

America ~ the Point of the Sword

Decision time is always NOW

1 SUN. The symbol of Soul governing man, — of Truth, Life, and Love. [SH 595]

3 SWORD. The idea of Truth; justice. Revenge; anger. [SH 595]

6 TARES. Mortality; error; sin; sickness; disease; death. [SH 595]

Sword: Emblem of triumph and protection. [Noah Webster 1828]

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the **sword** of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

[Deuteronomy 32]

The Prince of Peace comes to bring division

10:34-36 - "Never think I have come to bring peace upon the earth. No, I have not come to bring peace but a sword! For I have come to set a man against his own father, a daughter against her own mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man's enemies will be those who live in his own house.

[Matthew 10 JB Phillips]

Divinity ever-ready

12 It is anything but scientifically Christian to think of aiding the divine Principle of healing or of trying to sustain the human body until the divine Mind is ready to take the case. Divinity is always
15 ready. Semper paratus is Truth's motto. Having seen so much suffering from quackery, the author desires to keep it out of Christian Science. The two-edged sword
18 of Truth must turn in every direction to guard "the tree of life."

[SH 458:11-19]

The prophets, Jesus, and the apostles, demon-

9 strated a divine intelligence that subordinates so-called material laws; and disease, death, winds, and waves, obey this intelligence. Was it Mind or matter that spake in creation, "and it was done"? The answer is self-
12 evident, and the command remains, "Thou shalt have

no other gods before me."

15 It is plain that the Me spoken of in the First Com-
mandment, must be Mind; for matter is not the Chris-
18 tian's God, and is not intelligent. Matter cannot even
talk; and the serpent, Satan, the first talker in its behalf,
18 lied. Reason and revelation declare that God is both
noumenon and phenomena, — the first and only cause.
21 The universe, including man, is not a result of **atomic**
action, material force or energy; it is not organized dust.
God, Spirit, Mind, are terms synonymous for the one
24 God, whose reflection is creation, and man is His image
and likeness. Few there are who comprehend what Chris-
tian Science means by the word *reflection*. God is seen
27 only in that which reflects good, Life, Truth, Love —
yea, which manifests all His attributes and power, even
as the human likeness thrown upon the mirror repeats
precisely the looks and actions of the object in front of it.
30 All must be Mind and Mind's ideas; since, according to
natural science, God, Spirit, could not change its species
and evolve matter.
1 These facts enjoin the First Commandment; and
knowledge of them makes man spiritually minded. St.
3 Paul writes: "For to be carnally minded is death; but to
be spiritually minded is life and peace."

[Misc 23:7 to 24:4]

The tares and wheat

The temporal and unreal never touch the eternal and
real. The mutable and imperfect never touch the im-
15 mutable and perfect. The inharmonious and
self-destructive never touch the harmonious
and self-existent. These opposite qualities are the tares
18 and wheat, which never really mingle, though (to mortal
sight) they grow side by side until the harvest; then, Sci-
ence separates the wheat from the tares, through the real-
21 ization of God as ever present and of man as reflecting
the divine likeness.

[SH 300:13 – 302:30]

The divine reflection

24 Spirit is God, Soul; therefore Soul is not in matter. If
Spirit were in matter, God would have no representative,
and matter would be identical with God.
27 The theory that soul, spirit, intelligence, in-
habits matter is taught by the schools. This theory is
unscientific. The universe reflects and expresses the di-
vine substance or Mind; therefore God is seen only in the
30 spiritual universe and spiritual man, as the sun is seen in
the ray of light which goes out from it. God is re-
vealed only in that which reflects Life, Truth, Love, —

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1 yea, which manifests God's attributes and power, even
3 as the human likeness thrown upon the mirror, repeats
the color, form, and action of the person in front of the
mirror.

6 Few persons comprehend what Christian Science
means by the word *reflection*. To himself, mortal and
material man seems to be substance, but his sense of
substance involves error and therefore is material,
9 temporal.

12 On the other hand, the immortal, spiritual man is really
substantial, and reflects the eternal substance, or Spirit,
which mortals hope for. He reflects the divine, which
constitutes the only real and eternal entity. This reflection
seems to mortal sense transcendental, because the spiritual
15 man's substantiality transcends mortal vision and is re-
vealed only through divine Science.

Inverted images and ideas

18 As God is substance and man is the divine image and
likeness, man should wish for, and in reality has, only
the substance of good, the substance of Spirit,
not matter. The belief that man has any other
21 substance, or mind, is not spiritual and breaks
the First Commandment, Thou shalt have one God, one
Mind. Mortal man seems to himself to be material sub-
24 stance, while man is "image" (idea). Delusion, sin, dis-
ease, and death arise from the false testimony of material
sense, which, from a supposed standpoint outside the
27 focal distance of infinite Spirit, presents an inverted image
of Mind and substance with everything turned upside
down.

30 This falsity presupposes soul to be an unsubstantial
dweller in material forms, and man to be material instead
of spiritual. Immortality is not bounded by mortality.

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1 Soul is not compassed by finiteness. Principle is not to
be found in fragmentary ideas.

Identity not lost

3 The material body and mind are temporal, but the
real man is spiritual and eternal. The identity of the

6 real man is not lost, but found through this
explanation; for the conscious infinitude of
existence and of all identity is thereby discerned and re-
9 mains unchanged. It is impossible that man should lose
aught that is real, when God is all and eternally his. The
notion that mind is in matter, and that the so-called pleas-
ures and pains, the birth, sin, sickness, and death of
12 matter, are real, is a mortal belief; and this belief is all
that will ever be lost.

Definition of man

15 Continuing our definition of *man*, let us remember that
harmonious and immortal man has existed forever, and
is always beyond and above the mortal illu-
sion of any life, substance and intelligence
18 as existent in matter. This statement is based on fact,
not fable. The Science of being reveals man as perfect,
even as the Father is perfect, because the Soul, or Mind,
21 of the spiritual man is God, the divine Principle of all
being, and because this real man is governed by Soul
instead of sense, by the law of Spirit, not by the so-called
24 laws of matter.

27 God is Love. He is therefore the divine, infinite Prin-
ciple, called Person or God. Man's true consciousness
is in the mental, not in any bodily or personal likeness
to Spirit. Indeed, the body presents no proper likeness
of divinity, though mortal sense would fain have us so
30 believe.