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The Bible

(King James Version)

Joel 3:14

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

Isa 30:18 for the Lord

18 ...for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Isa 30:19 he will be

19 ...he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

Isa 30:21

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Ps 33:4 the, 5

4 ...the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Ps 33:10-13

10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

Ps 9:7 the,8

7 ...the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

Ps 9:16 (to :)

16 The Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth:...

Ps 9:19,20 (to 1st .)

19 Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men....

Isa 33:22

22 For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

John 7:24

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Science and Health

444:16-19 (to ")

Let us be faithful in pointing the way through Christ, as we understand it, but let us also be careful always to "judge righteous judgment,"...

296:26

Mortal mind judges by the testimony of the material senses, until Science obliterates this false testimony. An improved belief is one step out of error, and aids in taking the next step and in understanding the situation in Christian Science.

264:32-1

The universe of Spirit is peopled with spiritual beings, and its government is divine Science.

496:1-5

You will also learn that in Science there is no transfer of evil suggestions from one mortal to another, for there is but one Mind, and this ever-present omnipotent Mind is reflected by man and governs the entire universe.

393:16-18

Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind governs, and that in Science man reflects God's government.

128:4-6, 14

The term Science, properly understood, refers only to the laws of God and to His government of the universe, inclusive of man.

A knowledge of the Science of being develops the latent abilities and possibilities of man. It extends the atmosphere of thought, giving mortals access to broader and higher realms. It raises the thinker into his native air of insight and perspicacity.

106:6

Like our nation, Christian Science has its Declaration of Independence. God has endowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government, reason, and conscience. Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love.

225:14-16

The history of our country, like all history, illustrates the might of Mind, and shows human power to be proportionate to its embodiment of right thinking.

The Bible

(The Message)

Psalms 119:64,66, 67-68,73-75 (to ;), 78-79

64 Your love, God, fills the earth! Train me to live by your counsel.

66 Train me in good common sense; I'm thoroughly committed to living your way.

67 Before I learned to answer you, I wandered all over the place, but now I'm in step with your Word.

68 You are good, and the source of good; train me in your goodness.

73 With your very own hands you formed me; now breathe your wisdom over me so I can understand you.

74 When they see me waiting, expecting your Word, those who fear you will take heart and be glad.

75 I can see now, God, that your decisions are right;...

78 Let the fast-talking tricksters be exposed as frauds; they tried to sell me a bill of goods, but I kept my mind fixed on your counsel.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me for evidence of your wise guidance.

James 3:13-18

13 Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts.

14 Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom.

15 It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish conniving.

16 Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.

17 Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced.

18 You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.

Science and Health

447:5-9

In mental practice you must not forget that erring human opinions, conflicting selfish motives, and ignorant attempts to do good may render you incapable of knowing or judging accurately the need of your fellow-men.

447:1-5

The heavenly law is broken by trespassing upon man's individual right of self-government. We have no authority in Christian Science and no moral right to attempt to influence the thoughts of others, except it be to benefit them.

196:1-4

If materialistic knowledge is power, it is not wisdom. It is but a blind force. Man has "sought out many inventions," but he has not yet found it true that knowledge can save him from the dire effects of knowledge.

2:31 God is "the

God is "the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever;" and He who is immutably right will do right without being reminded of His province. The wisdom of man is not sufficient to warrant him in advising God.

7:23 (to 2nd .)

God is not influenced by man.

239:5

Take away wealth, fame, and social organizations, which weigh not one jot in the balance of God, and we get clearer views of Principle. Break up cliques, level wealth with honesty, let worth be judged according to wisdom, and we get better views of humanity.

275:14

All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, immortality, cause, and effect belong to God. These are His attributes, the eternal manifestations of the infinite divine Principle, Love. No wisdom is wise but His wisdom; no truth is true, no love is lovely, no life is Life but the divine; no good is, but the good God bestows.

91:1

The Revelator tells us of "a new heaven and a new earth." Have you ever pictured this heaven and earth, inhabited by beings under the control of supreme wisdom?

The Bible

(The Message)

Isaiah 9:2-4 (to 2nd), 6-7 (to 1st .)

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. For those who lived in a land of deep shadows— light! sunbursts of light!

3 You repopulated the nation, you expanded its joy. Oh, they're so glad in your presence! Festival joy! The joy of a great celebration, sharing rich gifts and warm greetings.

4 The abuse of oppressors and cruelty of tyrants—all their whips and cudgels and curses—Is gone, done away with,...

6 For a child has been born—for us! the gift of a son—for us! He'll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness.

7 His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings....

Prov. 3:5-7 (to 1st .)

5 Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.

6 Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

7 Don't assume that you know it all....

Psalms 146:3-4 (to ;), 5, 6 He, 8-10 (to 1st !)

3 Don't put your life in the hands of experts who know nothing of life, of *salvation* life.

4 Mere humans don't have what it takes;...

5 Instead, get help from the God of Jacob, put your hope in God and know real blessing!

6 ...He always does what he says—

8 he gives sight to the blind, he lifts up the fallen. God loves good people,

9 protects strangers, takes the side of orphans and widows, but makes short work of the wicked.

10 God's in charge—*always*. Zion's God is God for good!...

Science and Health

587:19-20

GOOD. God; Spirit; omnipotence; omniscience; omnipresence; omni-action.

192:21-24 (to 1st .)

Your influence for good depends upon the weight you throw into the right scale. The good you do and embody gives you the only power obtainable.

128:2-3

Good is natural and primitive. It is not miraculous to itself.

113:16-17 (to 2nd .)

1. God is All-in-all.
2. God is good.

213:9

God, good, is self-existent and self-expressed, though indefinable as a whole. Every step towards goodness is a departure from materiality, and is a tendency towards God, Spirit. Material theories partially paralyze this attraction towards infinite and eternal good by an opposite attraction towards the finite, temporary, and discordant.

261:32-5

Good demands of man every hour, in which to work out the problem of being. Consecration to good does not lessen man's dependence on God, but heightens it. Neither does consecration diminish man's obligations to God, but shows the paramount necessity of meeting them.

The Bible

(The Message)

Romans 13:1

1 Be a good citizen. All governments are under God. Insofar as there is peace and order, it's God's order. So live responsibly as a citizen.

Romans 14:1

1 Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.

Science and Health

399:27

The one Mind, God, contains no mortal opinions. All that is real is included in this immortal Mind.

273:29-1

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.

341:11 (only)

In Christian Science mere opinion is valueless.

192:6-9

Human opinions are not spiritual. They come from the hearing of the ear, from corporeality instead of from Principle, and from the mortal instead of from the immortal.

The Bible

(The Message)

Isaiah 60:16 You'll (through Savior), 17-21, 22 I am God

16 ...You'll know that I, God, am your Savior,...

17 I'll give you only the best—no more hand-me-downs! Gold instead of bronze, silver instead of iron, bronze instead of wood, iron instead of stones. I'll install Peace to run your country, make Righteousness your boss.

18 There'll be no more stories of crime in your land, no more robberies, no more vandalism. You'll name your main street Salvation Way, and install Praise Park at the center of town.

19 You'll have no more need of the sun by day nor the brightness of the moon at night. God will be your eternal light, your God will bathe you in splendor.

20 Your sun will never go down, your moon will never fade. I will be your eternal light. Your days of grieving are over.

21 All your people will live right and well, in permanent possession of the land. They're the green shoot that I planted, planted with my own hands to display my glory.

22 ...I am God. At the right time I'll make it happen.

The Bible

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I Tim 2:1-4

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Jer. 31:14 and my people

14 ...and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.

Psalms 138:8 (to :)

8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me:...

Job 23:14 (to :)

14 For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me:...

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Science and Health

506:18

Spirit, God, gathers unformed thoughts into their proper channels, and unfolds these thoughts, even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may appear.

326:16-17 (to 1st .), 20-21

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained now.

Working and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way.

249:8-9

Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine "powers that be."

442:3

Our statute is spiritual, our Government is divine. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"