24:23-27
(King James Version)

23. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25. Behold, I have told you before.

26. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:23-27
(New Metaphysical Version)

23. If our spiritual growth is disciplined enough we will be able to separate the false from the real.

24. We must constantly be on guard because our unenlightened ego prides itself in its ability to produce beliefs and assumptions (false Christs and prophets) to deceive us and lead us astray, no matter how adept we are in our spiritual unfoldment.

25. Please take note.

26. Our manipulative ego will tempt us to look for Truth in falsehood (desert) and answers in darkness (secret chambers) which are both symptomatic of coma consciousness [error consciousness].

Matthew 24:30
(New Revised Standard Version)

30. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great joy.

Matthew 24:30
(New Metaphysical Version)

30. However, when we reach the awareness of our divine potential we will be better able to separate Truth from error (our innate Son of Man capability). All of our tribal (separatist) thoughts will lose their vitality because we will see the difference between Truth and error (actualize our Son of Man-ness) since we have elevated our consciousness above the illusion (clouds) of separation from Spirit.

Matthew 24:35
(The New Testament in the Translation of Monsignor Ronald Knox)

35. Though heaven and earth should pass away, my words will stand.

Matthew 24:35
(New Metaphysical Version)

35. Divine ideas (heaven) and their manifestations (earth) will come and go, but rest assured that the Consciousness (my words) which produces them is Eternal.

Matthew 24:40-41
(The Living Bible)

40. Two men will be working together in the fields, and one will be taken, the other left. 41. Two women will be going about their household tasks; one will be taken, the other left.

Matthew 24:40-41
(New Metaphysical Version)

40. There are two levels of us (men) which show up in the world: our Divine Self and our material self. Our Divine Self lifts us up, our material self keeps us mired in error. 41. We have two feeling natures (women) which process our experience: one is our superior intuition which is grounded in Spirit; and the other is our highly reactive emotional nature which puts too much dependence in outer appearances, it will limit our spiritual progress.

Matthew 25:1-13
(King James Version)

1. Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them; 4. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 25:1-13
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. The Divine Presence (Kingdom of Heaven) within us is like this: all of us have a multiplicity of senses which constitute our wholeness. For simplicity's sake, let's use our five basic physical senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch and scent) and include their five higher spiritual counterparts which make ten in all. Each of these senses (virgins) has the potential to become fully Christized (meet the Bridegroom). 2. The five that are physical (foolish) are limited by their physicality, but their five spiritual counterparts (wise) are attuned to Spirit. 3. Depending solely on the physical senses (foolish) limits our understanding of spiritual matters (no oil in the lamps). 4. But from their higher spiritual essences (wise) these same senses can comprehend spiritual truths (the oil is present in the lamps).

5. As we seek illumination (the Bridegroom is delayed/tarried) we use the Silence to still our physical senses and attune ourselves to their interior spiritual counterparts. 6. When the time for our illumination arrives (at midnight a cry is heard) we become aware of our innate divinity (the Bridegroom comes). 7. All of our senses awaken (virgins arise) to the higher vibration (trim their lamps). 8. Our five physical senses immediately recognize their limitations (their lamps go out) to understand the nuances of higher spiritual principles. 9. Their five spiritual counterparts are unable to raise the vibration of their five lower sense natures because the physical senses are not illuminated enough to fully comprehend spiritual Truths.

10. And so when the time for our spiritual illumination comes, only our higher senses (those that are ready) are prepared to fully embrace (marry) our Christhood. 11. Our unquickened physical senses (the other virgins) need time to evolve into their higher spiritual essences 12. because they are not quite illumined. 13. That is why we must not miss a chance to develop all of our spiritual capacities, because the entrainment process toward our spiritual development takes flesh and blood time. At some point we will be able to routinely *discern Truth from error* (our Son of Man unfoldment).

Matthew 25:29
(Revised Standard Version)

29. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Matthew 25:29
(New Metaphysical Version)

29. We must realize, however, that although the qualities we develop have unlimited potential, those we neglect may lose their energetic value.

Matthew 25:35-36
(Holy Bible: From the Aramaic of the Peshitta)

35. For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in.

36. I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.

Matthew 25:35-36
(New Metaphysical Version)

35. Whenever we satisfy our innate urge to *consume* spiritual truths (food) and welcome unfamiliar spiritual concepts (strangers).

36. our receptivity to our Christ Nature (being clothed) allows us to turn incomprehension (nakedness) into wisdom (are clothed), errors (sickness) into truth, and blockages (imprisonment) into freedom.

Matthew 26:6-13
(King James Version)

6. Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,
7. There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

8. But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? 9. For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

10. When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. 11. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

12. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.

13. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

Matthew 26:6-13
(New Metaphysical Version)

6. Because of our Christ potential (our Jesus qualities) we are able to overcome afflictions (a Bethany experience) which can corrupt (cause leprosy) the health of our vital spiritual energies. 7. Our selfless love (woman) and devotion to unfolding our Christ Nature and our willingness to offer Spirit our best (an alabaster experience) characterize our spiritual growth.

8. However, there are still purely human parts of us (the disgruntled disciples) that question what they consider to be our lavish devotion to Spirit. 9. We may believe, for example, that it is okay to use our heightened spiritual powers (ointment) for personal gain.

10. But because of our evolving spiritual awareness (the Jesus of us) we become well aware of our selfish human impulses and remind ourselves of our need for a mature receptivity and devotion to Spirit.

11. Although we may periodically slip into sense consciousness (the poor), forgetting our connection to Spirit's Omnipresence, 12 our disciplined devotion to fulfilling our Christhood invites us to *bury* our selfish instincts forever.

13. Clearly, whenever we demonstrate our devotion to Spirit, our entire consciousness is revitalized, even at a cellular level (memorialized).

Matthew 26:14-16
(The Message)

14-16. That is when one of the Twelve, the one named Judas Iscariot, went to the cabal of high priests and said, “What will you give me if I hand him over to you?” They settled on thirty silver pieces. He began looking for just the right moment to hand him over.

Matthew 26:14-16
(New Metaphysical Version)

14. No matter how “spiritual” we think we are, there is that within us (our covetous Judas quality) that believes in our higher spiritual purpose but clings to a belief in lack. 15. This abnormally acquisitive quality within us does not hesitate to betray our spiritual growth by employing our selfish interests to turn Divine Order into diddlysquat order (30 pieces of silver). 16. If we fail to transform covetousness (the lower nature of our Judas quality) into its higher, more spiritual phase (philanthropy), we will steal vital energy from our spiritual growth

Matthew 26:23
(King James Version)

23. And he answered and said, “He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

Matthew 26:23
(New Metaphysical Version)

23. The Christ of us is aware that we are spiritual beings in human form (dipping of the hand) with a penchant for choosing (betraying) material appetites instead of spiritual growth.

Matthew 26:26-29
(King James Version)

26. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew 26:26-29
(New Metaphysical Version)

26. When we internalize (eat) the full implications of the Omnipresence of Divine Substance (bread) we will transcend the belief in limitation. 27. And when we have risen completely above the attachments of an unenlightened ego (drink from the cup) 28. we will experience an incredible 'transfusion of consciousness' (blood of the covenant poured out) whereby we receive a purer strain of Divine Consciousness. 29. When we achieve that level of sanctification our Christhood is assured.

Matthew 26:34
(Revised Standard Version)

34. Jesus said to him, “Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

Matthew 26:34
(New Metaphysical Version)

34. As incredible as it may seem, despite applying our spiritual wherewithal (cock crows) we may still have the tendency to sink into diddlysquat order (failing to divinely order Spirit-anointed experience) instead of Divinely Ordering our experience (represented by the number three) in accordance with spiritual principles.

Matthew 26:39
(The Four Gospels)

39. And he walked on a few steps and prostrated himself in prayer, saying, “O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”

Matthew 26:39
(New Metaphysical Version)

39. We go to Gethsemane every time we agonize over having to deal with our human attachments which we know present a barrier to our spiritual growth. These attachments are the “cup which must pass from us.” And yet, *we know that we know* that we must relinquish all attachments to the temptations of flesh consciousness in order to attain our Christhood.

Matthew 27:3-5
(Good News Bible)

3. When Judas, the traitor, learned that Jesus had been condemned, he repented and took back the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders.

4. "I have sinned by betraying an innocent man to death!" he said. "What do we care about that?" they answered. "That is your business!"

5. Judas threw the coins down in the Temple and left; then we went off and hanged himself.

Matthew 27:3-5
(New Metaphysical Version)

3. Fortunately, there is that within us (our Christ Nature) that is able to help us move beyond personal aggrandizement (our covetous Judas quality) and realize the error in allowing our carnal will to misguide us. And so we seek to convert diddlysquat order (30 pieces of silver) into Divine Order to ameliorate the consequences of our poor choices. 4. We may lament our past falls from grace but we will receive no support from a manipulative ego still bent on ridding itself of spiritual aspects it considers foreign and unwelcome. We are left to our own conscience to decide. 5. In spite of occasional slippages into the throes of carnality and materialism, we have it within us to *re-cause* (tossing aside the 30 pieces of silver) diddlysquat order and choose instead to divinely order the dissolution of any and all of the unredeemed life forces that keep us stuck in sense consciousness. When we absolutely renounce our attachment to flesh appetites (hang our covetous nature) we are able to transcend all human limitations.

Matthew 27:9-14
(King James Version)

9. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

10. And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

11. And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

12. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

13. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

14. And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

Matthew 27:9-14
(New Metaphysical Version)

9. This dissolution process has always been part of our truth walk. That is why it is absolutely essential that our faith is enthroned (our Jeremiah aspect) in every aspect of our consciousness 10. so that we can divinely order our human experience (potter's field) without creating discordant life forces in our subconscious.

11. With the prospect of it being neutralized by our quest for Christhood the paranoid ego (governor) seeks to protect its encrusted religious convictions and dogmatic belief systems by assuring itself that the object of our spiritual aspirations is not to dethrone it from its sterile religious perch. The Christ of us (King of the Jews) knows the unenlightened ego does not seek clarity but merely confirmation of its rulership over the lower, more sense-oriented aspects of our human beingness. Spirit responds to this vacillation between Truth and error by encouraging our search for our wholeness.

12. Deep-seated error thoughts and religious dogma (chief priests and elders) can find no sanctuary in higher consciousness. 13. Our carnal mind, (Pilate) filled with its sense appetites, hears the clamor of our sense thoughts, 14. but the Christ of us sees only the higher aspects of our beingness.

Matthew 27:17
(New Revised Standard Version)

17. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Matthew 27:17
(New Metaphysical Version)

17. So, we have a decision to make. Do we follow the dictates of our mortal mind (Pilate) and hold on to our rebelliousness (our Barabbas nature) or do we continue our *Messiahing* (follow Jesus’ example) toward Christhood?

Matthew 27:20-25
(King James Version)

20. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

25. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

Matthew 27:20-25
(New Metaphysical Version)

20. And yet, if we are not careful, we will succumb to our rebelliousness (our Barabbas penchant) and delay actualizing our Christhood. 21. If we are truly one with Spirit, we will release our opposition (Barabbas) to consummating our Christhood. 22. Once we make the Christ decision, the mortal mind (Pilate) surrenders to our Christ Consciousness 23. even though it fails to comprehend the spiritual connection between the demise of what was once the ruling mortal personality and its metamorphosis (crucifixion) into the Christ Personality.

24. When the mortal mind (Pilate) senses that an interior spiritual transformation is at hand, it realizes that it is clueless as to the full implications of that transformation and so it refused to accept (Pilate washes his hands) the inevitable transmutation in consciousness. 25. All of our riotous, unredeemed, mortal thoughts and encrusted patterns of error surface as we declare our avowed attachment to sense appetites (His blood be on us) and continue to resistance giving up the pleasures of flesh consciousness. This resistant state of consciousness will influence our future thoughts and inclinations (children).

Matthew 27:28
(The Twentieth Century New Testament)

28. And they stripped him, and put on him a red military cloak.

Matthew 27:28
(New Metaphysical Version)

28. When we fail to acknowledge our innate divinity we attempt to analyze the truth (strip it down) from a purely materialistic perspective (the scarlet robe).

Matthew 27:38-40
(The Living Bible)

38. Two robbers were also crucified there that morning, one on either side of him. 39. And the people passing by hurled abuse, shaking their heads at him and saying, 40. “So! You can destroy the temple and build it again in three days, can you? Well, then, come on down from the cross if you are the Son of God.

Matthew 27:38-40
(New Metaphysical Version)

38. Our belief in duality (good and evil, represented by the two robbers) is *wiped* out (crucified) of our consciousness. 39. Our error thoughts (people passing by) become a thing of the past. 40. We recognize the truth about the out-picturing of Divine Order (three days) and realize the immense implications of honoring our Indwelling I-Am-ness (the Son of God). The invitation to *refrain* from crossing out error (come down from the cross) is no longer part of our makeup.

Matthew 27:46
(Revised Standard Version)

40. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lá ma sabach-thá ni?*” That is, “My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:46
(New Metaphysical Version)

46. And when Divine Order is established at all levels of our being (ninth hour), we can affirm confidently and joyfully, “My God, My God, it is for this purpose I have come!”

Matthew 27:57-58
(Phillips Modern English)

57. That evening Joseph, a wealthy man from Arimathea, who was himself a disciple of Jesus, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, 58. and Pilate gave orders for the body to be handed over to him.

Matthew 27:57-58
(New Metaphysical Version)

57. Because of the extremely high state of consciousness which we possess (our Joseph of Arimathea quality) 58. we are able to transcend the limitations of mortal consciousness (Pilate).

Matthew 28:1-6
(King James Version)

1. In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Matthew 28:1-6
(New Metaphysical Version)

1. When we have reached the perfect stage of our spiritual unfoldment (the Sabbath) a new plane of conscious expression (dawning) becomes evident. Our highest essences of receptivity, selfless love in service to others, and superior intuition (the two Marys) prepare us to enter the gateway (tomb) leading to an extraordinarily high level of consciousness.

2. The power of our I-Am-ness leads to an abrupt shift in consciousness (earthquake) which clearly reveals that there is no separation between us and spirit (rolls back the stone and sits on it). 3. Our illumination is instantaneous (lightning) and our understanding (clothing) is pure (white as snow). 4. Our mortal thoughts become groundless (guards shook) and our belief in separation completely loses its relevance (becomes like dead men).

5. The wisdom of our purified heart and our electrified intuitive intelligence (both Marys) realize that we have just evolved from our Christ potential (Jesus crucified) 6. into our Christhood (He has been raised). Our selfless love in service to others and the intuitive perceptiveness of our oneness with Spirit (both Marys) are the first qualities to be fully Christed.

Matthew 28:19-20
(King James Version)

19. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen

Mathew 28:19-20
(New Metaphysical Version)

19. Because that is the Truth of us we can literally transform body, mind, and soul (nations) by divinely ordering our experiences from the perspective of our Christ Consciousness (in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit); 20. And, because that clearly is the Truth of us, we must spend every waking moment walking the spiritual path on faithful, loving, and practical feet. We must purposefully and joyfully unfold toward our Christhood, remembering the eternal Omnipresence, Omnipotence and Omniscience of our own I-Am-ness. There is much to do to raise the spiritual consciousness of the planet (unto the end of the world) as we add our own Christedness to the Christship of Jesus.