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1. I Cor. 6:19

- 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2. Ps. 103:1–5

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *ble*ss his holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

3. Eph. 6:14

- 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

4. Gen. 1:1–4, 26, 27, 31 (to 1st .)

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- 4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- 26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- 27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. ...

5. Gen. 2:6, 7, 18, 21–25

- 6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
- 7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
- 18 ¶ And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.
- 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
- 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.
- 23 And Adam said, *This is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.
- 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
- 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

6. Heb. 4:12–16 the

- 12 ... the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
- 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.
- 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, *yet* without sin.
- 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

7. Ps. 45:13 (to :)

- 13 The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: ...

8. Mark 5:25–34

- 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
- 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
- 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
- 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.
- 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.
- 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?
- 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest

thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

9. Heb. 5:1–4

1 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as *was* Aaron.

10. Ex. 25:1–8

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*,

5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.

8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

11. Ex. 28:1 (to 1st), 2, 15, 17–21, 29, 30

1 And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, ...

2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.

15 ¶ And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, and *of* fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, *even* four rows of stones: *the first row shall be* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: *this shall be* the first row.

18 And the second row *shall be* an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their enclosings.

21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy *place*, for a memorial before

the LORD continually.

- 30 ¶ And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

12. Rev. 21:2, 18–22

- 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 18 And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass.
- 19 And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation *was* jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;
- 20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.
- 21 And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass.
- 22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

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1. SH 576:14–23

- The word *temple* also
- 15 means *body*. The Revelator was familiar with Jesus' use of this word, as when Jesus spoke of his material body as the temple to be temporarily rebuilt
- 18 (John ii. 21). What further indication need we of the real man's incorporeality than this, that John saw heaven and earth with "no temple [body] therein"?
- 21 This kingdom of God "is within you," — is within reach of man's consciousness here, and the spiritual idea reveals it.

The shrine
celestial

2. SH 29:20–24, 26

- The illumination of Mary's spiritual sense put to
- 21 silence material law and its order of generation, and brought forth her child by the revelation of Truth, demonstrating God as the Father of
- 24 men.

Spiritual
conception

The Christ dwelt forever

27 an idea in the bosom of God, the divine Principle of the man Jesus, and woman perceived this spiritual idea, though at first faintly developed.

3. SH 596:11–19

URIM. Light.

12 The rabbins believed that the stones in the breast-plate of the high-priest had supernatural illumination, but Christian Science reveals Spirit, not matter, as the
15 illuminator of all. The illuminations of Science give us a sense of the nothingness of error, and they show the spiritual inspiration of Love and Truth to be the only fit
18 preparation for admission to the presence and power of the Most High.

4. SH 595:11–16

THUMMIM. Perfection; the eternal demand of divine
12 Science.

The Urim and Thummim, which were to be on Aaron's breast when he went before Jehovah, were holiness and
15 purification of thought and deed, which alone can fit us for the office of spiritual teaching.

5. SH 151:8

Great respect is due the motives and philanthropy of
9 the higher class of physicians. We know that if they understood the Science of Mind-healing, and were in possession of the enlarged power it confers
12 to benefit the race physically and spiritually, they would rejoice with us. Even this one reform in medicine would ultimately deliver mankind from the awful and oppres-
15 sive bondage now enforced by false theories, from which multitudes would gladly escape.

Intentions
respected

6. SH 401:27–19

27 Until the advancing age admits the efficacy and supremacy of Mind, it is better for Christian Scientists to leave surgery and the adjustment of broken bones
30 and dislocations to the fingers of a surgeon, while the mental healer confines himself chiefly to mental reconstruction and to the prevention of inflammation.
1 Christian Science is always the most skilful surgeon, but surgery is the branch of its healing which will be last

Skilful
surgery

3 acknowledged. However, it is but just to say that the
author has already in her possession well-authenticated
6 mental surgery alone, of broken bones, dislocated joints,
and spinal vertebræ.

The time approaches when mortal mind will forsake
9 its corporeal, structural, and material basis, when im-
mortal Mind and its formations will be appre-
hended in Science, and material beliefs will
12 not interfere with spiritual facts. Man is indestructible
and eternal. Sometime it will be learned that mortal
mind constructs the mortal body with this mind's own
15 mortal materials. In Science, no breakage nor dislocation
can really occur. You say that accidents, injuries, and
disease kill man, but this is not true. The life of man is
18 Mind. The material body manifests only what mortal
mind believes, whether it be a broken bone, disease, or sin.

Indestructible
life of man

7. SH 164:9

9 It is just to say that generally the cultured class of medi-
cal practitioners are grand men and women, therefore
they are more scientific than are false claimants to Chris-
12 tian Science. But all human systems based on material
premises are minus the unction of divine Science. Much
yet remains to be said and done before all mankind is
15 saved and all the mental microbes of sin and all diseased
thought-germs are exterminated.

8. SH 235:4, 19

Better suffer a doctor infected with smallpox to attend
you than to be treated mentally by one who does not obey
6 the requirements of divine Science.

Physicians, whom the sick employ in their helplessness,
should be models of virtue. They should be wise spir-
21 itual guides to health and hope. To the trem-
blers on the brink of death, who understand
not the divine Truth which is Life and perpetuates being,
24 physicians should be able to teach it. Then when the soul
is willing and the flesh weak, the patient's feet may be
planted on the rock Christ Jesus, the true idea of spiritual
27 power.

Physicians'
privilege

9. SH 528:9–18, 28

9 Genesis ii. 21, 22. And the Lord God [Jehovah, Yawah]
caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and
He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead
12 thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God [Jehovah] had
taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto
the man.

15 Here falsity, error, credits Truth, God, with inducing
a sleep or hypnotic state in Adam in order to perform a
surgical operation on him and thereby create
18 woman.

Hypnotic
surgery

But according to this narrative, surgery was first per-
formed mentally and without instruments;
30 and this may be a useful hint to the medical
faculty. Later in human history, when the forbidden
1 fruit was bringing forth fruit of its own kind, there
came a suggestion of change in the *modus operandi*, —
3 that man should be born of woman, not woman again
taken from man. It came about, also, that instruments
were needed to assist the birth of mortals. The first
6 system of suggestive obstetrics has changed. Another
change will come as to the nature and origin of man,
and this revelation will destroy the *dream* of existence,
9 reinstate reality, usher in Science and the glorious fact
of creation, that both man and woman proceed from
God and are His eternal children, belonging to no lesser
12 parent.

Mental
midwifery

10. SH 422:5–26 (np)

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

Effect of
this book

Patients, unfamiliar with the cause of this commotion
12 and ignorant that it is a favorable omen, may be alarmed.
If such be the case, explain to them the law
of this action. As when an acid and alkali

Disease
neutralized

15 meet and bring out a third quality, so mental and moral
chemistry changes the material base of thought, giving
more spirituality to consciousness and causing it to depend

18 less on material evidence. These changes which go on
in mortal mind serve to reconstruct the body. Thus
Christian Science, by the alchemy of Spirit, destroys sin
21 and death.

Let us suppose two parallel cases of bone-disease, both
similarly produced and attended by the same symptoms.

24 A surgeon is employed in one case, and a
Christian Scientist in the other. The sur-
geon, holding that matter forms its own conditions and
27 renders them fatal at certain points, entertains fears and
doubts as to the ultimate outcome of the injury. Not
holding the reins of government in his own hands, he
30 believes that something stronger than Mind — namely,
matter — governs the case. His treatment is therefore
tentative. This mental state invites defeat. The belief
1 that he has met his master in matter and may not be
able to mend the bone, increases his fear; yet this belief
3 should not be communicated to the patient, either ver-
bally or otherwise, for this fear greatly diminishes the
tendency towards a favorable result. Remember that the
6 unexpressed belief oftentimes affects a sensitive patient
more strongly than the expressed thought.

The Christian Scientist, understanding scientifically
9 that all is Mind, commences with mental causation, the
truth of being, to destroy the error. This cor-
rective is an alterative, reaching to every part
12 of the human system. According to Scripture, it searches
“the joints and marrow,” and it restores the harmony of
man.

15 The matter-physician deals with matter as both his foe
and his remedy. He regards the ailment as weakened or
strengthened according to the evidence which
18 matter presents. The metaphysician, making
Mind his basis of operation irrespective of matter and
regarding the truth and harmony of being as superior to
21 error and discord, has rendered himself strong, instead
of weak, to cope with the case; and he proportionately
strengthens his patient with the stimulus of courage and
24 conscious power. Both Science and consciousness are
now at work in the economy of being according to the law
of Mind, which ultimately asserts its absolute supremacy.

Bone-healing
by surgery

Scientific
corrective

Coping with
difficulties

11. SH 84:28–18

All we correctly know of Spirit comes from God, divine Principle, and is learned through Christ and Christian Science. If this Science has been thoroughly learned and properly digested, we can know the truth more accurately than the astronomer can read the stars or calculate an eclipse. This Mind-reading is the opposite of clairvoyance. It is the illumination of the spiritual understanding which demonstrates the capacity of Soul, not of material sense. This Soul-sense comes to the human mind when the latter yields to the divine Mind.

Scientific
foreknowing

Such intuitions reveal whatever constitutes and perpetuates harmony, enabling one to do good, but not evil. You will reach the perfect Science of healing when you are able to read the human mind after this manner and discern the error you would destroy. The Samaritan woman said: “Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?”

Value of
intuition

It is recorded that Jesus, as he once journeyed with his students, “knew their thoughts,” — read them scientifically. In like manner he discerned disease and healed the sick.

12. SH 462:31

The Christian Scientist, through understanding mental anatomy, discerns and deals with the real cause of disease. The material physician gropes among phenomena, which fluctuate every instant under influences not embraced in his diagnosis, and so he may stumble and fall in the darkness.

13. SH 162:4

Christian Science brings to the body the sunlight of Truth, which invigorates and purifies. Christian Science acts as an alterative, neutralizing error with Truth. It changes the secretions, expels humors, dissolves tumors, relaxes rigid muscles, restores carious bones to soundness. The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind.

Truth an
alterative

14. SH 503:12–15

Spiritual
harmony

¹² 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
¹⁵ the universe.

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