

Mary Baker Eddy's references to Scriptural Quotations

A compilation of Mary Baker Eddy's references to Scriptural Quotations to the citations in this week's Bible Lesson. Compiled by Mark Mohlenbrock

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Matter

[I Cor 8:5](#) For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be **gods many, and lords many,**)

[SH 280:16](#)

- 16 Through this error, human belief comes to have "**gods many and lords many.**" Moses declared as Jehovah's first command of the Ten: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me!" But behold the zeal of belief to establish the opposite error of many minds. The argument of the serpent in the allegory, "Ye shall be as gods," urges through every avenue the belief that Soul is in body, and that infinite Spirit, and Life, is in finite forms.

[Rom 8:6](#) **For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**

[Mis 24:3](#)

- 1 These facts enjoin the First Commandment; and knowledge of them makes man spiritually minded. St. Paul writes: "**For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**" This knowledge came to me in an hour of great need; and I give it to you as death-bed testimony to the daystar that dawned on the night of material sense. This knowledge is practical, for it wrought my immediate recovery from an injury caused by an accident, and pronounced fatal by the physicians. On the third day thereafter, I called for my Bible, and opened it at Matthew ix. 2. As I read, the healing Truth dawned upon my sense; and the result was that I rose, dressed myself, and ever after was in better health than I had before enjoyed. That short experience included a glimpse of the great fact that I have since tried to make plain to others, namely, Life in and of Spirit; this Life being the sole reality of existence. I learned that mortal thought evolves a subjective state which it names matter, thereby shutting out the true sense of Spirit. Per contra, Mind and man are immortal; and knowledge gained from mortal sense is illusion, error, the opposite of Truth; therefore it cannot be true. A knowledge of both good and evil (when good is God, and God is All) is impossible. Speaking of the origin of evil, the Master said: "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." God warned man not to believe the talking serpent, or rather the allegory describing it. The Nazarene Prophet declared that his followers should handle serpents; that is, put down all subtle falsities or illusions, and thus destroy any supposed effect arising from false claims exercising their supposed power on the mind and body of man, against his holiness and health.

[Rom 8:7](#) Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

[SH 131:9](#)

The error of carnality

- 6 When once destroyed by divine Science, the false evidence before the corporeal senses disappears. Hence the opposition of sensuous man to the Science of Soul and the significance of the Scripture, "**The carnal mind is enmity against God.**" The central fact of the Bible is the superiority of spiritual over physical power.

[Rom 8:8](#) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

[Rom 8:9](#) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

[SH 534:18](#)

- 18 Paul says in his epistle to the Romans: "**The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you.**"

[John 6:63](#) It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

[SH 356:15](#)

Irreconcilable differences

- 9 Jesus reasoned on this subject practically, and controlled sickness, sin, and death on the basis of his spirituality. Understanding the nothingness of material things, he spoke of flesh and Spirit as the two opposites, — as error and Truth, not contributing in any way to each other's happiness and existence. Jesus knew, "**It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing.**"

[Acts 10:38](#) How God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

[Mis 355:22](#)

- 12 First, self-knowledge. The physician must know him-self and understand the mental state of his patient. Error found out is two-thirds destroyed, and the last third pierces itself, for the remainder only stimulates and gives scope to higher demonstration. To strike out right and left against the mist, never clears the vision; but to lift your head above it, is a sovereign panacea. Mental darkness is senseless error, neither intelligence nor power, and its victim is responsible for its supposititious presence. "Cast the beam out of thine own eye." Learn what in thine own mentality is unlike "**the anointed,**" and cast it out; then thou wilt discern the error in thy patient's mind that makes his body sick, and remove it, and rest like the dove from the deluge.

[John 8:32](#) **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

['01 10:1](#)

- 19 The evil in human nature foams at the touch of good; it crieth out, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, . . . ? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God." The Holy Spirit takes of the things of God and showeth them unto the creature; and these things being spiritual, they disturb the carnal and destroy it; they are revolutionary, reformatory, and — now, as aforetime — they cast out evils and heal the sick. He of God's household who loveth and liveth most the things of Spirit, receiveth them most; he speaketh wisely, for the spirit of his Father speaketh through him; he worketh well and healeth quickly, for the spirit giveth him liberty: **"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**