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■ *King James Bible*

1. John 20:1, 19–22, 24–29

- 1 The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.
- 19 ¶ Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.
- 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.
- 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
- 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
- 24 ¶ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.
- 25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.
- 26 ¶ And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you.
- 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.
- 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.
- 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

2. I John 1:1–3

- 1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

- 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
- 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

3. I John 3:6, 8, 9, 23

- 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.
- 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
- 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
- 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

4. I John 4:8, 18–21

- 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
- 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
- 19 We love him, because he first loved us.
- 20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
- 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

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

1. SH 373:15

15 “The fear of the Lord
is the beginning of wisdom,” but the Scriptures
also declare, through the exalted thought of John, that
18 “perfect Love casteth out fear.”

Love frees
from fear

2. SH 572:6

6 “Love one an-
other” (I John, iii. 23), is the most simple and profound
counsel of the inspired writer. In Science we are chil-
dren of God; but whatever is of material sense, or mor-

Native noth-
ingness of sin

9 tal, belongs not to His children, for materiality is the inverted image of spirituality.

3. SH 46:13

The Master said plainly that physique was not Spirit, and after his resurrection he proved to the physical senses
15 that his body was not changed until he himself ascended, — or, in other words, rose even higher in the understanding of Spirit, God. To convince
18 Thomas of this, Jesus caused him to examine the nail-prints and the spear-wound.

Corporeality
and Spirit

4. SH 589:4

JACOB. A corporeal mortal embracing duplicity, repentance, sensualism. Inspiration; the revelation of
6 Science, in which the so-called material senses yield to the spiritual sense of Life and Love.

5. SH 334:10 The

... The invisible Christ was imperceptible to the so-called personal senses, whereas Jesus appeared as a
12 bodily existence. This dual personality of the unseen and the seen, the spiritual and material, the eternal Christ and the corporeal Jesus manifest
15 in flesh, continued until the Master's ascension, when the human, material concept, or Jesus, disappeared, while the spiritual self, or Christ, continues to exist in
18 the eternal order of divine Science, taking away the sins of the world, as the Christ has always done, even before the human Jesus was incarnate to mortal eyes.

The Son's
duality

6. SH 317:24

24 To the materialistic Thomas, looking for the ideal Saviour in matter instead of in Spirit and to the testimony of the material senses and the body,
27 more than to Soul, for an earnest of immortality, — to him Jesus furnished the proof that he was unchanged by the crucifixion. To this dull and doubt-
30 ing disciple Jesus remained a fleshly reality, so long as the Master remained an inhabitant of the earth. Noth-

Material
skepticism

ing but a display of matter could make existence real
1 to Thomas. For him to believe in matter was no task,
but for him to conceive of the substantiality of Spirit —
3 to know that nothing can efface Mind and immortality, in
which Spirit reigns — was more difficult.

7. SH 366:12–19

12 The physician who lacks sympathy for his fellow-being is deficient in human affection, and we have the apostolic warrant for asking: “He that loveth
15 not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” Not having this spiritual affection, the physician lacks faith in the divine
18 Mind and has not that recognition of infinite Love which alone confers the healing power.

The true physician

8. SH 354:1

1 Are the protests of Christian Science against the notion that there can be material life, substance, or mind “utter
3 falsities and absurdities,” as some aver? Why then do Christians try to obey the Scriptures and war against “the world, the flesh, and the devil”?
6 Why do they invoke the divine aid to enable them to leave all for Christ, Truth? Why do they use this phraseology, and yet deny Christian Science, when it teaches precisely
9 this thought? The words of divine Science find their immortality in deeds, for their Principle heals the sick and spiritualizes humanity.

Christian warfare

9. SH 5:29–32

An apostle says that the Son of God [Christ] came to
30 “destroy the *works* of the devil.” We should follow our divine Exemplar, and seek the destruction of all evil works, error and disease included.

Diabolism destroyed

10. SH 330:25 The

... The notion that both evil and good are real is a delusion of material sense, which Science annihilates.
27 Evil is nothing, no thing, mind, nor power. As manifested by mankind it stands for a lie,

Evil obsolete

nothing claiming to be something, — for lust, dishonesty,
30 selfishness, envy, hypocrisy, slander, hate, theft, adultery,
murder, dementia, insanity, inanity, devil, hell, with all
the etceteras that word includes.

11. SH 319:21

21 The divine Science taught in the original language
of the Bible came through inspiration, and needs inspi-
ration to be understood. Hence the misappre-
24 hension of the spiritual meaning of the Bible,
and the misinterpretation of the Word in
some instances by uninspired writers, who only wrote
27 down what an inspired teacher had said. A misplaced
word changes the sense and misstates the Science of
the Scriptures, as, for instance, to name Love as merely
30 an attribute of God; but we can by special and proper
capitalization speak of the love of Love, meaning by that
what the beloved disciple meant in one of his epistles,
1 when he said, "God is love." Likewise we can speak of
the truth of Truth and of the life of Life, for Christ plainly
3 declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Scriptures
misinter-
preted

12. SH 474:24

24 Despite the hallowing influence of Truth in the de-
struction of error, must error still be immortal? Truth
spares all that is true. If evil is real, Truth
27 must make it so; but error, not Truth, is
the author of the unreal, and the unreal vanishes,
while all that is real is eternal. The apostle says that
30 the mission of Christ is to "destroy the works of the
devil." Truth destroys falsity and error, for light and
darkness cannot dwell together. Light extinguishes the
1 darkness, and the Scripture declares that there is "no
night there." To Truth there is no error, — all is Truth.
3 To infinite Spirit there is no matter, — all is Spirit, divine
Principle and its idea.

Truth
destroys falsity

13. SH 410:17

The Apostle

Love casteth
out fear

18 John says: "There is no fear in Love, but perfect Love

casteth out fear. . . . He that feareth is not made perfect in Love." Here is a definite and inspired proclamation of Christian Science.²¹

14. SH 6:17–18

"God is Love." More than this we cannot ask,
¹⁸ higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.



Bible

5. Rev. 1:1–6, 8–13, 16–20

- ¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:
- ² Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.
- ³ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.
- ⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
- ⁵ And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
- ⁶ And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
- ⁸ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
- ⁹ I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
- ¹¹ Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
- ¹² And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;
- ¹³ And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with

a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

18 I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

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15. SH 334:24

²⁴ The Revelator represents the Son of man as saying (Revelation i. 17, 18): “I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead [not understood]; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, [Science has explained me].” This is a mystical statement of the eternity of the Christ, and is also a reference to the human sense of Jesus crucified.

Eternity of
the Christ

16. SH 141:10

All revelation (such is the popular thought!) must come from the schools and along the line of scholarly and ecclesiastical descent, as kings are crowned from a royal dynasty. In healing the sick and sinning, Jesus elaborated the fact that the healing effect followed the understanding of the divine Principle and of the Christ-spirit which governed the corporeal Jesus. For this Principle there is no dynasty, no ecclesiastical monopoly. Its only crowned head is immortal sovereignty. Its only priest is the spiritualized man. The Bible declares that all believers are made “kings and priests unto God.” The outsiders did not then, and do not now, understand this ruling of the Christ; therefore they cannot demonstrate God’s healing power.

²⁴ Neither can this manifestation of Christ be com-

No
ecclesiastical
monopoly

prehended, until its divine Principle is scientifically understood.

Bible

6. Rev. 3:7, 8, 11–13 hold, 20

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

11 ... hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is* new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him* my new name.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

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17. SH 694:21–27 (np)

AN EXPRESSION OF LOVING GRATITUDE

In the spring of 1893, while studying for the ministry, Science and Health was placed in my hands, and the truth contained therein at once became to me the pearl of great price. I literally devoured the book, reading it about eighteen hours a day. Its originality was startling, upsetting my preconceived opinions of God, man, and creation. Two sentences especially appealed to me: “The foundation of mortal discord is a false sense of man’s origin” (p. 262), and, “For right

¹ reasoning, there should be but one fact before the thought, namely, spiritual existence” (p. 492). I had found the keynote to the Science of being as taught in this marvelous book, and persevered until a glimpse of the new heavens and new earth came, for the old were passing away. With this spiritual uplifting came also physical health.

All my life had been spent in semi-invalidism, and I seemed destined to a life of suffering. In three weeks after beginning Science and Health, to my joyful surprise I found myself a well man, sound physically, and uplifted spiritually. Life was being lived from a new basis, the old things of personal sense were passing away and all things becoming new. I learned that the infinite good is the one Friend upon whom we can call at all times, an all-powerful, ever-present help in every time of trouble; that His children are really governed in peace and harmony by spiritual law, and as the right understanding of it is gained, the other things soon follow, bringing a peace the human concept can never know.

For the last twelve years my whole time has been devoted to Christian Science practice, and I have seen nearly every so-called incurable disease healed by its beneficent influence. God bless our dear Leader! She has set before us an open door, which no man can shut, and it is but a question of time when the world will know her better and love her more.

18. SH 592:18

¹⁸ **NEW JERUSALEM.** Divine Science; the spiritual facts and harmony of the universe; the kingdom of heaven, or reign of harmony.

19. SH 171:12–13

¹² Mind's control over the universe, including man, is no longer an open question, but is demonstrable Science.