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# Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced

## GOLDEN TEXT

**II Chronicles 23:6** *all*

... all the people shall keep the watch of the Lord.

## RESPONSIVE READING

**Isaiah 21:6, 11** *“Watchman, 12 (to .); 43:10 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .); 51:7, 11; 52:8 (to .); 9 For, 10; Ephesians 3:21*

Isa. 21:6 For thus has the Lord said to me:

“Go, set a watchman,  
Let him declare what he sees.”

11 . . . **“Watchman, what of the night?  
Watchman, what of the night?”**

12 The watchman said,  
“The morning comes, and also the night.”

43:10 **“You are My witnesses,” says the LORD,  
“And My servant whom I have chosen,  
That you may know and believe Me,  
And understand that I am He.”**

51:7 **“Listen to Me, you who know righteousness,  
You people in whose heart is My law:  
Do not fear the reproach of men,  
Nor be afraid of their insults.”**

11 **So the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
And come to Zion with singing,  
With everlasting joy on their heads.  
They shall obtain joy and gladness;  
Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

52:8 Your watchmen shall lift up *their* voices,  
With their voices they shall sing together;

9 . . . **For the LORD has comforted His people,  
He has redeemed Jerusalem.**

10 The LORD has made bare His holy arm  
In the eyes of all the nations;  
And all the ends of the earth shall see  
The salvation of our God.

Eph. 3:21 **to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to  
all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Responsive Reading is from the  
New King James Version®.*

## The Bible

### 1 | [Psalms 130:6 \(to :\)](#)

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:

### 2 | [Acts 10:36 \(to 1<sup>st</sup> :\)](#)

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ:

### 3 | [Luke 10:19](#)

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.

### 4 | [Acts 4:33](#)

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

### 5 | [Acts 2:14 Peter, 22 Jesus, 32, 41 \(to :\), 42, 47 And the](#)

14 Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

22 Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

47 And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

### 6 | [Acts 5:12 \(to :\), 16](#)

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people;

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

## Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

### 1 | [136:1–6](#)

Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing. He taught his followers that his religion had a divine Principle, which would cast out error and heal both the sick and the sinning. He claimed no intelligence, action, nor life separate from God.

### 2 | [271:7–8](#)

Jesus instructed his disciples whereby to heal the sick through Mind instead of matter.

### 3 | [378:26–28](#)

God never endowed matter with power to disable Life or to chill harmony with a long and cold night of discord.

### 4 | [319:15–17](#)

The varied doctrines and theories which presuppose life and intelligence to exist in matter are so many ancient and modern mythologies.

### 5 | [339:7–8, 20–25](#)

Since God is All, there is no room for His unlikeness.

As the mythology of pagan Rome has yielded to a more spiritual idea of Deity, so will our material theories yield to spiritual ideas, until the finite gives place to the infinite, sickness to health, sin to holiness, and God's kingdom comes "in earth, as it is in heaven."

### 6 | [570:14–18](#)

Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ's name, and never fear the consequences.

## The Bible

### 7 | [Habakkuk 2:1, 2](#)

1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 2 And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

### 8 | [Acts 9:10–13, 15, 17, 18, 19](#) *Then, 20*

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. 11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. 20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

### 9 | [Matthew 13:16](#) *blessed*

16 blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

## Science and Health

### 7 | [235:28–32](#)

Clergymen, occupying the watchtowers of the world, should uplift the standard of Truth. They should so raise their hearers spiritually, that their listeners will love to grapple with a new, right idea and broaden their concepts. Clergymen's duty

### 8 | [324:19](#)

Paul was not at first a disciple of Jesus but a persecutor of Jesus' followers. When the truth first appeared to him in Science, Paul was made blind, and his blindness was felt; but spiritual light soon enabled him to follow the example and teachings of Jesus, healing the sick and preaching Christianity throughout Asia Minor, Greece, and even in imperial Rome. Paul's enlightenment

### 9 | [183:23–24, 26–29](#)

Obedience to Truth gives man power and strength. Truth casts out all evils and materialistic methods with the actual spiritual law, — the law which gives sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, voice to the dumb, feet to the lame. Belief and understanding

### 10 | [103:6–9, 15–23](#) (to 1<sup>st</sup>.)

The destruction of the claims of mortal mind through Science, by which man can escape from sin and mortality, blesses the whole human family. Liberation of mental powers

The maximum of good is the infinite God and His idea, the All-in-all. Evil is a suppositional lie.

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

### 11 | [583:12–19](#)

**CHURCH.** The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle.

The Church is that institution, which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick.

## The Bible

### 10 | Ezekiel 34:11 (to ;), 16 (to ;)

11 For thus saith the Lord God;

16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick:

### 11 | Acts 9:32–35

32 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda. 33 And there he found a certain man named Æneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. 34 And Peter said unto him, Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. 35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

### 12 | James 5:14 (to ;), 15 (to ;)

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church;

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;

### 13 | Colossians 4:2

2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

### 14 | Ephesians 2:8

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

## Science and Health

### 12 | 1:6

Prayer, watching, and working, combined with self-immolation, are God's gracious means for accomplishing whatever has been successfully done for the Christianization and health of mankind.

### 13 | 185:22

Jesus cast out evil and healed the sick, not only without drugs, but without hypnotism, Jesus and hypnotism which is the reverse of ethical and pathological Truth-power.

### 14 | 494:31–2

It should be said of his followers also, that they cast fear and all evil out of themselves and others and heal the sick. God will heal the sick through man, whenever man is governed by God.

### 15 | 332:9–11 Christ

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

### 16 | 259:11

The Christlike understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea, — perfect God and perfect man, — as the basis of thought and demonstration.

### 17 | 144:16–18, 20

Willing the sick to recover is not the metaphysical practice of Christian Science, but is Will-power detrimental sheer animal magnetism.

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

### 18 | 445:19–21

Christian Science silences human will, quiets fear with Truth and Love, and illustrates the unlabored motion of the divine energy in healing the sick.

### 19 | 392:24 Stand (only), 31

Stand porter at the door of thought.

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.

### 20 | 447:20–22, 27

Expose and denounce the claims of evil and disease in all their forms, but realize no reality in them.

The sick are not healed merely by declaring there is no sickness, but by knowing that there is none.

## The Bible

### 15 | II Timothy 4:5 *watch*

<sup>5</sup> watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

### 16 | Acts 18:1, 2 (to ;), 3, 4, 24–26

<sup>1</sup> After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; <sup>2</sup> And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla;

<sup>3</sup> And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tent-makers. <sup>4</sup> And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

<sup>24</sup> And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. <sup>25</sup> This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

## Science and Health

### 21 | 327:29 (only)

Reason is the most active human faculty.

### 22 | 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

### 23 | 445:5–10

No hypothesis as to the existence of another power should interpose a doubt or fear to hinder the demonstration of Christian Science. Unfold the latent energies and capacities for good in your pupil. Teach the great possibilities of man endued with divine Science.

### 24 | 254:2–6

Individuals are consistent who, watching and praying, can “run, and not be weary; . . . walk, and not faint,” who gain good rapidly and hold their position, or attain slowly and yield not to discouragement.

Patience  
and final  
perfection

### 25 | 458:25 *The*

The Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is honest and consistent in following the leadings of divine Mind. He must prove, through living as well as healing and teaching, that Christ’s way is the only one by which mortals are radically saved from sin and sickness.

## The Bible

### 17 | [Psalms 37:32, 33](#)

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. 33 The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

### 18 | [Acts 8:1 there \(to ;\)](#)

1 there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem;

### 19 | [Acts 21:30 \(to 2<sup>nd</sup> ;\)](#), [33 \(to ;\)](#)

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple:

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains;

### 20 | [Acts 23:12, 13, 16, 17, 19–21 \(to 1<sup>st</sup> ;\)](#), [22–24, 31](#)

12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me? 20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to-morrow into the council, as though they would inquire somewhat of him more perfectly. 21 But do not thou yield unto them:

22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me. 23 And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Cæsarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night; 24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.

31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

## Science and Health

### 26 | [560:28–1](#)

To misunderstand Paul, was to be ignorant of the divine idea he taught. Ignorance of the divine idea betrays at once a greater ignorance of the divine Principle of the idea — ignorance of Truth and Love.

### 27 | [442:30](#)

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

### 28 | [454:9](#)

Human hate has no legitimate mandate and no kingdom. Love is enthroned. That evil or matter has neither intelligence nor power, is the doctrine of absolute Christian Science, and this is the great truth which strips all disguise from error.

### 29 | [324:13 \(only\)](#)

Be watchful, sober, and vigilant.

### 30 | [102:16–23, 30–2](#)

The mild forms of animal magnetism are disappearing, and its aggressive features are coming to the front. 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.

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.

Hidden  
agents

**The Bible****21 | Ephesians 6:10, 18**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

<sup>18</sup> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

**22 | Romans 16:1–3, 5 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .), 16 The**

<sup>1</sup> I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: <sup>2</sup> That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. <sup>3</sup> Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

<sup>5</sup> Likewise greet the church that is in their house.

<sup>16</sup> The churches of Christ salute you.

**23 | Ephesians 3:20, 21**

<sup>20</sup> Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, <sup>21</sup> Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

**Science and Health****31 | 35:19–25 2<sup>nd</sup> Our**

Our church is built on the divine Principle, Spiritual  
Eucharist  
Love. We can unite with this church only as we are new-born of Spirit, as we reach the Life which is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the sick.

**32 | 497:24**

And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure.