

A just peace among nations

II Chron. 15:5 in, 6 (to :)

... in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: ...

Jer. 8:15

We looked for peace, but no good *came*; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!

II Kings 18:13, 28–36; 19:1, 15–20, 32–34, 35–37 4th and (to :), 37 4th And

¶ Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them. ...

Then Rab–shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and *then* eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern: Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? Who *are* they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand? But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. ...

And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. ...

And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God. Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, And have cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone:

therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD God, *even* thou only. ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. ...

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

... and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: ... And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

SH 239:11–13

The wicked man is not the ruler of his upright neighbor. Let it be understood that success in error is defeat in Truth.

SH 96:12–15, 21–23, 31

This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismay; on the other side there will be Science and peace. ...

Arena of
contest

Mortal error will vanish in a moral chemicalization. This mental fermentation has begun, and will continue until all errors of belief yield to understanding. ...

During this final conflict, wicked minds will endeavor to find means by which to accomplish more evil; but those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection.

I Tim. 2:1–5

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

John 13:34, 35

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Matt. 7:12, 15

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. ...

... ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Matt. 18:21, 22

¶ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Matt. 5:38–45

¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 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. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 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; 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.

SH 42:1–3

Jesus' life proved, divinely and scientifically, that God is Love, whereas priest and rabbi affirmed God to be a mighty potentate, who loves and hates.

SH 28:32–2

There is too much animal courage in society and not sufficient moral courage. Christians must take up arms against error at home and abroad.

SH 451:4

They must renounce aggression, oppression and the pride of power. Christianity, with the crown of Love upon her brow, must be their queen of life.

Matt. 24:4, 6, 7 (to :), 13, 14

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. ...

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: ...

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

John 18:36 My

... My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Matt. 26:52 Put

... Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Rom. 12:19, 20 (to :), 21

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: ...

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

SH 30:14

Rabbi and priest taught the Mosaic law, which said: "An eye for an eye," and "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Not so did Jesus, the new executor for God, present the divine law of Love, which blesses even those that curse it.

SH 225:14–16, 25

The history of our country, like all history, illustrates the might of Mind, and shows human power to be proportionate to its embodiment of right thinking. ...

... The despotic tendencies, inherent in mortal mind and always germinating in new forms of tyranny, must be rooted out through the action of the divine Mind.

Slavery
abolished

SH 102:30–2

Mankind must learn that evil is not power. Its so-called despotism is but a phase of nothingness. Christian Science despoils the kingdom of evil, and pre-eminently promotes affection and virtue in families and therefore in the community.

SH 375:14–15

No person is benefited by yielding his mentality to any mental despotism or malpractice.

SH 467:9–13; 469:30–5

It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love. Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established. ...

... With one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and with one Mind

and that God, or good, the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth, and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science.

SH 94:14

Tyranny, intolerance, and bloodshed, wherever found, arise from the belief that the infinite is formed after the pattern of mortal personality, passion, and impulse.

SH 36:19–21

A selfish and limited mind may be unjust, but the unlimited and divine Mind is the immortal law of justice as well as of mercy.

SH 48:21

Peter would have smitten the enemies of his Master, but Jesus forbade him, thus rebuking resentment or animal courage. He said: “Put up thy sword.”

SH 542:18–21

“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 divine.

Retribution
and remorse

II Cor. 10:4, 5

(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Ps. 85:8, 10–13

I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. ...

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is good*; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

SH 238:29

To reconstruct timid justice and place the fact above the falsehood, is the work of time.

SH 565:13–18

The impersonation of the spiritual idea had a brief history in the earthly life of our Master; but “of his kingdom there shall be no end,” for Christ, God’s idea, will eventually rule all nations and peoples — imperatively, absolutely, finally — with divine Science.

Hymn. 590

To God compose a song of joy; / To God make melody, / Whose arm of strength does wondrous things, / Whose hand brings victory!

Before the nations God reveals / A just and righteous will, / With steadfast love and
faithfulness / God loves all people still.

In every corner of the earth, / God comes to save and free; / Break forth with shouts of holy
joy; / All lands, make melody.

Let seas in all their fullness roar; / Sing, people of all lands; / Let mountains join and shout for
joy; / Let rivers clap their hands.

The God of justice comes to save; / Let earth make melody; / For God will judge with
righteousness / And rule with equity.

Hymn. 236

O peace of the world, O hope in each breast, / O Bethlehem star that ages have blest, / A day of
fresh promise breaks over the land, / Gaunt warfare is doomed, and God's kingdom at hand!

From cannon and sword shape tillers of soil, / No more let dire hate man's spirit despoil, / Let
Truth be proclaimed, let God's love be retold, / That men of good will may their brethren
uphold.

As stars in their courses never contend, / As blossoms their hues in harmony blend, / As bird
voices mingle in joyful refrain, / So God's loving children in concord remain.

Our God is one Mind, the Mind we adore; / Ineffable joy His love doth outpour; / Let nations
be one in a union of love, / God's bountiful peace, all earth's treasures above.

Hymn. 578

Sing a song, sing a song to God, / All the world sing and bless God's name. / Ay, ay,
salidummay,* ay, ay salidummay. / Daily sing of the saving power, / Tell all lands of the
wondrous works. / Ay, ay, salidummay, ay, ay salidummay.

Great is God, worthy of all praise, / Worship God high above all things. / Ay, ay, salidummay,
ay, ay salidummay. / Spirit's might made the universe. / Praise we give to God's majesty. / Ay,
ay, salidummay, ay, ay salidummay.

Friends on earth, bow, confess God's might; / Bow down and give all glory due. / Ay, ay,
salidummay, ay, ay salidummay. / Come to God, bring your gifts most rare, / Fill Love's hall
with your joyful sound. / Ay, ay, salidummay, ay, ay salidummay.

Tell the nations God reigns supreme, / Judging with truth and righteousness. / Ay, ay,
salidummay, ay, ay salidummay. / Sing a song, sing a song to God, / All the world sing and
bless God's name. / Ay, ay, salidummay, ay, ay salidummay.

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