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1. Isa. 55:8 my, 9

- 8 ... my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

2. II Kings 2:1–15 it (to 1st .)

- 1 ... it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind,
that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.
2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to
Beth-el. And Elisha said *unto him*, As the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not
leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.
3 And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto
him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And
he said, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.
4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to
Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.
So they came to Jericho.
5 And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him,
Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he
answered, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.
6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to
Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.
And they two went on.
7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they
two stood by Jordan.
8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and smote the waters, and they
were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.
9 ¶ And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask
what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray

thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

- 10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.
- 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.
- 12 ¶ And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.
- 13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;
- 14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.
- 15 And when the sons of the prophets which *were* to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. ...

3. II Kings 4:8–36 Elisha

- 8 ... Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.
- 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.
- 10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.
- 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
- 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.
- 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.
- 14 And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.
- 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.
- 16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.
- 17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.
- 18 ¶ And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the

reapers.

- 19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.
- 20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.
- 21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.
- 22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.
- 23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to-day? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be* well.
- 24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.
- 25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite:
- 26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well.
- 27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul *is* vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.
- 28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?
- 29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.
- 30 And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.
- 31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.
- 32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.
- 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.
- 34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.
- 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.
- 36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

4. II Kings 6:8–23

- 8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp.
- 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.
- 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.
- 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?
- 12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.
- 13 ¶ And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.
- 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.
- 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?
- 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.
- 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.
- 18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.
- 19 ¶ And Elisha said unto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.
- 20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they were* in the midst of Samaria.
- 21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them*? shall I smite *them*?
- 22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them*: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.
- 23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

5. II Kings 13:20, 21

- 20 ¶ And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.
- 21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band *of men*; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

6. Col. 3:2, 3

- 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
- 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

7. John 14:12

- 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

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1. SH 246:27 (only), 28 (only)

- 27 Life is eternal.

Life and goodness are immortal.

2. SH 72:23–26, 30

- In Science, individual good derived
- 24 from God, the infinite All-in-all, may flow from the departed to mortals; but evil is neither communicable nor scientific.
- 30 Not personal intercommunion but divine law is the communicator of truth, health, and harmony to earth and humanity. As readily can you mingle fire and frost as
- 1 Spirit and matter. In either case, one does not support the other.

Scientific
phenomena

3. SH 34:5

If Christ,

- 6 Truth, has come to us in demonstration, no other commemoration is requisite, for demonstration is Immanuel, or *God with us*; and if a friend be with us, why need we

9 memorials of that friend?

4. SH 470:32

The relations of God and man, divine Principle and
1 idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows
no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine
3 order or spiritual law, in which God and all that He cre-
ates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged
in its eternal history.

5. SH 289:31

Man is not the offspring of flesh, but of Spirit, — of
Life, not of matter. Because Life is God, Life must be
1 eternal, self-existent. Life is the everlasting I AM, the Be-
ing who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase.

6. SH 259:1

1 Man is not absorbed in Deity, and
man cannot lose his individuality, for he re-
3 flects eternal Life; nor is he an isolated, soli-
tary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all
substance.

God's man
discerned

7. SH 475:6–7 Man, 13–14

6 ... Man is not matter; he is not made up of
brain, blood, bones, and other material elements.

Man is idea, the image, of
Love; he is not physique.

8. SH 483:1

1 Then comes the question, how do drugs, hygiene, and
animal magnetism heal? It may be affirmed that they
3 do not heal, but only relieve suffering tempo-
rarily, exchanging one disease for another.

True healing
transcendent

We classify disease as error, which nothing but Truth or
6 Mind can heal, and this Mind must be divine, not human.
Mind transcends all other power, and will ultimately su-
persede all other means in healing. In order to heal by
9 Science, you must not be ignorant of the moral and spir-

itual demands of Science nor disobey them. Moral ignorance or sin affects your demonstration, and hinders its
12 approach to the standard in Christian Science.

9. SH 182:26

Pleas

27 for drugs and laws of health come from some sad incident,
or else from ignorance of Christian Science and its transcendent power.

10. SH 483:19

To those natural Christian Scientists, the ancient worthies, and to Christ Jesus, God certainly revealed
21 the spirit of Christian Science, if not the absolute letter.

11. SH 585:9–14

9 ELIAS. Prophecy; spiritual evidence opposed to material sense; Christian Science, with which can be discerned the spiritual fact of whatever the material senses behold;
12 the basis of immortality.

“Elias truly shall first come and restore all things.”
(Matthew xvii. 11.)

12. SH 87:5–9, 19–25 (to 2nd .), 29–5

It is needless for the thought or for the person holding the transferred picture to be individually and consciously present. Though individuals have passed away, their mental environment remains to be discerned, described, and transmitted.

Mental
environment

The mine knows naught of the emeralds within its rocks; the sea is ignorant of the gems within its caverns,
21 of the corals, of its sharp reefs, of the tall ships that float on its bosom, or of the bodies which lie buried in its sands: yet these are all there. Do not
24 suppose that any mental concept is gone because you do not think of it. The true concept is never lost.

Buried
secrets

Memory may reproduce voices long ago silent. We
30 have but to close the eyes, and forms rise

Recollected
friends

before us, which are thousands of miles away
or altogether gone from physical sight and sense, and
1 this not in dreamy sleep. In our day-dreams we can
recall that for which the poet Tennyson expressed the
3 heart's desire, —

the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still.

13. SH 238:9–10

9 Losing her crucifix, the Roman Catholic
girl said, “I have nothing left but Christ.”

14. SH 333:26

The divine image, idea, or Christ was, is, and
27 ever will be inseparable from the divine Principle, God.
Jesus referred to this unity of his spiritual identity thus:
“Before Abraham was, I am;” “I and my Father are
30 one;” “My Father is greater than I.” The one Spirit
includes all identities.

15. SH 2:23

God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more? God is
24 intelligence. Can we inform the infinite Mind of any-
thing He does not already comprehend?
Do we expect to change perfection? Shall
27 we plead for more at the open fount, which is pour-
ing forth more than we accept? The unspoken desire
does bring us nearer the source of all existence and
30 blessedness.

God's
standard

16. SH 114:23–25, 29

Christian Science explains all cause and effect as men-
24 tal, not physical. It lifts the veil of mystery from Soul and
body.

Science shows that what is termed *mat-*
30 *ter* is but the subjective state of what is termed by the
author *mortal mind*.

17. SH 115:19–21 (to .), 25–26 (to .)

SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION OF MORTAL MIND

First Degree: Depravity.

21 PHYSICAL. ...

Second Degree: Evil beliefs disappearing.

MORAL. ...

18. SH 116:1–2 (to .), 4–5

1 *Third Degree:* Understanding.

SPIRITUAL. ...

In the third degree mortal mind disappears, and man as God's image appears.

19. SH 508:28–4

The third stage in the order of Christian Science is an important one to the human thought, letting in the light
1 of spiritual understanding. This period corresponds to the resurrection, when Spirit is discerned to be the Life of
3 all, and the deathless Life, or Mind, dependent upon no material organization.

Rising to
the light

20. SH 593:4

PROPHET. A spiritual seer; disappearance of material sense before the conscious facts of spiritual Truth.

21. SH 573:3–2

3 The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see, — that which is invisible to the uninspired thought. This testimony of Holy
6 Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the
9 unillumined human mind, the vision is material. This shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages of con-
12 sciousness.

Accompanying this scientific consciousness was an-

other revelation, even the declaration from heaven, supreme harmony, that God, the divine Principle of harmony, is ever with men, and they are His people. Thus man was no longer regarded as a miserable sinner, but as the blessed child of God. Why? Because St. John's corporeal sense of the heavens and earth had vanished, and in place of this false sense was the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could see the new heaven and new earth, which involve the spiritual idea and consciousness of reality. This is Scriptural authority for concluding that such a recognition of being is, and has been, possible to men in this present state of existence, — that we can become conscious, here and now, of a cessation of death, sorrow, and pain. This is indeed a foretaste of absolute Christian Science. Take heart, dear sufferer, for this reality of being will surely appear sometime and in some way. There will be no more pain, and all tears will be wiped away. When you read this, remember Jesus' words, "The kingdom of God is within you." This spiritual consciousness is therefore a present possibility.