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The Sword of the Spirit

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Hymns

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ROBERTA B. LYNCH

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DALKEITH

THOMAS HEWLETT

Science, the angel with the flaming sword,
 God's gift, the glory of the risen Lord;
 Light of the world, in whose light we shall see
 Father and perfect Son, blest unity;

Calm of Shekinah where hope anchors fast,
 Harbor of refuge till the storm be past;
 Sweet, secret place where God and men do meet,
 Horeb whereon we walk with unshod feet;

Place of communion with the Lamb of God,
 Fold where the sheep must pass beneath His rod;
 Ark where the dove may close her faltering wings,
 Love's law divine that makes us priests and kings;

Loosener of prison bands at midnight hour,
 Of self-forged chains that fall through Love's all-power;
 Christ's morning meal by joyous Galilee:
 Science, thou dost fulfill all prophecy.

Hymn 326

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JAMES MONTGOMERY*

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TRURO

PSALMODIA EVANGELICA, 1790

The Christian warrior, see him stand
 In all the armor of his God;
 The Spirit's sword is in his hand;
 His feet are with the gospel shod:

In panoply of truth complete,

Salvation's helmet on his head,
 With righteousness, a breastplate meet,
 And faith's broad shield before him spread.

With this omnipotence he moves;
 From this the alien armies flee;
 Until he more than conqueror proves,
 Through Christ, who gives him victory.

Thus strong in his Redeemer's strength,
 Sin, death and hell he tramples down,
 Fights his good fight and wins at length,
 Through mercy, an immortal crown.

Hymn 292

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MARIA LOUISE BAUM

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PROTECTION

DUTCH FOLK SONG

Put on the whole armor of pure consecration,
 The breastplate of righteousness valiantly gird,
 With shield of true faith, and the helmet of salvation—
 The sword of the Spirit is God's mighty Word!

For His is the greatness, the power and the glory,
 The victory His, when for succor we call;
 His majesty shines in creation's wondrous story,
 And He is exalted as head over all!

The Bible

1. Ps. 98:1

- 1 O SING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2. Hab. 3:2 (to :), 10, 11

- 2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid:
- 10 The mountains saw thee, *and* they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, *and* lifted up his hands on high.
- 11 The sun *and* moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, *and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.

3. Gen. 3:22-24 1st the

- 22 the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
- 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
- 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

4. Isa. 26:21 behold (to :)

- 21 behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity:

5. Isa. 27:1 (to ;)

- 1 IN that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent;

6. Judg. 6:1 1st the, 2 (to :), 8 Thus, 10 I am (to :), 13 (to 1st ?)

- 1 the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.
- 2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel:
- 8 Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;
- 10 I *am* the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell:
- 13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us?

7. Judg. 7:1-3 (to 1st .), 4 (to :), 5, 6 (to :), 7, 16-21

- 1 THEN Jerubbaal, who *is* Gideon, and all the people that *were* with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.
- 2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.
- 3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead.
- 4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there:
- 5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog

lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

- 6 And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men:
- 7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place.
- 16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.
- 17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that*, as I do, so shall ye do.
- 18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword* of the LORD, and of Gideon.
- 19 ¶ So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands.
- 20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.
- 21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

8. II Sam. 23:10 3rd the (to ;)

- 10 the LORD wrought a great victory that day;

9. Isa. 2:2 it, 4 and they

- 2 it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.
- 4 and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

10. Jer. 14:13 Ah

- 13 Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.

11. John 17:1

- 1 THESE words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify

thee:

12. John 18:1-5 (to 1st .), 10 (to 1st .), 11 (to :)

- 1 WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.
- 2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples.
- 3 Judas then, having received a band *of men* and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.
- 4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?
- 5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth.
- 10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear.
- 11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath:

13. John 14:27

- 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

14. Rev. 1:13 in, 16, 17 2nd And (to ;)

- 13 in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
- 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.
- 17 And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not;

15. Eph. 6:10-12 my, 14-17

- 10 my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.
- 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
- 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the
word of God:

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1. SH 595:3 Sword (only)

3 **SWORD.** The idea of Truth; justice.

2. SH 134:2-3

At every advancing step, truth

3 is still opposed with sword and spear.

3. SH 526:14

The first mention of evil is in the legendary Scriptural
15 text in the second chapter of Genesis. God pronounced
good all that He created, and the Scriptures
declare that He created all. The “tree of
18 life” stands for the idea of Truth, and the sword which
guards it is the type of divine Science. The “tree of
knowledge” stands for the erroneous doctrine that the
21 knowledge of evil is as real, hence as God-bestowed, as
the knowledge of good. Was evil instituted through God,
Love? Did He create this fruit-bearer of sin in contra-
24 diction of the first creation? This second biblical account
is a picture of error throughout.

Record of error

4. SH 536:30-24

30 *Genesis* iii. 22–24. And the Lord God [Jehovah] said,
Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good
537:1 and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take
also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever; therefore
3 the Lord God [Jehovah] sent him forth from the garden
of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
So He drove out the man: and He placed at the east
6 of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword
which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of
life.

9 A knowledge of evil was never the essence of divin-
ity or manhood. In the first chapter of Genesis, evil
has no local habitation nor name. Crea-
12 tion is there represented as spiritual, entire,
and good. “Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he
also reap.” Error excludes itself from harmony. Sin
15 is its own punishment. Truth guards the gateway
to harmony. Error tills its own barren soil and buries
itself in the ground, since ground and dust stand for
18 nothingness.

Justice and
recompense

No one can reasonably doubt that the purpose of this

allegory — this second account in Genesis — is to depict
 21 the falsity of error and the effects of error.
 Subsequent Bible revelation is coordinate
 with the Science of creation recorded in the
 24 first chapter of Genesis.

Inspired
 interpretation

5. SH 538:3

3 Truth should, and does, drive error out of all selfhood.
 Truth is a two-edged sword, guarding and guiding.
 Truth places the cherub wisdom at the gate
 6 of understanding to note the proper guests.
 Radiant with mercy and justice, the sword of Truth
 gleams afar and indicates the infinite distance between
 9 Truth and error, between the material and spiritual, —
 the unreal and the real.

Spiritual
 gateway

6. SH 542:18-26

18 “They that take the sword shall perish with the
 sword.” Let Truth uncover and destroy error in God’s
 own way, and let human justice pattern the
 21 divine. Sin will receive its full penalty, both
 for what it is and for what it does. Justice marks
 the sinner, and teaches mortals not to remove the
 24 waymarks of God. To envy’s own hell, justice con-
 signs the lie which, to advance itself, breaks God’s
 commandments.

Retribution and
 remorse

7. SH 293:24

24 The manifestations of evil, which counterfeit
 divine justice, are called in the Scriptures, “The anger
 of the Lord.” In reality, they show the self-destruction
 27 of error or matter and point to matter’s opposite, the
 strength and permanency of Spirit. Christian Science
 brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal har-
 30 mony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness
 of evil.

8. SH 294:19-26

The lines of demarcation between immortal man, repre-
 senting Spirit, and mortal man, representing the error that
 21 life and intelligence are in matter, show the
 pleasures and pains of matter to be myths, and
 human belief in them to be the father of mythology, in
 24 which matter is represented as divided into intelligent gods.
 Man’s genuine selfhood is recognizable only in what is
 good and true.

Mythical
 pleasure

9. SH 37:5-17

History is full of records of suffering. “The blood of
 6 the martyrs is the seed of the Church.” Mortals try in
 vain to slay Truth with the steel or the stake,
 but error falls only before the sword of Spirit.
 9 Martyrs are the human links which connect one stage with
 another in the history of religion. They are earth’s lumi-
 naries, which serve to cleanse and rarefy the atmosphere of
 12 material sense and to permeate humanity with purer ideals.
 Consciousness of right-doing brings its own reward; but
 not amid the smoke of battle is merit seen and appreciated
 15 by lookers-on.

Martyrs
 inevitable

When will Jesus’ professed followers learn to emulate
 him in *all* his ways and to imitate his mighty works?

10. SH 19:12-16

12 The Master forbore not to speak the whole truth, de-
 claring precisely what would destroy sickness, sin, and
 death, although his teaching set households at variance,
 15 and brought to material beliefs not peace, but a
 sword.

11. SH 48:17

Judas had the world’s weapons. Jesus had not one
 18 of them, and chose not the world’s means of defence.
 “He opened not his mouth.” The great dem-
 onstrator of Truth and Love was silent before
 21 envy and hate. Peter would have smitten the enemies of
 his Master, but Jesus forbade him, thus rebuking re-
 sentment or animal courage. He said: “Put up thy
 24 sword.”

Defensive
 weapons

12. SH 39:8-9

We must have trials and self-denials, as well as
 9 joys and victories, until all error is destroyed.

13. SH 240:29-32

27 The divine method
 30 of paying sin’s wages involves unwinding one’s snarls,
 and learning from experience how to divide between sense
 and Soul.

14. SH 22:30-32

30 Justice requires reformation of the sinner. Mercy
 cancels the debt only when justice approves. Revenge
 is inadmissible.

15. SH 265:31

The pains of sense are salutary, if they wrench away

false pleasurable beliefs and transplant the affections

266:1 from sense to Soul, where the creations of God are good,
 “rejoicing the heart.” Such is the sword of
 3 Science, with which Truth decapitates error,
 materiality giving place to man’s higher individuality and
 destiny.

Decapitation of
 error

16. SH 458:11-15, 17-28

It is anything but scientifically Christian to think of
 12 aiding the divine Principle of healing or of trying to sus-
 tain the human body until the divine Mind
 is ready to take the case. Divinity is always
 15 ready. *Semper paratus* is Truth’s motto. The two-edged sword
 18 of Truth must turn in every direction to guard “the tree
 of life.”

Divinity ever
 ready

Sin makes deadly thrusts at the Christian Scientist as
 21 ritualism and creed are summoned to give place to higher
 law, but Science will ameliorate mortal malice.
 The Christianly scientific man reflects the
 24 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 hon-
 27 est and consistent in following the leadings of divine
 Mind.

The panoply of
 wisdom

17. SH 254:6-8

God requires perfection,
 but not until the battle between Spirit and flesh is fought
 and the victory won.

18. SH 43:32-4 Truth

Truth and Life must
 44:1 seal the victory over error and death, before the thorns
 can be laid aside for a crown, the benediction follow,
 3 “Well done, good and faithful servant,” and the suprem-
 acy of Spirit be demonstrated.

19. SH 567:10

9 Truth and Love prevail
 against the dragon because the dragon cannot war with
 12 them. Thus endeth the conflict between the flesh and
 Spirit.

