

 The Bible

1. John 1:6–9

- 6 ¶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.
- 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.
- 8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.
- 9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

2. Luke 2:52; 3:2 2nd the, 3, 7, 9, 19, 20 he

- 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.
- 2 ... the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.
- 3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;
- 7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- 9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- 19 But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,
- 20 ... he shut up John in prison.

3. Matt. 14:1–8 Herod, 10, 11

- 1 ... Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,
- 2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.
- 3 ¶ For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.
- 4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.
- 5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.
- 6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.
- 7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.
- 8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.
- 10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.
- 11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought *it* to her mother.

4. Acts 12:1 Herod, 3 (to 1st .), 4–23 (to :), 24

- 1 ... Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the church.
- 3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. ...

- 4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.
- 5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.
- 6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.
- 7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.
- 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.
- 9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.
- 10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.
- 11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and *from* all the expectation of the people of the Jews.
- 12 And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.
- 13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.
- 14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.
- 15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.
- 16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened *the door*, and saw him, they were astonished.
- 17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.
- 18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.
- 19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that *they* should be put to death. And he went down from Judæa to Cæsarea, and *there* abode.
- 20 ¶ And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's *country*.
- 21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.
- 22 And the people gave a shout, *saying*, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.
- 23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: ...
- 24 ¶ But the word of God grew and multiplied.



1. SH 289:8 (only)

A wicked mortal is not the idea of God.

2. SH 136:21–25

21 That a wicked king and debauched husband should have
no high appreciation of divine Science and the great work
of the Master, was not surprising; for how could such
24 a sinner comprehend what the disciples did not fully
understand?

3. SH 239:11–12

The wicked man is not the ruler of his upright
12 neighbor.

4. SH 491:25

Per-
sonality is not the individuality of man. A wicked man
27 may have an attractive personality.

5. SH 239:13

The watchword of Christian Science
is Scriptural: “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the
15 unrighteous man his thoughts.”

6. SH 584:17 (only, to .), 19 the

DEVIL. ...

... the lust of
the flesh, which saith: “I am life and intelligence in
21 matter. There is more than one mind, for I am mind, —
a wicked mind, self-made or created by a tribal god and
put into the opposite of mind, termed matter, thence to
24 reproduce a mortal universe, including man, not after the
image and likeness of Spirit, but after its own image.”

7. SH 451:19–3

Every Christian Scientist, every conscientious teacher
of the Science of Mind-healing, knows that human will
21 is not Christian Science, and he must recog-
nize this in order to defend himself from the
influence of human will. He feels morally obligated to
24 open the eyes of his students that they may perceive the
nature and methods of error of every sort, especially any
subtle degree of evil, deceived and deceiving. All mental
27 malpractice arises from ignorance or malice aforethought.
It is the injurious action of one mortal mind controlling
another from wrong motives, and it is practised either

30 with a mistaken or a wicked purpose.

Show your student that mental malpractice tends to blast moral sense, health, and the human life. Instruct
1 him how to bar the door of his thought against this seeming power, — a task not difficult, when one under-
3 stands that evil has in reality no power.

8. SH 452:12

12 When error confronts you, withhold not the rebuke or the explanation which destroys error. Never breathe an immoral
15 atmosphere, unless in the attempt to purify it. Better is the frugal intellectual repast with contentment and virtue, than the luxury of learning with egotism and vice.

9. SH 339:7–17

XXXI. Since God is All, there is no room for His unlikeness. God, Spirit, alone created all, and called it
9 good. Therefore evil, being contrary to good, is unreal, and cannot be the product of God.

Evil not produced by God

A sinner can receive no encouragement from the fact that
12 Science demonstrates the unreality of evil, for the sinner would make a reality of sin, — would make that real which is unreal, and thus heap up “wrath against the
15 day of wrath.” He is joining in a conspiracy against himself, — against his own awakening to the awful unreality by which he has been deceived.

10. SH 96:11–23, 31

“The darkest hour precedes the dawn.”

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 material 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 disturbances 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.

During this final conflict, wicked minds will endeavor to find means by which to accomplish more evil; but
1 those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in

check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They
3 will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the
certainty of ultimate perfection.

11. SH 340:23

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; con-
24 stitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the
Scripture, “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” annihilates
pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in
27 social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes;
equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves
nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

12. SH 497:5–12, 24

2. We acknowledge and adore one supreme and in-
6 finite God. We acknowledge His Son, one Christ; the
Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God’s
image and likeness.

9 3. 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 pun-
12 ished so long as the belief lasts.

24 6. And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for
that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to
do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and
27 to be merciful, just, and pure.