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*In her Miscellaneous Writings 1883-1896, Mrs Mary Baker Eddy states:*

1. Mis. 147:14–16

The man of integrity is one who makes it his constant  
15 rule to follow the road of duty, according as Truth and  
the voice of his conscience point it out to him.

*Let us see then what our Pastor - The Holy Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by  
Mary Baker Eddy -, has to say on this subject.*

***Holy Bible***

1. Job 2:1, 3–7, 9, 10

- 1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.
- 3 And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.
- 4 And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.
- 5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.
- 6 And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.
- 7 ¶ So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.
- 9 ¶ Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.
- 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

2. Job 27:1–4, 6, 7, 11

- 1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,
- 2 As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul;
- 3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;
- 4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.
- 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.
- 7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.
- 11 I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

3. Job 28:12, 13, 20, 21, 23, 24, 28

- 12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?  
13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.  
20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?  
21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.  
23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.  
24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;  
28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

4. Job 31:6–8, 25–28

- 6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.  
7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;  
8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.  
25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;  
26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness;  
27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:  
28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above.

5. Job 29:1 Job, 14–17, 20, 21

- 1 ...Job continued his parable, and said,  
14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.  
15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.  
16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.  
17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.  
20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.  
21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

6. Job 30:16, 20, 21

- 16 And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.  
20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.  
21 Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me.

7. Job 34:1 Elihu, 12, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 31, 32, 34

- 1 ...Elihu answered and said,  
12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.  
18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?  
19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.  
21 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.  
22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.  
25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed.  
31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:  
32 That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.  
34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

8. Job 38:1, 36

- 1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,  
36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?

9. Job 40:2–11

- 10 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.  
3 ¶ Then Job answered the Lord, and said,  
4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.  
5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.  
6 ¶ Then answered the Lord unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.  
 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?  
 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?  
 Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.  
 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him.

10. Job 42:1, 2, 5–8, 10, 12 (to :), 16, 17

- 1 Then Job answered the Lord, and said,
- 2 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.
- 5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.
- 6 Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.
- 7 ¶ And it was so, that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.
- 8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.
- 10 And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.
- 12 So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning:
- 16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.
- 17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

11. Ps. 7:8

- 8 The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

12. Matt. 5:8

- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

*Science and Health*

1. SH 450:19; 451:2–26; 452:5, 10–11, 18–20; 453:6–8, 14–17; 454:4–10 (to 2nd .), 17; 455:3–8, 14–20; 456:5–7, 10–24; 457:19–21, 28–30; 458:14–15 (to 2nd .), 23–3; 459:24

18 The Christian Scientist has enlisted  
 to lessen evil, disease, and death; and he will overcome  
 21 them by understanding their nothingness and the allness  
 of God, or good. Sickness to him is no less a temptation  
 than is sin, and he heals them both by understanding  
 24 God's power over them. The Christian Scientist knows  
 that they are errors of belief, which Truth can and will  
 destroy.

Christian Scientists must live under the con-  
 3 stant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from  
 the material world and be separate. They must re-  
 nounce aggression, oppression and the pride of power.  
 6 Christianity, with the crown of Love upon her brow,  
 must be their queen of life.

Students of Christian Science, who start with its letter  
 9 and think to succeed without the spirit, will either make  
 shipwreck of their faith or be turned sadly  
 awry. They must not only seek, but strive,  
 12 to enter the narrow path of Life, for "wide is the gate,  
 and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and

Treasure  
 in heaven

many there be which go in thereat." Man walks in the direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affections are spiritual, they come from above, not from beneath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

Every Christian Scientist, every conscientious teacher of the Science of Mind-healing, knows that human will is not Christian Science, and he must recognize this in order to defend himself from the influence of human will. He feels morally obligated to open the eyes of his students that they may perceive the nature and methods of error of every sort, especially any subtle degree of evil, deceived and deceiving. The wrong thought should be arrested before it has a chance to manifest itself.

Obligations of teachers

When outgrowing the old, you should not fear to put on the new.

Egotistic darkness

Right is radical. The teacher must know the truth himself. He must live it and love it, or he cannot impart it to others.

Right and wrong, truth and error, will be at strife in the minds of students, until victory rests on the side of invincible truth.

Teach your student that he must know himself before he can know others and minister to human needs. Honesty is spiritual power. Dishonesty is human weakness, which forfeits divine help.

Knowledge and honesty

Teach your students the omnipotence of Truth, which illustrates the impotence of error. The understanding, even in a degree, of the divine All-power destroys fear, and plants the feet in the true path, — the path which leads to the house built without hands "eternal in the heavens." Human hate has no legitimate mandate and no kingdom. Love is enthroned.

Impotence of hate

Love for God and man is the true incentive in both healing and teaching. Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way. Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action. Love is priestess at the altar of Truth. Wait patiently for divine Love to move upon the waters of mortal mind, and form the perfect concept. Patience must "have her perfect work."

Love the incentive

A mental state of self-condemnation and guilt or a faltering and doubting trust in Truth are unsuitable conditions for healing the sick. Such mental states indicate weakness instead of strength. Hence the necessity of being right yourself in order to teach this Science of healing.

Weakness and guilt

"First cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

The student, who receives his knowledge of Christian Science, or metaphysical healing, from a human teacher, may be mistaken in judgment and demonstration, but God cannot mistake.

Strict adherence to the divine Principle and rules of the scientific method has secured the only success of the students of Christian Science.

Chicanery impossible

Whoever affirms that there is more than one Principle and method

of demonstrating Christian Science greatly errs, ignorantly or intentionally, and separates himself from the true conception of Christian Science healing and from its possible demonstration.

Any dishonesty in your theory and practice betrays a gross ignorance of the method of the Christ-cure. Science makes no concessions to persons or opinions.

One must abide in the morale of truth or he cannot demonstrate the divine Principle. So long as matter is the basis of practice, illness cannot be efficaciously treated by the metaphysical process. Truth does the work, and you must both understand and abide by the divine Principle of your demonstration.

No dishonest concessions

Christian Science is not an exception to the general rule, that there is no excellence without labor in a direct line.

The Scientist's demonstration rests on one Principle, and there must and can be no opposite rule.

Divinity is always ready. Semper paratus is Truth's motto. The Christianly scientific man reflects the divine law, thus becoming a law unto himself. He does violence to no man. Neither is he a false accuser. The Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is honest and consistent in following the leadings of divine Mind. He must prove, through living as well as healing and teaching, that Christ's way is the only one by which mortals are radically saved from sin and sickness.

Divinity ever ready  
The panoply of wisdom

Christianity causes men to turn naturally from matter to Spirit, as the flower turns from darkness to light. Man then appropriates those things which "eye hath not seen nor ear heard."

To mortal sense Christian Science seems abstract, but the process is simple and the results are sure if the Science is understood. The tree must be good, which produces good fruit. Guided by divine Truth and not guesswork, the theologus (that is, the student — the Christian and scientific expounder — of the divine law) treats disease with more certain results than any other healer on the globe. The Christian Scientist should understand and adhere strictly to the rules of divine metaphysics as laid down in this work, and rest his demonstration on this sure basis.

Certainty of results

2. SH 338:1-2

1 Christian Science, rightly understood, leads to eternal harmony.

*Hymns*

1. Hymn. 496:1-3

Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine; Kindle every high desire; Cleanse my thought in Your pure fire. Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine. Shine upon this heart of mine, Holy Spirit, Light divine.

Holy Spirit, Peace divine, Still this restless heart of mine; Speak to calm the tossing sea, Stayed in Your tranquillity. Holy Spirit, Peace divine, Still this restless heart of mine. Still this restless heart of mine, Holy Spirit, Peace divine.

Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine; Bid my troubled thoughts be still; With Your peace my spirit fill. Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine. Dwell within this heart of mine, Holy Spirit, all divine.

2. Hymn. 522:1-3

Lift up the door, the mighty gates, Behold, the King of Glory waits! Our King of kings is drawing near; The Maker of the world is here. Life and salvation He will bring, A cause for us to gladly sing! We sing our praise to You, Creator, wise and true.

A God of help, integrity, Whose chariot's humility, His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, mercy, all to bless – To ev'ry woe an end He'll bring; A cause for us to gladly sing! We thank You, Spirit true, For mighty deeds from You.

Oh, bless the nation, bless the town, That holds this King in high renown. Oh, bless alike the heart and mind Whose love for God together bind. His righteousness will always bring A cause for us to gladly sing! Exalt our God above-- Who comforts with pure love.

3. Hymn. 19:1-2

Behold, they stand in robes of white Who out of tribulation came, With songs of joy upon their heads, They praise His holy name. O these are they whose hearts are pure, And free from sin or any stain, They stand before the throne of light, Their joy shall never wane.

They worship Him in spirit new, God's messengers of Love and Life, They do His will, they speak His Word, That stills all pain and strife. They show an ever clearer light, Like stars they shall forever shine; They witness truly to His Word, And God saith, These are Mine.

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