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Ancient and
Modern
Necromancy,
alias
Mesmerism
and
Hypnotism,
Denounced

GOLDEN TEXT

Luke 12:2 *there*

... there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

RESPONSIVE READING

**Ecclesiastes 12:14; 9:1 (to :), 14–18 (to :);
Hebrews 4:12** *the, 16*

Ecc. 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

9:1 For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God:

14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:

15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war:

Heb. 4:12 . . . the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the divid-

ing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

2 | [III John 1:11](#)

11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

3 | [I John 4:1, 6](#)

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

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

1 | [462:23–24](#)

Are thoughts divine or human? That is the important question.

2 | [503:24](#)

God creates neither erring thought, mortal life, mutable truth, nor variable love.

3 | [103:18–23 \(to 1st .\)](#)

As named in Christian Science, animal magnetism or hypnotism is the specific term for error, or mortal mind. It is the false belief that mind is in matter, and is both evil and good; that evil is as real as good and more powerful. This belief has not one quality of Truth.

The genus of error

4 | [234:9–12, 31–32](#)

We should become more familiar with good than with evil, and guard against false beliefs as watchfully as we bar our doors against the approach of thieves and murderers.

Hospitality to health and good

Evil thoughts and aims reach no farther and do no more harm than one's belief permits.

5 | [392:24 Stand \(only\)](#)

Stand porter at the door of thought.

6 | **261:4**

Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts.

SECTION 2

The Bible

4 | **Proverbs 10:25**

²⁵ As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

5 | **Matthew 4:17 Jesus**

¹⁷ Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

6 | **Matthew 10:26 there**

²⁶ there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

7 | **Matthew 7:15–20, 24 whosoever, 25**

¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶ Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree

cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

¹⁹ Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

²⁰ Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

²⁴ whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: ²⁵ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

*Science and Health*7 | **539:8–12, 19–24**

What can be the standard of good, of Spirit, of Life, or of Truth, if they produce their opposites, such as evil, matter, error, and death? God could never impart an element of evil, and man possesses nothing which he has not derived from God.

It is false to say that Truth and error commingle in creation.

In parable and argument, this falsity is exposed by our Master as self-evidently wrong. Disputing these points with the Pharisees and arguing for the Science of creation, Jesus said: "Do men gather grapes of thorns?"

8 | **452:4**

Incorrect reasoning leads to practical error. The wrong

Only one standard

A type of falsehood

Indispensable defence

thought should be arrested before it has a chance to manifest itself.

9 | [297:24](#)

Human thoughts have their degrees of comparison. Some thoughts are better than others. A belief in Truth is better than a belief in error, but no mortal testimony is founded on the divine rock. Mortal testimony can be shaken. Until belief becomes faith, and faith becomes spiritual understanding, human thought has little relation to the actual or divine.

10 | [201:7 \(only\)](#)

We cannot build safely on false foundations.

11 | [269:21](#)

The testimony of the material senses is neither absolute nor divine. I therefore plant myself unreservedly on the teachings of Jesus, of his apostles, of the prophets, and on the testimony of the Science of Mind. Other foundations there are none. All other systems — systems based wholly or partly on knowledge gained through the material senses — are reeds shaken by the wind, not houses built on the rock.

Biblical
foundations

SECTION 3

The Bible

8 | [Zephaniah 3:16 it, 17](#)

¹⁶ it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. ¹⁷ The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

9 | [Matthew 14:14, 22–33](#)

¹⁴ And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

²² And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. ²³ And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. ²⁴ But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. ²⁸ And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto

thee on the water. ²⁹ And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? ³² And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. ³³ Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

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12 | [410:29–30](#)

Christian scientific practice begins with Christ's keynote of harmony, "Be not afraid!"

13 | [273:24–3](#)

Jesus walked on the waves, Spiritual law the only law fed the multitude, healed the sick, and raised the dead in direct opposition to material laws. His acts were the demonstration of Science, overcoming the false claims of material sense or law.

Science shows that material, conflicting mortal opinions and beliefs emit the effects of error at all times, but this atmosphere of mortal mind cannot be destructive to morals and health when it is opposed promptly and persistently by Christian Science. Truth and Love anti-

dote this mental miasma, and thus invigorate and sustain existence.

14 | [306:25](#)

Undisturbed amid the jarring testimony of the material senses, Science, still enthroned, is unfolding to mortals the immutable, harmonious, divine Principle, — is unfolding Life and the universe, ever present and eternal.

15 | [455:8–10](#)

You must utilize the moral might of Mind in order to walk over the waves of error and support your claims by demonstration.

16 | [570:14–18, 24](#)

Millions of unprejudiced Receptive hearts minds — simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ's name, and never fear the consequences.

The waters will be pacified, and Christ will command the wave.

SECTION 4

The Bible

10 | [John 8:32](#)

³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

11 | Acts 19:11

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 | Acts 28:1–5 the, 8, 9

1 the island was called Melita. 2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. 3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. 5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. 9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

Science and Health**17 | 514:26–28**

Understanding the control which Love held over all, Daniel felt safe in the lions' den, and Paul proved the viper to be harmless.

18 | 442:16–18

Neither animal magnetism nor hypnotism enters into the practice of Christian Science, in which truth cannot be reversed, but the reverse of error is true.

19 | 380:19

Nothing but the power of Truth can prevent the fear of error, and prove man's dominion over error.

20 | 411:27–32

Always begin your treatment by allaying the fear of patients. Unspoken pleading Silently reassure them as to their exemption from disease and danger. Watch the result of this simple rule of Christian Science, and you will find that it alleviates the symptoms of every disease.

21 | 390:20

Suffer no claim of sin or of sickness to grow upon the thought. Dismiss it with an abiding conviction that it is illegitimate, because you know that God is no more the author of sickness than He is of sin. You have no law of His to support the necessity either of sin or sickness, but you have divine authority for denying that necessity and healing the sick.

22 | 177:5

The evidence of divine Mind's healing power and absolute control is to me as certain as the evidence of my own existence.

23 | 102:30–2

Mankind must learn that evil is not power. Its so-called despotism is but a phase of nothingness. Christian Science despoils the kingdom of evil, and pre-eminently promotes affection and virtue in families and therefore in the community.

SECTION 5**The Bible****13 | Isaiah 29:13, 14, 18**

¹³ Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: ¹⁴ Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

¹⁸ And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

14 | Revelation 1:1

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:

15 | Revelation 10:1–3, 8

¹ And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: ² And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, ³ And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

⁸ And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

Science and Health**24 | 559:1–16, 19–21 (to 2nd .)**

This angel had in his hand "a little book," open for all to read and understand. Did this same book contain the revelation of divine Science, the "right foot" or dominant power of which was upon the sea, — upon elementary, latent error, the source of all error's visible forms? The angel's left foot was upon the earth; that is, a secondary power was exercised upon visible error and audible sin. The "still, small voice" of scientific thought reaches over continent

Truth's
volume

and ocean to the globe's remotest bound. The inaudible voice of Truth is, to the human mind, "as when a lion roareth." It is heard in the desert and in dark places of fear. It arouses the "seven thunders" of evil, and stirs their latent forces to utter the full diapason of secret tones. Then is the power of Truth demonstrated, — made manifest in the destruction of error.

Mortals, obey the heavenly evangel. Take divine Science. Read this book from beginning to end. Study it, ponder it.

25 | [558:10–16](#)

To mortal sense Science The new Evangel seems at first obscure, abstract, and dark; but a bright promise crowns its brow. When understood, it is Truth's prism and praise. When you look it fairly in the face, you can heal by its means, and it has for you a light above the sun, for God "is the light thereof."

26 | [503:12–15](#)

Divine Science, the Word Spiritual harmony of God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, "God is All-in-all," and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe.

SECTION 6

The Bible

16 | [II Corinthians 10:4, 5](#)

⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

17 | [Revelation 12:7–10](#)

⁷ And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

18 | [I Kings 5:4 now](#)

⁴ now the Lord my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

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27 | [580:28–30](#) *An*

An adversary is one who opposes, denies, disputes, not one who constructs and sustains reality and Truth.

28 | [567:7–12, 18–23](#)

To infinite, ever-present Love, all is Love, and there is no error, no sin, sickness, nor death. Against Love, the dragon warreth not long, for he is killed by the divine Principle. Truth and Love prevail against the dragon because the dragon cannot war with them.

That false claim — that ancient belief, that old serpent whose name is devil (evil), claiming that there is intelligence in matter either to benefit or to injure men — is pure delusion, the red dragon; and it is cast out by Christ, Truth, the spiritual idea, and so proved to be powerless.

Dragon
cast down
to earth

29 | [450:19–22](#)

The Christian Scientist has enlisted to lessen evil, disease, and death; and he will

overcome them by understanding their nothingness and the allness of God, or good.

30 | [447:20–22](#)

Expose and denounce the claims of evil and disease in all their forms, but realize no reality in them.

31 | [571:15–18](#)

At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil.

The armor
of divinity

32 | [568:24–30](#)

For victory over a single sin, we give thanks and magnify the Lord of Hosts. What shall we say of the mighty conquest over all sin? A louder song, sweeter than has ever before reached high heaven, now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain.

Pæan of
jubilee

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