

Subject: The Protecting Power of Innocence and Purity in Children and all Mankind

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To introduce the topic of the Protecting Power of Innocence and Purity in Children and all Mankind, I'd like to share some definitions.

Purity—*Random House*

1. freedom from anything that debases, contaminates, pollutes
2. freedom from any modifying addition
3. freedom from guilt or evil; innocence
4. physical chastity; virginity
5. freedom from inappropriate elements
6. cleanness or spotlessness

Innocence—*Websters*

1. freedom from that which is harmful
2. the state of being morally free from guilt or sin; purity of heart; blamelessness; purity; sinlessness

This statement from *Miscellaneous Writings* by Mary Baker Eddy ties in with the topic: (p. 77:11 the eternal (to 2nd), 12-19 is)

"...the eternal unity of man and God,... is the indissoluble bond of union, the power and presence, in divine Science, of Life, Truth, and Love, to support their ideal man. This is the Father's great Love that He hath bestowed upon us, and it holds man in endless Life and one eternal round of harmonious being. It guides him by Truth that knows no error, and with supersensual, impartial, and unquenchable Love."

Science and Health

582:28

CHILDREN. The spiritual thoughts and representatives of Life, Truth, and Love.

The Bible

(King James Version)

Isa 54:11, 13

11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

13 And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

I Sam 3:1,3 Samuel,4-6 the Lord, 8-9 (to 1st .), 10 , 19

1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

3 Samuel was laid down to sleep;

4 the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth.

10 And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

Job 33:9 (to;), 26, 29, 30

9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent;

26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

29 Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,

30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

II Kings 5:1 (to 4th ,), 1 but, 2-4, 13 he saith, 14 (to 2nd ,),14 and his flesh

1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable,...1 but he was a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

13 ...he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, ...and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Matthew 5:8

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Science and Health

15:26-27

Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers.

The Bible

(King James Version)

Daniel 6:16 (to 1st .), 19-22 (to ;)

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me;

Science and Health

407:6

Man's enslavement to the most relentless masters — passion, selfishness, envy, hatred, and revenge — is conquered only by a mighty struggle. Every hour of delay makes the struggle more severe. If man is not victorious over the passions, they crush out happiness, health, and manhood. Here Christian Science is the sovereign panacea, giving strength to the weakness of mortal mind, — strength from the immortal and omnipotent Mind, — and lifting humanity above itself into purer desires, even into spiritual power and good-will to man.

63:5-6 man

...man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry.

89:18-21, 22

Mind is not necessarily dependent upon educational processes. It possesses of itself all beauty and poetry, and the power of expressing them. Spirit, God, is heard when the senses are silent.

The influence or action of Soul confers a freedom, which explains the phenomena of improvisation and the fervor of untutored lips.

171:5-8 man

...man will reopen with the key of divine Science the gates of Paradise which human beliefs have closed, and will find himself unfallen, upright, pure, and free,...

581:4

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

298:28-29 (to ,)

Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love,...

299:7

My angels are exalted thoughts, appearing at the door of some sepulchre, in which human belief has buried its fondest earthly hopes. With white fingers they point upward to a new and glorified trust, to higher ideals of life and its joys. Angels 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 earnest heed to these spiritual guides they tarry with us, and we entertain "angels unawares."

60:8

A mother's affection cannot be weaned from her child, because the mother-love includes purity and constancy, both of which are immortal. Therefore maternal affection lives on under whatever difficulties.

323:32-4

Willingness to become as a little child and to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps to precipitate the ultimate harmony.

514:18-27 (to ,)

Tenderness accompanies all the might imparted by Spirit. The individuality created by God is not carnivorous, as witness the millennial estate pictured by Isaiah: —

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, And the leopard shall lie down with the kid; And the calf and the young lion, and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.

Understanding the control which Love held over all, Daniel felt safe in the lions' den,...

589: 8

JAPHET (Noah's son). A type of spiritual peace, flowing from the understanding that God is the divine Principle of all existence, and that man is His idea, the child of His care.

154:28 a mother

...a mother runs to her little one, who thinks she has hurt her face by falling on the carpet, and says, moaning more childishly than her child, "Mamma knows you are hurt." The better and more successful method for any mother to adopt is to say: "Oh, never mind! You're not hurt, so don't think you are." Presently the child forgets all about the accident, and is at play.

61:27

Nothing unworthy of perpetuity should be transmitted to children.

62:16

Children should be allowed to remain children in knowledge, and should become men and women only through growth in the understanding of man's higher nature.

563:1-7

Human sense may well marvel at discord, while, to a diviner sense, harmony is the real and discord the unreal. We may well be astonished at sin, sickness, and death. We may well be perplexed at human fear; and still more astounded at hatred, which lifts its hydra head, showing its horns in the many inventions of evil. But why should we stand aghast at nothingness?

102:9

There is but one real attraction, that of Spirit. The pointing of the needle to the pole symbolizes this all-embracing power or the attraction of God, divine Mind.

567: 28-1 wolves

...wolves in sheep's clothing are detected and killed by innocence, the Lamb of Love.

Divine Science shows how the Lamb slays the wolf. Innocence and Truth overcome guilt and error.

174:9-14

The footsteps of thought, rising above material standpoints, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller; but the angels of His presence — the spiritual intuitions that tell us when "the night is far spent, the day is at hand" — are our guardians in the gloom.

The Bible

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Jer. 31:3 I have loved thee (to :)

...I have loved thee with an everlasting love:...

Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.