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1. Ps. 96:9 (to :)

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: ...

2. Lev. 19:1 the, 2

1 ... the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy.

3. Lev. 20:7, 8

7 ¶ Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.

8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I *am* the LORD which sanctify you.

4. Lev. 13:1, 9, 45, 46

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying,

9 ¶ When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest;

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.

46 All the days wherein the plague *shall be* in him he shall be defiled; he *is* unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp *shall* his habitation *be*.

5. Ps. 38:6–9, 15, 21, 22

6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

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

9 Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

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

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.

22 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

6. Ps. 103:1–4

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* 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;

7. Lev. 14:1–8 (to :), 10, 12, 13 (to 1st :), 14–17, 19, 20

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest:
- 3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper;
- 4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive *and* clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:
- 5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water:
- 6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water:
- 7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.
- 8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: ...
- 10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour *for* a meat offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil.
- 12 And the priest shall take one he lamb, and offer him for a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD:
- 13 And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place: ...
- 14 And the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:
- 15 And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand:
- 16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that *is* in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD:
- 17 And of the rest of the oil that *is* in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and

upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering:

- 19 And the priest shall offer the sin offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering:
20 And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the meat offering upon the altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

8. Lev. 22:32 I

- 32 ... I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I *am* the LORD which hallow you,

9. Lev. 19:17 (to :), 18 (to :)

- 17 ¶ Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: ...
18 ¶ Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: ...

10. Lev. 26:2–4, 6 (to :), 12

- 2 ¶ Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.
3 ¶ If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;
4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: ...
12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

11. Ps. 16:1, 5, 8–10

- 1 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.
5 The LORD *is* the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.
8 I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.
10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

12. Ps. 51:7, 16, 17 (to :), 19 (to :)

- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: ...
19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: ...

13. Matt. 4:23 Jesus

23 ... Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

14. Matt. 10:1, 7, 8

- 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.
- 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

15. Luke 17:11–19

- 11 ¶ And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
- 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:
- 13 And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.
- 14 And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.
- 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,
- 16 And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.
- 17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?
- 18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.
- 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

16. Mark 1:34 (to ;), 40–44

- 34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; ...
- 40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
- 41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.
- 42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.
- 43 And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away;
- 44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a

testimony unto them.

17. Heb. 9:14, 19, 20, 24

- 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,
- 20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.
- 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

18. Heb. 10:1, 4–6, 22–25 (to :)

- 1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.
- 4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
- 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:
- 6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure.
- 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
- 23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
- 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
- 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: ...

19. James 5:13–16

- 13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.
- 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
- 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
- 16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1. SH 176:31

Truth handles the most malignant contagion with perfect assurance.

2. SH 595:7

TEMPLE. Body; the idea of Life, substance, and intelligence; the superstructure of Truth; the shrine of
9 Love; a material superstructure, where mortals congregate for worship.

3. SH 153:25–155:21

We weep because others weep, we yawn because they yawn, and we have smallpox because others have it; but
27 mortal mind, not matter, contains and carries the infection. When this mental contagion is understood, we shall be more careful of our mental conditions, and we shall avoid loquacious tattling about
30 disease, as we would avoid advocating crime. Neither sympathy nor society should ever tempt us to cherish
1 error in any form, and certainly we should not be error's advocate.

Source of contagion

3 Disease arises, like other mental conditions, from association. Since it is a law of mortal mind that certain diseases should be regarded as contagious, this law obtains credit through association, — calling up the fear that
6 creates the image of disease and its consequent manifestation in the body.

9 This fact in metaphysics is illustrated by the following incident: A man was made to believe that he occupied a bed where a cholera patient had died. Immediately the symptoms of this disease appeared,
12 and the man died. The fact was, that he had not caught the cholera by material contact, because no cholera patient
15 had been in that bed.

Imaginary cholera

If a child is exposed to contagion or infection, the mother is frightened and says, “My child will be sick.”
18 The law of mortal mind and her own fears govern her child more than the child's mind governs itself, and they produce the very results which might

Children's ailments

21 have been prevented through the opposite understanding.
Then it is believed that exposure to the contagion wrought
the mischief.

24 That mother is not a Christian Scientist, and her affec-
tions need better guidance, who says to her child: “You
look sick,” “You look tired,” “You need rest,” or “You
27 need medicine.”

Such a mother runs to her little one, who thinks she has
hurt her face by falling on the carpet, and says, moaning
30 more childishly than her child, “Mamma knows you are
hurt.” The better and more successful method for any
mother to adopt is to say: “Oh, never mind! You’re not
1 hurt, so don’t think you are.” Presently the child forgets
all about the accident, and is at play.

3 When the sick recover by the use of drugs, it is the law
of a general belief, culminating in individual faith, which
heals; and according to this faith will the effect
6 be. Even when you take away the individual
confidence in the drug, you have not yet divorced the drug
from the general faith. The chemist, the botanist, the
9 druggist, the doctor, and the nurse equip the medicine
with their faith, and the beliefs which are in the majority
rule. When the general belief endorses the inanimate
12 drug as doing this or that, individual dissent or faith, un-
less it rests on Science, is but a belief held by a minority,
and such a belief is governed by the majority.

Drug-power
mental

15 The universal belief in physics weighs against the high
and mighty truths of Christian metaphysics. This errone-
ous general belief, which sustains medicine and
18 produces all medical results, works against
Christian Science; and the percentage of power on the
side of this Science must mightily outweigh the power of
21 popular belief in order to heal a single case of disease.

Belief in
physics

4. SH 219:23–7

We may hear a sweet melody, and yet misunderstand
24 the science that governs it. Those who are healed
through metaphysical Science, not compre-
hending the Principle of the cure, may misun-
27 derstand it, and impute their recovery to change of air or

Scientific
beginning

diet, not rendering to God the honor due to Him alone.
Entire immunity from the belief in sin, suffering, and
30 death may not be reached at this period, but we may look
for an abatement of these evils; and this scientific begin-
ning is in the right direction.

1 We hear it said: "I exercise daily in the open air. I
take cold baths, in order to overcome a predisposition to
3 take cold; and yet I have continual colds,
catarrh, and cough." Such admissions ought
to open people's eyes to the inefficacy of material hygiene,
6 and induce sufferers to look in other directions for cause
and cure.

Hygiene
ineffectual

5. SH 382:5

If half the attention given to hygiene were given to the
6 study of Christian Science and to the spiritualization of
thought, this alone would usher in the millen-
nium. Constant bathing and rubbing to alter
9 the secretions or to remove unhealthy exhalations from
the cuticle receive a useful rebuke from Jesus' precept,
"Take no thought . . . for the body." We must beware
12 of making clean merely the outside of the platter.

Hygiene
excessive

6. SH 197:11

The less that is said of physical structure and laws, and
12 the more that is thought and said about moral
and spiritual law, the higher will be the stand-
ard of living and the farther mortals will be re-
15 moved from imbecility or disease.

Higher
standard
for mortals

7. SH 384:3-18 (np)

3 We should relieve our minds from the depressing thought
that we have transgressed a material law and must of
necessity pay the penalty. Let us reassure
6 ourselves with the law of Love. God never
punishes man for doing right, for honest labor, or for
deeds of kindness, though they expose him to fatigue,
9 cold, heat, contagion. If man seems to incur the penalty
through matter, this is but a belief of mortal mind, not
an enactment of wisdom, and man has only to enter his

Corporeal
penalties

12 protest against this belief in order to annul it. Through
this action of thought and its results upon the body, the
student will prove to himself, by small beginnings, the
15 grand verities of Christian Science.

If exposure to a draught of air while in a state of
perspiration is followed by chills, dry cough, influenza,
18 congestive symptoms in the lungs, or hints of
inflammatory rheumatism, your Mind-remedy
is safe and sure. If you are a Christian Scientist, such
21 symptoms are not apt to follow exposure; but if you
believe in laws of matter and their fatal effects when
transgressed, you are not fit to conduct your own case or
24 to destroy the bad effects of your belief. When the fear
subsides and the conviction abides that you have broken
no law, neither rheumatism, consumption, nor any other
27 disease will ever result from exposure to the weather. In
Science this is an established fact which all the evidence
before the senses can never overrule.

30 Sickness, sin, and death must at length quail before
the divine rights of intelligence, and then the power
of Mind over the entire functions and organs of the
1 human system will be acknowledged. It is proverbial
that Florence Nightingale and other philanthropists en-
3 gaged in humane labors have been able to
undergo without sinking fatigues and expo-
sures which ordinary people could not endure. The ex-
6 planation lies in the support which they derived from
the divine law, rising above the human. The spiritual
demand, quelling the material, supplies energy and en-
9 durance surpassing all other aids, and forestalls the
penalty which our beliefs would attach to our best
deeds. Let us remember that the eternal law of right,
12 though it can never annul the law which makes sin its
own executioner, exempts man from all penalties but
those due for wrong-doing.

15 Constant toil, deprivations, exposures, and all untow-
ard conditions, *if without sin*, can be experienced with-
out suffering. Whatever it is your duty to do,
18 you can do without harm to yourself.

Not matter,
but Mind

Benefit of
philanthropy

Honest toil
has no
penalty

8. SH 1:6

6 Prayer, watching, and working, combined with self-im-
molation, are God's gracious means for accomplishing
9 whatever has been successfully done for the Christian-
ization and health of mankind.

9. SH 135:11–15

The same power which heals sin heals also sickness.
12 This is “the beauty of holiness,” that when Truth heals
the sick, it casts out evils, and when Truth
casts out the evil called disease, it heals the
15 sick.

Fear and
sickness
identical

10. SH 357:4

God is “of purer eyes
than to behold evil.” We sustain Truth, not by accept-
6 ing, but by rejecting a lie.

Two infinite
creators
absurd