

Wednesday Phone Meeting

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“GOVERNMENT”

THE BIBLE

Hymns: 162, 329, 371

And God spake all these words, saying, thou shalt have no other Gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Exodus 20: 3-6

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Give unto the Lord; give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name. Ps. 96:4, 6, 8

The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: And he shall judge among the nations. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times. Isaiah 33: 5, 6, 32: 4, 5

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. Isaiah 9: 6, 7

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding. Isaiah 11: 1

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, even for ever. Isaiah 9: 7

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Isaiah 26: 3

And they sent unto Jesus, Pharisees to catch him in his words. And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? Bring me a penny, that I may see it. And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. And they marveled at him.

Mark 12: 13-17

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4: 5-7

To the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Jude 1: 25

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

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. 106: 6

One whom I rescued from seeming spiritual oblivion, in which the senses had engulfed him, wrote to me: "I should have died, but for the glorious Principle you teach, supporting the power of Mind over the body and showing me the nothingness of the so-called pleasures and pains of sense. The treatises I had read and the medicines I had taken only abandoned me to more hopeless suffering and despair. Adherence to hygiene was useless. Mortal mind needed to be set right. The ailment was not bodily, but mental, and I was cured when I learned my way in Christian Science." 382: 24

This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismay; on the other side there will be Science and peace. These disturbances will continue until the end of error, when all discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth. 96: 12-15, 18

As this consummation draws nearer, he who has shaped his course in accord with divine Science will endure to the end. 96: 25-27

During this final conflict, wicked minds will endeavor to find means by which to accomplish more evil; but those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection. 96: 31

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. 225: 14-16

Truth not error, Love not hate, Spirit not matter, governs man. 420: 3-4

Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind governs, and that in Science man reflects God's government. 393: 16-18

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 mortal access to broader and higher realms. It raises the thinker into his native air of insight and perspicacity. 128: 4

The divine Mind maintains all identities, from a blade of grass to a star, as distinct and eternal .

Mind is Life, Truth, and Love which governs all. 508: 7

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