

Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced

GOLDEN TEXT | Galatians 5:22 *the, 23*

. . . THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE: AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW.

RESPONSIVE READING | I John 4:1, 2

Luke 21:8 *Take (to :), 9 (to :), 25–28 there, 33, 34 take, 36*

- 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.
- 2 **Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:**
- 8 . . . Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ;
- 9 **But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified:**
- 25 . . . there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;
- 26 **Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.**

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- 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
- 28 **And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**
- 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
- 34 . . . **take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.**
- 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

*Section 1
The Bible*

1 | Proverbs 10:22

22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

2 | Psalms 143:10 *thou*

10 thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

3 | Numbers 22:1, 3 (to :), 4–6 *And Balak, 12, 18*

1 And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.

3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many:

4 And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time. 5 He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me: 6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more.

4 | Numbers 23:20

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

5 | James 3:10, 11

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

Section 1
Science and Health

1 | 339:8–10

God, Spirit, alone created all, and called it good. Therefore evil, being contrary to good, is unreal, and cannot be the product of God. Evil not produced by God

2 | 519:3

3 Deity was satisfied with His work. How could He be otherwise, since the spiritual creation was the outgrowth, the emanation, of His infinite self-containment and immortal wisdom? Perfection of creation

3 | 287:10

In Science, Truth is divine, and the *infinite* God can have no unlikeness. Did God, Truth, create error? No! “Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?” God being everywhere and all-inclusive, how can He be absent or suggest the absence of omnipresence and omnipotence? How can there be more than *all*? Divine allness

4 | 103:6–9, 15–23 (to 1st .), 25–2

6 The destruction of the claims of mortal mind through Science, by which man can escape from sin and mortality, blesses the whole human family. Liberation of mental powers

15 The maximum of good is the infinite God and His idea, the All-in-all. Evil is a suppositional lie.

18 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
 21 is both evil and good; that evil is as real as
 good and more powerful. This belief has not one qual-
 ity of Truth.

The genus
of error

The truths of immortal Mind sustain man, and they anni-
 hilate the fables of mortal mind, whose flimsy and gaudy
 27 pretensions, like silly moths, singe their own wings and
 fall into dust.

In reality there is no *mortal* mind, and conse-
 30 quently no transference of mortal thought
 and will-power. Life and being are of
 God. In Christian Science, man can do no harm, for
 1 scientific thoughts are true thoughts, passing from God
 to man.

Thought-
transference

5 | 442:16–18

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

*Section 2
The Bible*

6 | Psalms 72:18

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only
 doeth wondrous things.

7 | Exodus 3:11 Moses, 12 (to ;)

11 Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto
 Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel
 out of Egypt? 12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee;

8 | Exodus 4:1–4, 6–8

1 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will
 not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will
 say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee. 2 And the Lord
 said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said,
 A rod. 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it
 on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled
 from before it. 4 And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth
 thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his
 hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

6 And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now
 thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his
 bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was
 leprous as snow. 7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy
 bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again;
 and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned
 again as his other flesh. 8 And it shall come to pass, if they
 will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first
 sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

9 | Ecclesiastes 3:14 (to 2nd :)

14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for
 ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it:

Section 2
Science and Health

6 | 78:28

Spirit blesses man, but man cannot “tell whence it cometh.” By it the sick are healed, the sorrowing are comforted, and the sinning are reformed. These are the effects of one universal God, the invisible good dwelling in eternal Science.

7 | 321:8–24

When, led by wisdom to cast down his rod, he saw it become a serpent, Moses fled before it; but wisdom bade him come back and handle the serpent, and then Moses’ fear departed. In this incident was seen the actuality of Science. Matter was shown to be a belief only. The serpent, evil, under wisdom’s bidding, was destroyed through understanding divine Science, and this proof was a staff upon which to lean. The illusion of Moses lost its power to alarm him, when he discovered that what he apparently saw was really but a phase of mortal belief.

Fear of the
serpent
overcome

It was scientifically demonstrated that leprosy was a creation of mortal mind and not a condition of matter, when Moses first put his hand into his bosom and drew it forth white as snow with the dread disease, and presently restored his hand to its natural condition by the same simple process.

Leprosy
healed

8 | 104:13

Christian Science goes to the bottom of mental action, and reveals the theodicy which indicates the rightness of all divine action, as the emanation of divine Mind, and the consequent wrongness of the opposite so-called action, — evil, occultism, necromancy, mesmerism, animal magnetism, hypnotism.

Perfection
of divine
government

9 | 252:7

When false human beliefs learn even a little of their own falsity, they begin to disappear. A knowledge of error and of its operations must precede that understanding of Truth which destroys error, until the entire mortal, material error finally disappears, and the eternal verity, man created by and of Spirit, is understood and recognized as the true likeness of his Maker.

Eternal man
recognized

10 | 253:9

I hope, dear reader, I am leading you into the understanding of your divine rights, your heaven-bestowed harmony, — that, as you read, you see there is no cause (outside of erring, mortal, material sense which is not power) able to make you sick or sinful; and I hope that you are conquering this false sense. Knowing the falsity of so-called material sense, you can assert your prerogative to overcome the belief in sin, disease, or death.

Heaven-
bestowed
prerogative

Section 3
The Bible

10 | Psalms 91:2, 3

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

11 | Matthew 4:1–11, 23

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan:

for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Section 3
Science and Health

11 | 581:4

ANGELS. God's thoughts passing to man; spiritual intuitions, pure and perfect; the inspiration of goodness, 6 purity, and immortality, counteracting all evil, sensuality, and mortality.

12 | 299:11

Angels

12 are God's representatives. These upward-soaring beings never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to the divine Principle of all good, whither every real individuality, image, or likeness of God, gathers. By giving 15 earnest heed to these spiritual guides they tarry with us, and we entertain "angels unawares."

13 | 17:8–11

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from 9 evil;
And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth us from sin, disease, and death.

14 | 42:21–23

21 Because of the wondrous glory which God bestowed on His anointed, temptation, sin, sickness, and death had no terror for Jesus.

15 | 387:27

27 The history of Christianity furnishes sublime proofs of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent
30 Mind, who gives man faith and understanding whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but from bodily suffering.

Christian history

16 | 469:13–17 *The*

The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the *only* Mind, and
15 that the supposititious opposite of infinite Mind — called *devil* or evil — is not Truth, but error, without intelligence or reality.

True sense of infinitude

17 | 567:3–6 *Truth*

3 Truth and Love come nearer in the hour of woe, when strong faith or spiritual strength wrestles and prevails through
6 the understanding of God.

Section 4
The Bible

12 | Acts 10:38–40 *God*

38 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: 40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

13 | John 20:1, 11–14 *Mary*, 16

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.
11 Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,
12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. 14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

*Section 4
Science and Health*

18 | 27:10

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

Living temple

19 | 450:27–2

Who, that has felt the perilous beliefs in life, substance, and intelligence separated from God, can say that there is no error of belief? Knowing the claim of animal magnetism, that all evil combines in the belief of life, substance, and intelligence in matter, electricity, animal nature, and organic life, who will deny that these are the errors which Truth must and will annihilate?

False claims annihilated

20 | 292:31

In his resurrection and ascension, Jesus showed that a mortal man is not the real essence of manhood, and that this unreal material mortality disappears in presence of the reality.

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21 | 315:11–13, 14–16

The opposite and false views of the people hid from their sense Christ’s sonship with God. They could not discern his spiritual existence.
Their thoughts were filled with mortal error, instead of with God’s spiritual idea as presented by Christ Jesus.

The true sonship

22 | 214:14

When it is learned that the spiritual sense, and not the material, conveys the impressions of Mind to man, then being will be understood and found to be harmonious.

23 | 428:3–8

Life is real, and death is the illusion. A demonstration of the facts of Soul in Jesus’ way resolves the dark visions of material sense into harmony and immortality. Man’s privilege at this supreme moment is to prove the words of our Master: “If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.”

Vision opening

*Section 5
The Bible*

14 | James 1:17

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

15 | Galatians 5:22 *the*, 23

22 the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

*Section 5
Science and Health*

24 | 102:1–3, 30–2

1 Animal magnetism has no scientific foundation, for
God governs all that is real, harmonious, and eternal, and
3 His power is neither animal nor human.

30 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
1 promotes affection and virtue in families and therefore in the community.

25 | 471:18–19

18 God is infinite, therefore ever present, and there is no other power nor presence.

