

■ Hymns 202, 58, 437

■ The Bible

1. Prov. 24:30–34

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;
31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.
32 Then I saw, *and* considered *it* well: I looked upon *it*, *and* received instruction.
33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
34 So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

2. Isa. 42:17, 18 (to ;)

17 ¶ They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye *are* our gods.
18 Hear, ye deaf; ...

3. Deut. 4:36, 39, 40

36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou hearest his words out of the midst of the fire.
39 Know therefore this day, and consider *it* in thine heart, that the LORD he *is* God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: *there is* none else.
40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

4. Isa. 29:17–19

17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?
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.
19 The meek also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

5. Mark 1:14, 15

14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

6. Mark 7:6 Well, 13, 15, 16, 32, 34, 35, 37

6 ... Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me.

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

7. Matt. 21:28–32

28 ¶ But what think ye? A *certain* man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to-day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I *go*, sir: and went not.

31 Whether of them twain did the will of *his* father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen *it*, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

8. Isa. 1:16, 17 (to ;), 19

16 ¶ Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17 Learn to do well; ...

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:



1. SH xi:22

When God called the author to proclaim His Gospel to this age, there came also the charge to plant and
24 water His vineyard.

2. SH 27:1–16

1 Jesus sent a message to John the Baptist, which was intended to prove beyond a question that the Christ had
3 come: “Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
6 to the poor the gospel is preached.” In other words:
Tell John what the demonstration of divine power is, and he will at once perceive that God is the power in
9 the Messianic work.

That Life is God, Jesus proved by his reappearance after the crucifixion in strict accordance with his scientific statement: “Destroy this temple [body],
12 and in three days I [Spirit] will raise it up.”
It is as if he had said: The I — the Life, substance,
15 and intelligence of the universe — is not in matter to be destroyed.

Living temple

3. SH 585:1–4

1 **EARS.** Not organs of the so-called corporeal senses, but spiritual understanding.
3 Jesus said, referring to spiritual perception, “Having ears, hear ye not?” (Mark viii. 18.)

4. SH 211:24

24 If it is true that nerves have sensation, that matter has intelligence, that the material organism causes the eyes to see and the ears to hear, then, when the body
27 is dematerialized, these faculties must be lost, for their immortality is not in Spirit; whereas the fact is that only through dematerialization and spiritualization of thought can these faculties be conceived of as
30 immortal.

Nerves
painless

5. SH 284:15–23, 28–32; 285:16

15 Can Deity be known through
the material senses? Can the material senses, which re-
ceive no direct evidence of Spirit, give correct testimony
18 as to spiritual life, truth, and love?

Material
recognition
impossible

The answer to all these questions must forever be in
the negative.

21 The physical senses can obtain no proof of God. They
can neither see Spirit through the eye nor hear it through
the ear, nor can they feel, taste, or smell Spirit.

According to Christian Science, the only real senses
of man are spiritual, emanating from divine Mind.

30 Thought passes from God to man, but neither sensation
nor report goes from material body to Mind. The in-
tercommunication is always from God to His idea, man.

The belief that a material body is man is a false con-
ception of man. The time has come for a
18 finite conception of the infinite and of a ma-
terial body as the seat of Mind to give place
to a diviner sense of intelligence and its manifestations, —
21 to the better understanding that Science gives of the
Supreme Being, or divine Principle, and idea.

Material
miscon-
ceptions

6. SH 33:18–5; 34:18–20, 21–23

18 When the human element in him struggled with the
divine, our great Teacher said: “Not my will, but
Thine, be done!” — that is, Let not the flesh,
21 but the Spirit, be represented in me. This
is the new understanding of spiritual Love. It gives all
for Christ, or Truth. It blesses its enemies, heals the
24 sick, casts out error, raises the dead from trespasses
and sins, and preaches the gospel to the poor, the meek
in heart.

The holy
struggle

27 Christians, are you drinking his cup? Have you
shared the blood of the New Covenant, the persecutions
which attend a new and higher understand-
30 ing of God? If not, can you then say that
you have commemorated Jesus in his cup? Are all
who eat bread and drink wine in memory of Jesus willing

Incisive
questions

1 truly to drink his cup, take his cross, and leave all for
the Christ-principle? Then why ascribe this inspira-
3 tion to a dead rite, instead of showing, by casting out
error and making the body “holy, acceptable unto God,”
that Truth has come to the understanding?

18 Through all the disciples experienced, they became more
spiritual and understood better what the Master had
taught.

21 It helped them to raise themselves and
others from spiritual dulness and blind belief in God into
the perception of infinite possibilities.

Fellowship
with Christ

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