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Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?

GOLDEN TEXT

Psalms 35:11

False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 119:89, 114, 117, 128 / *esteem*; 101:7;

Proverbs 3:1–8, 13, 21, 22

Ps. 119:89 For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

114 **Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.**

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

128 . . . I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

101:7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

Prov. 3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments;

2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

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

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **Psalms 118:27 (to :), 28, 29 (to ;)**

²⁷ God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light:

²⁸ Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. ²⁹ O give thanks unto the Lord;

2 | **Psalms 100:5**

⁵ For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

3 | **Zephaniah 3:15**

¹⁵ The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

4 | **Proverbs 12:2 (to :), 17, 28**

² A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord:

¹⁷ He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

²⁸ In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

5 | **Psalms 107:15, 20, 42 (to :), 43**

¹⁵ Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice:

43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

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

1 | 103:15–16

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

2 | 356:19

God is as incapable of producing sin, sickness, and death as He is of experiencing these errors. How then is it possible for Him to create man subject to this triad of errors, — man who is made in the divine likeness?

Copartnership
impossible

3 | 119:21

God is natural good, and is represented only by the idea of goodness; while evil should be regarded as unnatural, because it is opposed to the nature of Spirit, God.

4 | 130:26–7

If thought is startled at the strong claim of Science for the supremacy of God, or Truth, and

All evil
unnatural

doubts the supremacy of good, ought we not, contrariwise, to be astounded at the vigorous claims of evil and doubt them, and no longer think it natural to love sin and unnatural to forsake it, — no longer imagine evil to be ever-present and good absent? Truth should not seem so surprising and unnatural as error, and error should not seem so real as truth. Sickness should not seem so real as health. There is no error in Science, and our lives must be governed by reality in order to be in harmony with God, the divine Principle of all being.

When once destroyed by divine Science, the false evidence before the corporeal senses disappears.

5 | **273:10–12**

Divine Science reverses the false testimony of the material senses, and thus tears away the foundations of error.

Science
versus
sense

6 | **540:18–21**

It saith to the human sense of sin, sickness, and death, “God never made you, and you are a false sense which hath no knowledge of God.”

Allegiance
to Spirit

SECTION 2

The Bible

6 | **1 Corinthians 15:33 (to :), 34 (to ;)**

³³ Be not deceived:

³⁴ Awake to righteousness, and sin not;

7 | **Matthew 4:17 *Jesus***

¹⁷ Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 | **Matthew 15:1, 2, 10, 11, 18–20 *those (to :)***

¹ Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, ² Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

¹⁰ And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: ¹¹ Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

¹⁸ those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. ¹⁹ For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: ²⁰ These are the things which defile a man:

9 | Psalms 27:11–13

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. ¹² Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. ¹³ I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

10 | Psalms 119:2, 11

² Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

11 | Psalms 52:1 *the*

¹ the goodness of God endureth continually.

Science and Health**7 | 277:10**

If goodness and spirituality are real, evil and materiality are unreal and cannot be the outcome of an infinite God, good.

8 | 480:20–24 (to 2nd .)

It is the opposite of good — that is, evil — which seems to make men capable of wrong-do-

Evil
non-existent

ing. Hence, evil is but an illusion, and it has no real basis. Evil is a false belief. God is not its author.

9 | 339:7

Since God is All, there is no room for His unlikeness. God, Spirit, alone created all, and called it good. Therefore evil, being contrary to good, is unreal, and cannot be the product of God. A sinner can receive no encouragement from the fact that Science demonstrates the unreality of evil, for the sinner would make a reality of sin, — would make that real which is unreal, and thus heap up “wrath against the day of wrath.” He is joining in a conspiracy against himself, — against his own awakening to the awful unreality by which he has been deceived. Only those, who repent of sin and forsake the unreal, can fully understand the unreality of evil.

Evil not produced by God

10 | 30:19

As the individual ideal of Truth, Christ Jesus came to rebuke rabbinical error and all sin, sickness, and death, — to point out the way of Truth and Life. This ideal was demonstrated throughout the whole earthly career of Jesus, showing the difference between the offspring of Soul and of material sense, of Truth and of error.

Rebukes helpful

11 | 122:1–7

The evidence of the physical senses often reverses the real Science of being, and so creates

Opposing testimony

a reign of discord, — assigning seeming power to sin, sickness, and death; but the great facts of Life, rightly understood, defeat this triad of errors, contradict their false witnesses, and reveal the kingdom of heaven, — the actual reign of harmony on earth.

12 | 447:24–27

To put down the claim of sin, you must detect it, remove the mask, point out the illusion, and thus get the victory over sin and so prove its unreality.

13 | 327:1

Reform comes by understanding that there is no abiding pleasure in evil, and also by gaining an affection for good according to Science, which reveals the immortal fact that neither pleasure nor pain, appetite nor passion, can exist in or of matter, while divine Mind can and does destroy the false beliefs of pleasure, pain, or fear and all the sinful appetites of the human mind.

14 | 248:29

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.

SECTION 3

The Bible

12 | **Luke 7:19, 22**

¹⁹ And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

²² Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

13 | **Luke 6:6–10**

⁶ And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered. ⁷ And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸ But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. ⁹ Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it? ¹⁰ And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

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15 | 230:16

God, good, can no more produce sickness than goodness can cause evil and health occasion disease.

16 | 208:12

It is not in accordance with the goodness of God's character that He should make man sick, then leave man to heal himself; it is absurd to suppose that matter can both cause and cure disease, or that Spirit, God, produces disease and leaves the remedy to matter.

17 | 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

18 | 476:28–5

When speaking of God's children, not the children of men, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you;" that is, Truth and Love reign in the real man, showing that man in God's image is unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect

The kingdom
within

man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy.

19 | 376:18–26

Because the so-called material body is a mental concept and governed by mortal mind, it manifests only what that so-called mind expresses. Therefore the efficient remedy is to destroy the patient's false belief by both silently and audibly arguing the true facts in regard to harmonious being, — representing man as healthy instead of diseased, and showing that it is impossible for matter to suffer, to feel pain or heat, to be thirsty or sick.

20 | 297:7–16

It is as necessary for a health-illusion, as for an illusion of sickness, to be instructed out of itself into the understanding of what constitutes health; for a change in either a health-belief or a belief in sickness affects the physical condition.

Erroneous belief is destroyed by truth. Self-improvement
 Change the evidence, and that disappears which before seemed real to this false belief, and the human consciousness rises higher. Thus the reality of being is attained and man found to be immortal.

21 | 418:28–29

Speak the truth to every form of error. Morality required

22 | 417:10–18

Maintain the facts of Christian Science, — that Spirit is God, and therefore cannot be sick; that what is termed matter cannot be sick; that all causation is Mind, acting through spiritual law. Then hold your ground with the unshaken understanding of Truth and Love, and you will win. When you silence the witness against your plea, you destroy the evidence, for the disease disappears.

SECTION 4**The Bible****14 | Matthew 24:4 *Take***

⁴ Take heed that no man deceive you.

15 | Colossians 3:2, 3 *your, 4*

² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

³ your life is hid with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

16 | II Timothy 1:1, 2 *Grace*

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

2 Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

17 | **Acts 20:7–12 upon**

7 upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. 8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. 9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. 10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. 11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. 12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

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23 | **325:10**

In Colossians (iii. 4) Paul writes: “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear [be manifested], then shall ye also appear [be manifested] with him in glory.” When spiritual being is understood in all its perfection, continuity, and might, then shall man be found in God’s im-

Indestructible
being

age. The absolute meaning of the apostolic words is this: Then shall man be found, in His likeness, perfect as the Father, indestructible in Life, “hid with Christ in God,” — with Truth in divine Love, where human sense hath not seen man.

24 | 253:9

I hope, dear reader, I am leading you into the understanding of your divine rights, your heaven-bestowed harmony, — that, as you read, you see there is no cause (outside of erring, mortal, material sense which is not power) able to make you sick or sinful; and I hope that you are conquering this false sense. Knowing the falsity of so-called material sense, you can assert your prerogative to overcome the belief in sin, disease, or death.

Heaven-
bestowed
prerogative

25 | 108:19

When apparently near the confines of mortal existence, standing already within the shadow of the death-valley, I learned these truths in divine Science: that all real being is in God, the divine Mind, and that Life, Truth, and Love are all-powerful and ever-present; that the opposite of Truth, — called error, sin, sickness, disease, death, — is the false testimony of false material sense, of mind in matter; that this false sense evolves, in belief, a subjective state of mortal mind which this same so-called mind names *matter*, thereby shutting out the true sense of Spirit.

Light shining
in darkness

26 | 348:26

I have never supposed the world would immediately witness the full fruitage of Christian Science, or that sin, disease, and death would not be believed for an indefinite time; but this I do aver, that, as a result of teaching Christian Science, ethics and temperance have received an impulse, health has been restored, and longevity increased. If such are the present fruits, what will the harvest be, when this Science is more generally understood?

Full fruitage
yet to come

27 | 164:17–18, 23–25

If you or I should appear to die, we should not be dead. But the forever fact remains paramount that Life, Truth, and Love save from sin, disease, and death.

28 | 406:20–25 We

We can, and ultimately shall, so rise as to avail ourselves in every direction of the supremacy of Truth over error, Life over death, and good over evil, and this growth will go on until we arrive at the fulness of God's idea, and no more fear that we shall be sick and die.

Resist to
the end

SECTION 5

The Bible

18 | **Proverbs 14:5 (to :), 25 (to :)**

5 A faithful witness will not lie:

25 A true witness delivereth souls:

19 | **Romans 8:6 *to be spiritually*, 16, 28**

6 to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

20 | **Psalms 36:7**

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

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29 | **304:9**

This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never

produce mind nor life result in death. The perfect man — governed by God, his perfect Principle — is sinless and eternal.

30 | **516:4**

The substance, Life, intelligence, Truth, and Love, which constitute Deity, are reflected by His creation; and when we subordinate the false testimony of the corporeal senses to the facts of Science, we shall see this true likeness and reflection everywhere.

31 | **567:7–8**

To infinite, ever-present Love, all is Love, and there is no error, no sin, sickness, nor death.

32 | **518:21**

All the varied expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality — infinite Life, Truth, and Love.

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