

# Wed Mesmerism 2018 04 25

Overcoming Mesmerism & Hypnotism

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

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## - The Bible

### 1. Eph. 5:14 Awake

- 14 Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

## - Science and Health with Key to the Scripture by Mary Baker Eddy

### 1. SH 484:21 (only)

- 21 Mesmerism is mortal, material illusion.

## - The Bible cont'd

### 2. Rom. 13:11 it (to :), 12

- 11 *it is* high time to awake out of sleep:  
12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

### 3. Gen. 2:6-8 there, 21 (to :)

- 6 there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.  
7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.  
8 ¶ And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.  
21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept:

### 4. Job 14:12 man

- 12 man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

### 5. Judg. 5:12 3rd awake (to 2nd :)

- 12 awake, awake, utter a song:

### 6. Ps. 35:22 2nd O Lord, 23

- 22 O Lord, be not far from me.  
23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

### 7. Ps. 7:6

- 6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.

8. I Sam. 28:3, 4 (to :), 5-8, 11-16, 18-20 (to ;)

- 3 ¶ Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.
- 4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem:
- 5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.
- 6 And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.
- 7 ¶ Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.
- 8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me *him* up, whom I shall name unto thee.
- 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.
- 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul.
- 13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.
- 14 And he said unto her, What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he *is* covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himself.
- 15 ¶ And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.
- 16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?
- 18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.
- 19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to-morrow *shalt* thou and thy sons *be* with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.
- 20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him;

9. Prov. 6:20-24

- 20 ¶ My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
- 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck.
- 22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
- 23 For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:
- 24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

10. Matt. 12:22-29, 43-45 (to 1st .)

- 22 ¶ Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.
- 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?
- 24 But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
- 25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:
- 26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?
- 27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges.
- 28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
- 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.
- 43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.
- 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished.
- 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.

11. Ps. 73:1-3, 12, 19, 20, 28

- 1 TRULY God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.
- 3 For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.
- 19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when *one* awaketh; *so*, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

12. Ps. 17:15

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

- Science and Health cont'd

2. SH 100:1-20 (np)

100:1 Mesmerism or animal magnetism was first brought into notice by Mesmer in Germany in 1775. According to the American Cyclopædia, he regarded this so-called force, which he said could be exerted by one living organism over another, as a means of alleviating disease. His propositions were as follows:

9 “There exists a mutual influence between the celestial bodies, the earth, and animated things. Animal bodies are susceptible to the influence of this agent, disseminating itself through the substance of the nerves.”

12 In 1784, the French government ordered the medical faculty of Paris to investigate Mesmer’s theory and to report upon it. Under this order a commission was appointed, and Benjamin Franklin was one of the commissioners. This commission reported to the government as follows:

18 “In regard to the existence and utility of animal magnetism, we have come to the unanimous conclusions that there is no proof of the existence of the animal magnetic fluid; that the violent effects, which are observed in the public practice of magnetism, are due to manipulations, or to the excitement of the imagination and the impressions made upon the senses; and that there is one more fact to be recorded in the history of the errors of the human mind, and an important experiment upon the power of the imagination.”

9 In 1837, a committee of nine persons was appointed, among whom were Roux, Bouillaud, and Cloquet, which tested during several sessions the phenomena exhibited by a reputed clairvoyant. Their report stated the results as follows:

12 “The facts which had been promised by Monsieur Berna [the magnetizer] as conclusive, and as adapted to

Earliest investigations

Clairvoyance, magnetism

15 throw light on physiological and therapeutical questions,  
are certainly not conclusive in favor of the doctrine of  
animal magnetism, and have nothing in common with  
18 either physiology or therapeutics.”

This report was adopted by the Royal Academy of  
Medicine in Paris.

3. SH 101:29-31

In no instance is the effect of

30 animal magnetism, recently called hypnotism, other  
than the effect of illusion.

4. SH 78:24-27

God is not in the medley

where matter cares for matter, where spiritism makes  
many gods, and hypnotism and electricity are claimed

27 to be the agents of God’s government.

5. SH 584:17-21

**DEVIL.** Evil; a lie; error; neither corporeality nor

18 mind; the opposite of Truth; a belief in sin, sickness,  
and death; animal magnetism or hypnotism; the lust of  
the flesh, which saith: “I am life and intelligence in

21 matter.

6. SH 103:18-22

18 As named in Christian Science, animal magnetism or  
hypnotism is the specific term for error, or mortal mind.

It is the false belief that mind is in matter, and

21 is both evil and good; that evil is as real as  
good and more powerful.

The genus of  
error

7. SH 104:13-18

Christian Science goes to the bottom of mental action,  
and reveals the theodicy which indicates the rightness of

15 all divine action, as the emanation of divine

Mind, and the consequent wrongness of the  
opposite so-called action, — evil, occultism,

18 necromancy, mesmerism, animal magnetism, hypnotism.

Perfection of  
divine  
government

8. SH 99:18-21

18 Those individuals, who adopt theosophy, spiritualism,  
or hypnotism, may possess natures above some others

who eschew their false beliefs. Therefore my contest is

21 not with the individual, but with the false system.

9. SH 402:18-32

The material body manifests only what mortal

mind believes, whether it be a broken bone, disease, or sin.

We say that one human mind can influence another and  
21 in this way affect the body, but we rarely remember that  
we govern our own bodies. The error, mes-  
merism — or hypnotism, to use the recent term  
24 — illustrates the fact just stated. The operator would  
make his subjects believe that they cannot act voluntarily  
and handle themselves as they should do. If they yield  
27 to this influence, it is because their belief is not better  
instructed by spiritual understanding. Hence the proof  
that hypnotism is not scientific; Science cannot produce  
30 both disorder and order. The involuntary pleasure or  
pain of the person under hypnotic control is proved to be  
a belief without a real cause.

The evil of  
mesmerism

#### 10. SH 86:25-18

Portraits, landscape-paintings, fac-similes of penman-  
ship, peculiarities of expression, recollected sentences,  
27 can all be taken from pictorial thought and  
memory as readily as from objects cognizable  
by the senses. Mortal mind sees what it believes as  
30 certainly as it believes what it sees. It feels, hears, and  
sees its own thoughts. Pictures are mentally formed  
before the artist can convey them to canvas. So is it  
87:1 with all material conceptions. Mind-readers perceive  
these pictures of thought. They copy or reproduce  
3 them, even when they are lost to the memory of the mind  
in which they are discoverable.

Phenomena  
explained

It is needless for the thought or for the person hold-  
6 ing the transferred picture to be individually and con-  
sciously present. Though individuals have  
passed away, their mental environment re-  
9 mains to be discerned, described, and transmitted. Though  
bodies are leagues apart and their associations forgotten,  
their associations float in the general atmosphere of human  
12 mind.

Mental  
environment

The Scotch call such vision “second sight,” when  
really it is first sight instead of second, for it presents  
15 primal facts to mortal mind. Science enables  
one to read the human mind, but not as a  
clairvoyant. It enables one to heal through Mind, but  
18 not as a mesmerist.

Second sight

#### 11. SH 403:2-16

403:1 The great difference between vol-  
3 untary and involuntary mesmerism is that vol-  
untary mesmerism is induced consciously and  
should and does cause the perpetrator to suffer, while self-

Wrong-doer  
should suffer

6 mesmerism is induced unconsciously and by his mistake  
a man is often instructed. In the first instance it is under-  
stood that the difficulty is a mental illusion, while in the  
9 second it is believed that the misfortune is a material effect.  
The human mind is employed to remove the illusion in  
one case, but matter is appealed to in the other. In real-  
12 ity, both have their origin in the human mind, and can be  
healed only by the divine Mind.

You command the situation if you understand that  
15 mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the  
truth of being.

Error's power  
imaginary

12. SH 484:6-11, 13-14

6 *Question.* — Does Christian Science, or metaphysical  
healing, include medication, material hygiene, mesmer-  
ism, hypnotism, theosophy, or spiritualism?

9 *Answer.* — Not one of them is included in it. In di-  
vine Science, the supposed laws of matter yield to the  
law of Mind. The physical universe expresses  
the conscious and unconscious thoughts of mortals.

Mindless  
methods

13. SH 490:28

Sleep and mesmerism explain the mythical nature of  
material sense. Sleep shows material sense as either  
30 oblivion, nothingness, or an illusion or dream.  
Under the mesmeric illusion of belief, a man  
will think that he is freezing when he is warm, and that he  
491:1 is swimming when he is on dry land. Needle-thrusts will  
not hurt him. A delicious perfume will seem intolerable.  
3 Animal magnetism thus uncovers material sense, and  
shows it to be a belief without actual foundation or va-  
lidity. Change the belief, and the sensation changes.  
6 Destroy the belief, and the sensation disappears.

Sleep an illusion

14. SH 442:16-18, 30

Neither animal magnetism nor hypnotism enters into  
the practice of Christian Science, in which truth cannot  
18 be reversed, but the reverse of error is true.  
30 Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental  
malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when  
awake.

Christ the great  
physician

15. SH 375:11

The Christian Scientist demonstrates  
12 that divine Mind heals, while the hypnotist dispossesses  
the patient of his individuality in order to control him.  
No person is benefited by yielding his mentality to any

15 mental despotism or malpractice. All unscientific mental  
practice is erroneous and powerless, and should be under-  
stood and so rendered fruitless. The genuine Christian  
18 Scientist is adding to his patient's mental and moral power,  
and is increasing his patient's spirituality while restoring  
him physically through divine Love.

16. SH 398:23-2

Appetite and disease reside in mortal mind, not  
24 in matter.

So also faith, cooperating with a belief in the healing  
effects of time and medication, will soothe fear and change  
27 the belief of disease to a belief of health. Even a blind  
faith removes bodily ailments for a season, but hypnotism  
changes such ills into new and more difficult forms of dis-  
30 ease. The Science of Mind must come to the rescue,  
to work a radical cure. Then we understand the process.  
The great fact remains that evil is not mind. Evil has  
399:1 no power, no intelligence, for God is good, and therefore  
good is infinite, is All.

17. SH 392:24 Stand (only, to 2nd .)

24 Stand porter at the door of thought.

18. SH 482:27-29 Christian

27 Christian Science is the law  
of Truth, which heals the sick on the basis  
of the one Mind or God.

Sickness  
erroneous

19. SH 531:10

The human mind will sometime  
rise above all material and physical sense, ex-  
12 changing it for spiritual perception, and exchanging hu-  
man concepts for the divine consciousness. Then man  
will recognize his God-given dominion and being.

20. SH 575:1-3

Arise from your false consciousness  
into the true sense of Love, and behold the Lamb's  
3 wife, — Love wedded to its own spiritual idea.”

21. SH 393:12

12 Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike  
good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing  
can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on  
15 man.

- Hymns



1. Hymn 24

**Hymn 23–28, 432, 433**

**CHRISTMAS MORN**

MARY BAKER EDDY

(23)

**SERENITY**

ARR. FROM WILLIAM V. WALLACE

(24)

**CHRISTMAS MORN**

ALBERT F. CONANT

(25)

**KINGTON**

F. LEWELLYN EDWARDS

(26)

**DRANSFIELD**

G. THALBEN-BALL

(27)

**INFINITAS**

PERCY WHITLOCK

(28)

**SELWORTHY**

E. NORMAN GREENWOOD

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds  
Pursue thy way,  
Thy light was born where storm enshrouds  
Nor dawn nor day!

Dear Christ, forever here and near,  
No cradle song,  
No natal hour and mother's tear,  
To thee belong.

Thou God-idea, Life-encrowned,  
The Bethlehem babe—  
Beloved, replete, by flesh embound—  
Was but thy shade!

Thou gentle beam of living Love,  
And deathless Life!  
Truth infinite,—so far above  
All mortal strife,

Or cruel creed, or earth-born taint:  
Fill us today  
With all thou art—be thou our saint,  
Our stay, always.

## 2. Hymn 14

### **Hymn 14**

MARY I. MESECHRE

(14)

### **POTSDAM**

ARRANGED FROM JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

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

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

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

Arise, arise and shine,  
Uplift thee from the sod,  
And let thy living light show forth  
Man's unity with God.

## 3. Hymn 296

### **Hymn 296**

MARIA LOUISE BAUM

BASED ON HYMN BY M. H. TIPTON

(296)

### **AMSTERDAM**

JAMES NARES

Rouse ye, soldiers of the cross,  
And lift your banner high;  
Servants of a mighty cause,  
Put sloth and slumber by.

#### *REFRAIN*

Rouse ye, rouse ye, face the foe,  
Rise to conquer death and sin;  
On with Christ to victory go,  
O side with God, and win!

Waken, hear your Captain's call,  
And follow where he trod;  
Rout the cringing host of fear  
By faith that walks with God.

#### *REFRAIN*

Rouse ye: long the conquest waits  
For valor's act supreme;  
Rouse ye, rest not, do the deeds  
That break the earthly dream.

*REFRAIN*

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