

God's angels defend innocence and disarm violence



Ps. 91:11 he

... he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Jer. 29:11 I

... I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Isa. 55:7 (to ;), 8, 9

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; ...

... ¶ For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Gen. 27:41; 28:10, 12

¶ And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. ...

... ¶ And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. ...

And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

Ps. 85:8 (to 2nd :)

I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: ...

Isa. 41:10 (to 1st :), 13 I

¶ Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: ...

... I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Jer. 31:3 I (to :)

... I have loved thee with an everlasting love: ...

Ps. 91:10

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Isa. 60:18

Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

Zech. 8:5

And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

Matt. 18:1–3, 10 for

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. ...

... for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Matt. 8:16

¶ When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:

Matt. 24:4, 6 (to 2nd :), 10, 12

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: ...

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. ...

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Mark 13:33 (to :), 34–37

Take ye heed, watch and pray: ...

For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Luke 22:45–47, 50, 51

And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. ¶ And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. ...

... ¶ And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

Dan. 6:22 (to ;)

My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; ...

James 3:16–18

For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

SH 581:4

ANGELS. God's thoughts passing to man; spiritual intuitions, pure and perfect; the inspiration of goodness, purity, and immortality, counteracting all evil, sensuality, and mortality.

SH 580:28–31

ADVERSARY. An adversary is one who opposes, denies, disputes, not one who constructs and sustains reality and Truth. Jesus said of the devil, "He was a murderer from the beginning, . . . he is a liar and the father of it."

SH 582:28–3 (to ;) ; 583:5 (only, to .), 8 some

CHILDREN. The spiritual thoughts and representatives of Life, Truth, and Love.

Sensual and mortal beliefs; counterfeits of creation, whose better originals are God's thoughts, not in embryo, but in maturity; ...

CHILDREN OF ISRAEL. ... some of the ideas of God beheld as men, casting out error and healing the sick; Christ's offspring.

SH 236:28–29

Jesus loved little children because of their freedom from wrong and their receptiveness of right.

SH 568:1 (only)

Innocence and Truth overcome guilt and error.

SH 462:23–30

Are thoughts divine or human? That is the important question. This branch of study is indispensable to the excision of error. The anatomy of Christian Science teaches when and how to probe the self-inflicted wounds of selfishness, malice, envy, and hate. It teaches the control of mad ambition. It unfolds the hallowed influences of unselfishness, philanthropy, spiritual love.

Anatomy
defined

SH 96:12–13, 31–2 (to 1st .)

This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. ...

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.

SH 234:26–27, 31–3

You must control evil thoughts in the first instance, or they will control you in the second. ...

Evil thoughts and aims reach no farther and do no more harm than one's belief permits. Evil thoughts, lusts, and malicious purposes cannot go forth, like wandering pollen, from one human mind to another, finding unsuspected lodgment, if virtue and truth build a strong defence.

SH 392:24–27 Stand, 31

Stand porter at the door of thought. Admitting only such conclusions as you wish realized in bodily results, you will control yourself harmoniously. ... Exclude from mortal mind the offending errors; then the body cannot suffer from them. The issues of pain or pleasure must come through mind, and like a watchman forsaking his post, we admit the intruding belief, forgetting that through divine help we can forbid this entrance.

Guarding
the door

SH 174:11–14 the

... the angels of His presence — the spiritual intuitions that tell us when “the night is far spent, the day is at hand” — are our guardians in the gloom.

Rise of
thought

SH 206:32–1; 207:8–11 (to 2nd ;)

There are evil beliefs, often called evil spirits; but these evils are not Spirit, for there is no evil in Spirit. ...

God is not the creator of an evil mind. Indeed, evil is not Mind. We must learn that evil is the awful deception and unreality of existence. Evil is not supreme; good is not helpless; ...

Subordination
of evil

SH 290:27–31

The murderer, though slain in the act, does not thereby forsake sin. He is no more spiritual for believing that his body died and learning that his cruel mind died not. His thoughts are no purer until evil is disarmed by good.

SH 570:30

Many are willing to open the eyes of the people to the power of good resident in divine Mind, but they are not so willing to point out the evil in human thought, and expose evil's hidden mental ways of accomplishing iniquity.

SH 567:18–23, 27

That false claim — that ancient belief, that old serpent whose name is devil (evil), claiming that there is intelligence in matter either to benefit or to injure men — is pure delusion, the red dragon; and it is cast out by Christ, Truth, the spiritual idea, and so proved to be powerless. ... The beast and the false prophets are lust and hypocrisy. These wolves in sheep's clothing are detected and killed by innocence, the Lamb of Love.

Dragon
cast down
to earth

SH 571:18–19

Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you.

The armor
of divinity

SH 102:31–2; 103:29

Christian Science despoils the kingdom of evil, and pre-eminently promotes affection and virtue in families and therefore in the community. ...

In reality there is no *mortal* mind, and consequently no transference of mortal thought and will-power. Life and being are of God. In Christian Science, man can do no harm, for scientific thoughts are true thoughts, passing from God to man.

Thought-
transference

SH 298:28–30; 299:9

Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their individualism may be. ...

Thought-
angels

... With white fingers they point upward to a new and glorified trust, to higher ideals of life and its joys. Angels are God's representatives. These upward-soaring beings never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to the divine Principle of all good, whither every real individuality, image, or likeness of God, gathers. By giving earnest heed to these spiritual guides they tarry with us, and we entertain "angels unawares."

Our angelic
messengers

Hymn. 181

Loving Father, we Thy children / Look to Thee in fear's dark night / While the angels of Thy presence / Guide us upward to the light.

Then we feel the power that lifts us / To Thy holy secret place, / Where our gloom is lost in

glory / As we see Thee face to face.

We would learn, O gracious Father, / To reflect Thy healing love. / May we all awake to praise
Thee / For Thy good gifts from above.

Make us strong to bear the message / To Thy children far and near: / Fear shall have no more
dominion. / God is All, and heaven is here.

Hymn. 256

O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind / There sweeps a strain, / Low, sad, and sweet, whose
measures bind / The power of pain,

And wake a white-winged angel throng / Of thoughts, illumed / By faith, and breathed in
raptured song, / With love perfumed.

Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show / Life's burdens light. / I kiss the cross, and wake to
know / A world more bright.

And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea / I see Christ walk, / And come to me, and tenderly, /
Divinely talk.

Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock, / Upon Life's shore, / 'Gainst which the winds and
waves can shock, / Oh, nevermore!

From tired joy and grief afar, / And nearer Thee,— / Father, where Thine own children are, / I
love to be.

My prayer, some daily good to do / To Thine, for Thee; / An offering pure of Love, whereto /
God leadeth me.

Hymn. 587

There is a presence walks with us / On every pathless way, / A light outshining midday sun /
However dark the day.

We reach our hand—and feel God near; / We cry—and She replies. / We open eyes that sense
had dimmed; / We stretch our wings and rise

Above the mist, above the dark, / Above the threats of fear, / Upheld by Love that never fails /
And is forever near.

We cannot stray beyond Love's care, / For Love does fill all space; / And where we go the path
is marked / By angels of Love's grace.

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