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Ancient and Modern
Necromancy, alias Mesmerism
and Hypnotism, Denounced

GOLDEN TEXT

Mark 4:39 *Peace (to 1st .)*

. . . Peace, be still.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 46:1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10 (to :); 107:8, 9, 13 *they, 29, 30*

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;**

⁴ There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

10 Be still, and know that I am God:

8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

13 . . . they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **Psalms 93:3, 4**

3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. 4 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

2 | Isaiah 41:10, 15, 16

¹⁰ Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

¹⁵ Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. ¹⁶ Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

3 | Jeremiah 29:11 / know

¹¹ 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.

***Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*
by Mary Baker Eddy****1 | 454:5-9**

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.”

2 | 268:1-9

In the material world, thought has brought to light with great rapidity many useful wonders. Materialistic challenge

With like activity have thought's swift pinions been rising towards the realm of the real, to the spiritual cause of those lower things which give impulse to inquiry. Belief in a material basis, from which may be deduced all rationality, is slowly yielding to the idea of a metaphysical basis, looking away from matter to Mind as the cause of every effect.

3 | 114:10, 23-24

In Science, Mind is *one*, including noumenon and phenomena, God and His thoughts.

Christian Science explains all cause and effect as mental, not physical.

4 | 484:9-13 *In*

In divine Science, the supposed laws of matter yield to the law of Mind. What are termed natural science and material laws are the objective states of mortal mind.

5 | 103:18-23 (to 1st .)

As named in Christian Science, animal magnetism or hypnotism is the specific term for error, or mortal mind. It is the false belief that mind is in matter, and is both evil and good; that evil is as real as good and more powerful. This belief has not one quality of Truth. The genus of error

6 | 559:8-12

The “still, small voice” of scientific thought reaches over continent and ocean to the globe's remotest bound. The inaudible voice of Truth is, to the human mind, “as when a lion roareth.” It is heard in the desert and in dark places of fear.

7 | 506:10-12

Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony. The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace.

SECTION 2

The Bible

4 | I Corinthians 14:33 *God*

³³ God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

5 | Psalms 38:8, 15 *in*

⁸ I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

¹⁵ in thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

6 | Psalms 27:1, 5

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion:
in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me
up upon a rock.

7 | Job 22:21 (to :)

²¹ Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace:

8 | II Timothy 1:7

⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power,
and of love, and of a sound mind.

9 | I Peter 5:6, 7

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of
God, that he may exalt you in due time: ⁷ Casting all your
care upon him; for he careth for you.

Science and Health**8 | 503:12–15, 24, 28**

Divine Science, the Word of God, saith to the
darkness upon the face of error, “God is All-in-all,”
and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe.

Spiritual
harmony

God creates neither erring thought, mortal life, mutable
truth, nor variable love.

God, Spirit, dwelling in infinite light and harmony from which emanates the true idea, is never reflected by aught but the good.

9 | 104:13

Christian Science goes to the bottom of mental action, and reveals the theodicy which indicates the rightness of all divine action, as the emanation of divine Mind, and the consequent wrongness of the opposite so-called action, — evil, occultism, necromancy, mesmerism, animal magnetism, hypnotism.

Perfection
of divine
government

10 | 462:23–25

Are thoughts divine or human? That is the important question. This branch of study is indispensable to the excision of error.

11 | 248:12–32

The sculptor turns from the marble to his model in order to perfect his conception. We are all sculptors, working at various forms, moulding and chiseling thought. What is the model before mortal mind? Is it imperfection, joy, sorrow, sin, suffering? Have you accepted the mortal model? Are you reproducing it? Then you are haunted in your work by vicious sculptors and hideous forms. Do you not hear from all mankind of the imperfect model? The world is holding it before your gaze continually. The result is that you are liable to follow those lower patterns, limit your life-work,

Mental
sculpture

and adopt into your experience the angular outline and deformity of matter models.

To remedy this, we must first turn our gaze in the right direction, and then walk that way. We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives. Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

Perfect
models

SECTION 3

The Bible

10 | **Psalms 10:4, 8 (to 1st :), 11**

⁴ The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

⁸ He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages:

¹¹ He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

11 | **II Samuel 15:2–6 Absalom**

² Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of

one of the tribes of Israel. ³ And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. ⁴ Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! ⁵ And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. ⁶ And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

12 | Proverbs 1:10 if, 15 walk, 17, 20

¹⁰ if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

¹⁵ walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

¹⁷ Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

²⁰ Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

13 | Ecclesiastes 12:14

¹⁴ For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

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12 | 82:31-2

In a world of sin and sensuality hastening to a greater development of power, it is wise earnestly to consider whether it is the human mind or the divine Mind which is influencing one.

13 | 419:25-28

Never fear the mental malpractitioner, the mental assassin, who, in attempting to rule mankind, tramples upon the divine Principle of metaphysics, for God is the only power.

14 | 102:18-23

The looms of crime, hidden in the dark recesses of mortal thought, are every hour weaving webs more complicated and subtle. So secret are the present methods of animal magnetism that they ensnare the age into indolence, and produce the very apathy on the subject which the criminal desires.

Hidden
agents

15 | 105:22-25

Whoever uses his developed mental powers like an escaped felon to commit fresh atrocities as opportunity occurs is never safe. God will arrest him. Divine justice will manacle him.

16 | 442:16-18

Neither animal magnetism nor hypnotism enters into the practice of Christian Science, in which truth cannot be reversed, but the reverse of error is true.

17 | 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.

18 | 234:9-12, 31-3

We should become more familiar with good than with evil, and guard against false beliefs as watchfully as we bar our doors against the approach of thieves and murderers.

Hospitality
to health
and good

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.

SECTION 4

The Bible

14 | **Proverbs 3:5, 24**

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

²⁴ When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

15 | **Psalms 4:8 for**

⁸ for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

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19 | **442:25-32**

St. Paul says, “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Jesus said, “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” This truth is Christian Science.

Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when awake.

SECTION 5

The Bible

16 | **Philippians 4:1, 7**

¹ Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

17 | **Matthew 4:1, 10, 11**

¹ Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

¹⁰ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. ¹¹ Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

18 | **Matthew 10:1, 7, 16**

¹ And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

⁷ And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

¹⁶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

19 | Luke 21:8 Take, 9 (to :), 25–28 there

⁸ Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. ⁹ But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified:

²⁵ there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. ²⁷ And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Science and Health**20 | 233:17–22**

Ye who can discern the face of the sky, — the sign material, — how much more should ye discern the sign mental, and compass the destruction of sin and sickness by overcoming the thoughts which produce them, and by understanding the spiritual idea which corrects and destroys them.

Christ's
mission

21 | 332:9–11 Christ, 19

Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness.

Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost, or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.

Holy Ghost
or Comforter

22 | 495:31–5

In the Science of Mind, you will soon ascertain that error cannot destroy error. You will also learn that in Science there is no transfer of evil suggestions from one mortal to another, for there is but one Mind, and this ever-present omnipotent Mind is reflected by man and governs the entire universe.

23 | 96:4–5, 12–24

Love will finally mark the hour of harmony, and spiritualization will follow, for Love is Spirit.

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. The breaking up of material beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new phases until their nothingness appears. These disturbances will continue until the end of error, when all discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth.

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. Belief is changeable, but spiritual understanding is changeless.

24 | 95:30–32

Material sense does not unfold the facts of existence; but spiritual sense lifts human consciousness into eternal Truth.

Spiritual
awakening

SECTION 6

The Bible

20 | Mark 3:7 *Jesus, 10, 11*

⁷ Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judæa,

¹⁰ For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. ¹¹ And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

21 | Mark 4:35, 37–39

³⁵ And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

³⁷ And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. ³⁸ And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? ³⁹ And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

22 | [Romans 15:33 \(to 1st .\)](#)

³³ Now the God of peace be with you all.

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25 | [144:20](#)

Truth, and not corporeal will, is the divine power which says to disease, "Peace, be still."

26 | [134:26](#)

Jesus said: "I knew that Thou hearest me always;" and he raised Lazarus from the dead, stilled the tempest, healed the sick, walked on the water. There is divine authority for believing in the superiority of spiritual power over material resistance.

27 | [273:29-3](#)

Science shows that material, conflicting mortal opinions and beliefs emit the effects of error at all times, but this atmos-

phere of mortal mind cannot be destructive to morals and health when it is opposed promptly and persistently by Christian Science. Truth and Love antidote this mental miasma, and thus invigorate and sustain existence.

28 | 422:5

If the reader of this book observes a great stir throughout his whole system, and certain moral and physical symptoms seem aggravated, these indications are favorable. Continue to read, and the book will become the physician, allaying the tremor which Truth often brings to error when destroying it.

Effect of
this book

29 | 415:24

To remove the error producing disorder, you must calm and instruct mortal mind with immortal Truth.

30 | 99:23

The calm, strong currents of true spirituality, the manifestations of which are health, purity, and self-immolation, must deepen human experience, until the beliefs of material existence are seen to be a bald imposition, and sin, disease, and death give everlasting place to the scientific demonstration of divine Spirit and to God's spiritual, perfect man.

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