

2019-05-29 That we may be able



Christian Science teaches how man, as the beloved child of God, is able to heal sickness and sin, in the way Christ Jesus showed us. To explore this ability further, I shall now read from our Pastor: The Holy Bible and the Christian Science textbook “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures”, by Mary Baker Eddy.



The Holy Bible

1. II Cor. 1:3, 4

Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

2. Lev. 19:1, 2, 4

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy. ...

... ¶ Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I *am* the LORD your God.

3. Num. 13:1, 2, 25, 27, 28 (to :), 30, 31; 14:6–9

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them. ...

And they returned from searching of the land after forty days. ...

And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: ...

And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we. ...

... ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, *is* an exceeding good land. If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us: fear them not.

4. Deut. 31:7, 8

¶ And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. And the LORD, he *it is* that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

5. John 1:6, 7, 12 as, 13

¶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe. ...

... as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

6. Luke 10:21, 23, 24

¶ In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. ...

... ¶ And he turned him unto *his* disciples, and said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that ye see: For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

7. Luke 10:19

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

8. Gal. 3:26, 27, 29; 4:1–7

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ...

And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs

according to the promise. ...

Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

9. II Cor. 3:4–6

And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

10. II Tim. 3:16, 17

All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

11. Eph. 3:14–19

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is*

the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.



Science and Health

1. SH 191:24–10 (to 2nd.); 192:17–31

The Science of being reveals man and immortality as based on Spirit. Physical sense defines mortal man as based on matter, and from this premise infers the mortality of the body.

The illusive senses may fancy affinities with their opposites; but in Christian Science, Truth never mingles with error. Mind has no affinity with matter,

and therefore Truth is able to cast out the ills of the flesh. No physical affinity

Mind, God, sends forth the aroma of Spirit, the atmosphere of intelligence. The belief that a pulpy substance under the skull is mind is a mockery of intelligence, a mimicry of Mind.

We are Christian Scientists, only as we quit our reliance upon that which is false and grasp the true. We are not Christian Scientists until we leave all for Christ. Human opinions are not spiritual. They come from the hearing of the ear, from corporeality instead of from Principle, and from the mortal instead of from the immortal. Spirit is not separate from God. Spirit is God. ...

Moral and spiritual might belong to Spirit, who holds the “wind in His fists;” and this teaching accords with Science and harmony. In Science, you can

have no power opposed to God, and the physical senses The one real power must give up their false testimony. Your influence for

good depends upon the weight you throw into the right scale. The good you do and embody gives you the only power obtainable. Evil

is not power. It is a mockery of strength, which ere long betrays its weakness and falls, never to rise.

We walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by following the example of our Master in the understanding of divine metaphysics. Christianity is the basis of true healing. Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

2. SH 475:7–13

The Scriptures inform us that man is made in the image and likeness of God. Matter is not that likeness. The likeness of Spirit cannot be so unlike Spirit. Man is spiritual and perfect; and because he is spiritual and perfect, he must be so understood in Christian Science.

Fleshly
factors unreal

3. SH 249:1–8

Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

Let the “male and female” of God's creating appear. Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy.

Renewed
selfhood

4. SH 468:11–13

Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal.

5. SH 351:16–4

We cannot bring out the practical proof of Christianity, which Jesus required, while error seems as potent and real to us as Truth, and while we make a personal devil and an anthropomorphic God our starting-points, — especially if we consider Satan as a being coequal in power with Deity, if not superior to Him. Because such starting-points are neither spiritual nor scientific, they cannot work out the Spirit-rule of Christian healing, which proves the nothingness of error, discord, by demonstrating the all-inclusiveness of harmonious Truth.

Fatal
premises

The Israelites centred their thoughts on the material in their attempted worship of the spiritual. To them matter was substance, and Spirit was shadow.

They thought to worship Spirit from a material standpoint, but this was impossible. They might appeal to Jehovah, but their prayer brought down no proof that it was heard, because they did not sufficiently understand God to be able to demonstrate His power to heal, — to make harmony the reality and discord the unreality.

Fruitless
worship

6. SH 359:11–28

Even though you aver that the material senses are indispensable to man's existence or entity, you must change the human concept of life, and must at length know yourself spiritually and scientifically. The evidence of the existence of Spirit, Soul, is palpable only to spiritual sense, and is not apparent to the material senses, which cognize only that which is the opposite of Spirit.

True Christianity is to be honored wherever found, but when shall we arrive at the goal which that word implies? From Puritan parents, the discoverer of Christian Science early received her religious education. In childhood, she often listened with joy to

Author's
parentage

these words, falling from the lips of her saintly mother, “God is able to raise you up from sickness;” and she pondered the meaning of that Scripture she so often quotes: “And these signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

7. SH 95:5–13

Paul said, “To be spiritually minded is life.” We approach God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidelity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all human need and are able to discern the thought of the sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them. Error of any kind cannot hide from the law of God.

Whoever reaches this point of moral culture and goodness cannot injure others, and must do them good.

8. SH 487:25–1

The Apostle James said, “Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.” The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality.

This faith relies upon an understood Principle. This Principle makes whole the diseased, and brings out the enduring and harmonious phases of things.

9. SH 496:15

Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing, based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, overlying, and encompassing all true being.

10. SH vii:1–2

TO those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with
blessings.



Hymns

1. Hymn. 513:1-5

It matters not what be thy lot, / So Love doth guide; / For storm or
shine, pure peace is thine, / Whate'er betide. /

And of these stones, or tyrants' thrones, / God able is / To raise up
seed—in thought and deed— / To faithful His. /

Aye, darkling sense, arise, go hence! / Our God is good. / False fears
are foes—truth tatters those, / When understood. /

Love looseth thee, and lifteth me, / Ayont hate's thrall: / There Life
is light, and wisdom might, / And God is All. /

The centuries break, the earth-bound wake, / God's glorified! / Who
doth His will—His likeness still— / Is satisfied.

2. Hymn. 13:1-3

Arise ye people, take your stand, / Cast out your idols from the land,
/ Above all doctrine, form or creed / Is found the Truth that meets
your need. / Christ's promise stands: they that believe / His works
shall do, his power receive. /

Go forward then, and as ye preach / So let your works confirm your
speech, / And prove to all with following sign / The Word of God is
power divine. / In love and healing ministry / Show forth the Truth
that makes men free. /

O Father-Mother God, whose plan / Hath given dominion unto man,
/ In Thine own image we may see / Man pure and upright, whole
and free. / And ever through our work shall shine / That light whose
glory, Lord, is Thine.

3. Hymn. 248:1-3

O walk with God along the road, / Your strength He will renew; /
Wait on the everlasting God, / And He will walk with you. /

Ye shall not to your daily task / Without your God repair, / But on
your work His blessing ask / And prove His glory there. /

Ye shall not faint, ye shall not fail; / In Spirit ye are strong; / Each
task divine ye still shall hail, / And blend it with a song.