

TOPIC: How is the one Mind the basis for guidance?

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THE BIBLE (The New Living Bible)

Isaiah 58

11The LORD will guide you continually, watering your life when you are dry and keeping you healthy, too. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.

Exodus 13

17When Pharaoh finally let the people go, God did not lead them on the road that runs through Philistine territory, even though that was the shortest way from Egypt to the Promised Land. God said, "If the people are faced with a battle, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

18So God led them along a route through the wilderness toward the Red Sea, and the Israelites left Egypt like a marching army.

21The LORD guided them by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night. That way they could travel whether it was day or night.

22And the LORD did not remove the pillar of cloud or pillar of fire from their sight.

Exodus 15

13With unfailing love you LORD will lead this people whom you have ransomed. You will guide them in your strength to the place where your holiness dwells.

II Chronicles 31

20King Hezekiah handled the distribution throughout all Judah, doing what was pleasing and good in the sight of the LORD his God.

21In all that he did in the service of the Temple of God and in his efforts to follow the law and the commands, Hezekiah sought his God wholeheartedly. As a result, he was very successful.

II Chronicles 32

1After Hezekiah had faithfully carried out this work, King Sennacherib of Assyria invaded Judah. He laid siege to the fortified cities, giving orders for his army to break through their walls.

2When Hezekiah realized that Sennacherib also intended to attack Jerusalem,
3he consulted with his officials and military advisers, and they decided to stop the flow of the springs outside the city.

4They organized a huge work crew to stop the flow of the springs, cutting off the brook that ran through the fields. For they said, "Why should the kings of Assyria come here and find plenty of water?"

5Then Hezekiah further strengthened his defenses by repairing the wall wherever it was broken down and by adding to the fortifications and constructing a second wall outside the first. He also ... manufactured large numbers of weapons and shields.

6He appointed military officers over the people and asked them to assemble before him in the square at the city gate. Then Hezekiah encouraged them with this address:

7"Be strong and courageous! Don't be afraid of the king of Assyria or his mighty army, for there is a power far greater on our side!

8He may have a great army, but they are just men. We have the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles for us!" These words greatly encouraged the people.

9Then King Sennacherib of Assyria, while still besieging the town of Lachish, sent officials to Jerusalem with this message for Hezekiah and all the people in the city:

10"This is what King Sennacherib of Assyria says: What are you trusting in that makes you think you can survive my siege of Jerusalem?

11Hezekiah has said, 'The LORD our God will rescue us from the king of Assyria.' Surely Hezekiah is misleading you, sentencing you to death by famine and thirst!

13"Surely you must realize what I and the other kings of Assyria before me have done to all the people of the earth! Were any of the gods of those nations able to rescue their people from my power?

14...What makes you think your God can do any better?

15Don't let Hezekiah fool you!

16And Sennacherib's officials further mocked the LORD God and his servant Hezekiah, heaping insult upon insult.

17The king also sent letters scorning the LORD, the God of Israel.

18The Assyrian officials who brought the letters shouted this in the Hebrew language to the people gathered on the walls of the city, trying to terrify them so it would be easier to capture the city.

20Then King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz cried out in prayer to God in heaven.

21And the LORD sent an angel who destroyed the Assyrian army with all its commanders and officers. So Sennacherib returned home in disgrace to his own land. And when he entered the temple of his god, some of his own sons killed him there with a sword.

22That is how the LORD rescued Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from King Sennacherib of Assyria and from all the others who threatened them. So there was peace at last throughout the land.

23From then on King Hezekiah became highly respected among the surrounding nations, and many gifts for the LORD arrived at Jerusalem, with valuable presents for King Hezekiah, too.

24About that time, Hezekiah became deathly ill. He prayed to the LORD, who healed him and gave him a miraculous sign.

27Hezekiah was very wealthy and held in high esteem.

29He built many towns and acquired vast flocks and herds, for God had given him great wealth.

30He blocked up the upper spring of Gihon and brought the water down through a tunnel to the west side of the City of David. And so he succeeded in everything he did.

Psalms 143

10Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

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SH 106:9-11

Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love.

SH 7:23-26 The

The "divine ear" is not an auditory nerve. It is the all-hearing and all-knowing Mind, to whom each need of man is always known and by whom it will be supplied.

SH 119:27-120:6

As astronomy reverses the human perception of the movement of the solar system, so Christian Science reverses the seeming relation of Soul and body and makes body tributary to Mind. Thus it is with man, who is but the humble servant of the restful Mind, though it seems otherwise to finite sense. But we shall never understand this while we admit that soul is in body or mind in matter, and that man is included in non-intelligence. Soul, or Spirit, is God, unchangeable and eternal; and man coexists with and reflects Soul, God, for man is God's image.

SH 209:5-9

Mind, supreme over all its formations and governing them all, is the central sun of its own systems of ideas, the life and light of all its own vast creation; and man is tributary to divine Mind.

SH 127:4-8

If God, the All-in-all, be the creator of the spiritual universe, including man, then everything entitled to a classification as truth, or Science, must be comprised in a knowledge or understanding of God, for there can be nothing beyond illimitable divinity.

SH 128:4-19

The term Science, properly understood, refers only to the laws of God and to His government of the universe, inclusive of man. From this it follows that business men and cultured scholars have found that Christian Science enhances their endurance and mental powers, enlarges their perception of character, gives them acuteness and comprehensiveness and an ability to exceed their ordinary capacity. The human mind, imbued with this spiritual understanding, becomes more elastic, is capable of greater endurance, escapes somewhat from itself, and requires less repose. 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.

SH 298:28-30

Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their individualism may be.

SH 299:11-17

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."

SH 513:6-10

Advancing spiritual steps in the teeming universe of Mind lead on to spiritual spheres and exalted beings. To material sense, this divine universe is dim and distant, gray in the sombre hues of twilight; but anon the veil is lifted, and the scene shifts into light.

SH 487:19-23, 27-29

Christian evidence is founded on Science or demonstrable Truth, flowing from immortal Mind, and there is in reality no such thing as mortal mind. Mere belief is blindness without Principle from which to explain the reason of its hope. The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality.

SH 149:17-29

A physician of the old school remarked with great gravity: "We know that mind affects the body somewhat and advise our patients to be hopeful and cheerful and to take as little medicine as possible; but mind can never cure organic difficulties." The logic is lame, and facts contradict it.

The author has cured what is termed organic disease as readily as she has cured purely functional disease, and with no power but the divine Mind. Since God, divine Mind, governs all, not partially but supremely, predicting disease does not dignify therapeutics. Whatever guides thought spiritually benefits mind and body.

SH 467:13-16

Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ.

SH 454:18-19

Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way.