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1. John 12:24 Except, 25 (to ;)

- 24 ... Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
- 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; ...

2. Jer. 1:1, 9 2nd the, 10, 18, 19

- 1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:
- 9 ... the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.
- 10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.
- 18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.
- 19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

3. Jer. 2:11, 13

- 11 Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for *that which* doth not profit.
- 13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

4. Jer. 3:14 (to 1st :), 15

- 14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: ...
- 15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

5. Jer. 5:1, 3, 14, 15 (to :), 17, 19, 21

- 1 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.
- 3 O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.
- 14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.
- 15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: ...
- 17 And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.
- 19 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these *things* unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours.
- 21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

6. Jer. 6:14

- 14 They have healed also the hurt *of the daughter* of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.

7. Jer. 7:6, 7, 19

- 6 *If* ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:
- 7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.
- 19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: *do they* not *provoke* themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

8. Jer. 8:5 (to ?), 7, 14 (to :), 15, 22

- 5 Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? ...
- 7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.
- 14 Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and

let us be silent there: ...

- 15 We looked for peace, but no good *came*; *and* for a time of health, and behold trouble!
22 *Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

9. Jer. 9:1, 23, 24

- 1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!
23 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches:
24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.

10. Jer. 12:5

- 5 ¶ If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee*, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

11. Jer. 16:14–16 (to ;)

- 14 ¶ Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.
16 ¶ Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; ...

12. Jer. 17:1, 5, 7, 8, 14

- 1 The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, *and* with the point of a diamond: *it is* graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;
5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.
7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.
8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.
14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.

13. Jer. 18:1–6

- 1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.
- 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.
- 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*.
- 5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

14. Jer. 20:1, 2

- 1 Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who *was* also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.
- 2 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of the LORD.

15. Jer. 21:3, 8–10 Thus

- 3 ¶ Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah:
- 8 ... Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.
- 9 He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey.
- 10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

16. Jer. 23:3–5, 23–25, 28, 32

- 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.
- 4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.
- 5 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.
- 23 *Am* I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?
- 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.
- 25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

- 28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.
- 32 Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

17. Jer. 25:12, 15

- 12 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.
- 15 ¶ For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.

18. Heb. 12:11

- 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

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1. SH 497:9 We

- 9 ... We acknowledge God's forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin and the spiritual understanding that casts out evil as unreal. But the belief in sin is punished so long as the belief lasts.

2. SH 43:21–22

- 21 Jesus rose higher in demonstration because of the cup of bitterness he drank.

3. SH 574:27–30

- 27 The very circumstance, which your suffering sense deems wrathful and afflictive, Love can make an angel entertained unawares.
- 30

Spiritual
wedlock

4. SH 589:12–15 (to 1st .)

12 **JERUSALEM.** Mortal belief and knowledge obtained
from the five corporeal senses; the pride of power and
the power of pride; sensuality; envy; oppression; tyr-
15 anny.

5. SH 582:4

BENJAMIN (Jacob's son). A physical belief as to life,
substance, and mind; human knowledge, or so-called
6 mortal mind, devoted to matter; pride; envy; fame;
illusion; a false belief; error masquerading as the pos-
sessor of life, strength, animation, and power to act.

6. SH 318:5–21

Corporeal senses define diseases as realities; but the
6 Scriptures declare that God made all, even while the cor-
poreal senses are saying that matter causes
disease and the divine Mind cannot or will
9 not heal it. The material senses originate and
support all that is material, untrue, selfish, or debased.
They would put soul into soil, life into limbo, and doom
12 all things to decay. We must silence this lie of material
sense with the truth of spiritual sense. We must cause
the error to cease that brought the belief of sin and death
15 and would efface the pure sense of omnipotence.

What
the senses
originate

Is the sick man sinful above all others? No! but
so far as he is discordant, he is not the image of God.
18 Weary of their material beliefs, from which
comes so much suffering, invalids grow more
spiritual, as the error — or belief that life is in matter —
21 yields to the reality of spiritual Life.

Sickness
as discord

7. SH 521:12

12 The harmony and immortality of man are intact. We
should look away from the opposite supposition that man
is created materially, and turn our gaze to the spiritual
15 record of creation, to that which should be engraved on
the understanding and heart “with the point of a diamond”
and the pen of an angel.

8. SH 66:30–17

30 Sorrow has its reward. It never leaves us
where it found us. The furnace separates
the gold from the dross that the precious metal may
1 be graven with the image of God. The cup our Father
hath given, shall we not drink it and learn the lessons
3 He teaches?

The gold
and dross

When the ocean is stirred by a storm, then the clouds
lower, the wind shrieks through the tightened shrouds,
6 and the waves lift themselves into mountains.
We ask the helmsman: “Do you know your
course? Can you steer safely amid the storm?” He
9 answers bravely, but even the dauntless seaman is not
sure of his safety; nautical science is not equal to the
Science of Mind. Yet, acting up to his highest under-
12 standing, firm at the post of duty, the mariner works on
and awaits the issue. Thus should we deport ourselves
on the seething ocean of sorrow. Hoping and work-
15 ing, one should stick to the wreck, until an irresistible
propulsion precipitates his doom or sunshine gladdens
the troubled sea.

Weathering
the storm

9. SH 442:22

Christ, Truth,
gives mortals temporary food and clothing until the ma-
24 terial, transformed with the ideal, disappears, and man
is clothed and fed spiritually. St. Paul says, “Work
out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Jesus
27 said, “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good
pleasure to give you the kingdom.” This truth is
Christian Science.

10. SH 443:1–12 (np)

1 **W**HEN the discoverer of Christian Science is con-
sulted by her followers as to the propriety, advan-
3 tage, and consistency of systematic medical
study, she tries to show them that under ordi-
nary circumstances a resort to faith in corporeal means
6 tends to deter those, who make such a compromise, from

Study of
medicine

entire confidence in omnipotent Mind as really possessing all power. While a course of medical study is at times
9 severely condemned by some Scientists, she feels, as she always has felt, that all are privileged to work out their own salvation according to their light, and that our motto
12 should be the Master's counsel, "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

If patients fail to experience the healing power of
15 Christian Science, and think they can be benefited by certain ordinary physical methods of medical treatment, then the Mind-physician should
18 give up such cases, and leave invalids free to resort to whatever other systems they fancy will afford relief.

Thus such invalids may learn the value of the apostolic
21 precept: "Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." If the sick find these material expedients
1 unsatisfactory, and they receive no help from them, these very failures may open their blind eyes. In some way,
3 sooner or later, all must rise superior to materiality, and suffering is oft the divine agent in this elevation. "All things work together for good to them that love God," is
6 the dictum of Scripture.

If Christian Scientists ever fail to receive aid from other Scientists, — their brethren upon whom they may
9 call, — God will still guide them into the right use of temporary and eternal means. Step by step will those who trust Him find that "God is our refuge
12 and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Failure's
lessons

Refuge and
strength

11. SH 485:14–13

Emerge gently from matter into Spirit. Think not
15 to thwart the spiritual ultimate of all things, but come naturally into Spirit through better health and morals and as the result of spiritual growth.
18 Not death, but the understanding of Life, makes man immortal. The belief that life can be in matter or soul in body, and that man springs from dust or from an egg,
21 is the result of the mortal error which Christ, or Truth, destroys by fulfilling the spiritual law of being, in which man is perfect, even as the "Father which is in heaven

Scientific
translations

24 is perfect.” If thought yields its dominion to other
powers, it cannot outline on the body its own beautiful
images, but it effaces them and delineates foreign agents,
27 called disease and sin.

The heathen gods of mythology controlled war and
agriculture as much as nerves control sensation or
30 muscles measure strength. To say that
strength is in matter, is like saying that the
power is in the lever. The notion of any life or intelli-
1 gence in matter is without foundation in fact, and you
can have no faith in falsehood when you have learned
3 falsehood’s true nature.

Material
beliefs

Suppose one accident happens to the eye, another to
the ear, and so on, until every corporeal sense is quenched.
6 What is man’s remedy? To die, that he may
regain these senses? Even then he must gain
spiritual understanding and spiritual sense in order to
9 possess immortal consciousness. Earth’s preparatory
school must be improved to the utmost. In reality man
never dies. The belief that he dies will not establish his
12 scientific harmony. Death is not the result of Truth but
of error, and one error will not correct another.

Sense *versus*
Soul

12. SH 96:12–27

12 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
15 Science and peace. The breaking up of mate-
rial beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want
and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new
18 phases until their nothingness appears. These disturb-
ances will continue until the end of error, when all
discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth.

Arena of
contest

21 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
24 changeable, but spiritual understanding is changeless.

As this consummation draws nearer, he who has
shaped his course in accordance with divine Science
27 will endure to the end.

13. SH 8:30–32

30 If a
friend informs us of a fault, do we listen pa-
tiently to the rebuke and credit what is said?

Searching
the heart

14. SH 9:14

 There is
15 a cross to be taken up before we can enjoy the fruition
of our hope and faith.

15. SH 57:24

24 The wintry
blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affec-
tion, and scatter them to the winds; but this severance
27 of fleshly ties serves to unite thought more closely to
God, for Love supports the struggling heart until it ceases
to sigh over the world and begins to unfold its wings for
30 heaven.

Help and
discipline