

Oct. 7th: Create in me a clean heart, O God (Psalm 51: 10)

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The Bible

1. Ps. 8:1, 3–6

- 1 O Lord our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
- 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
- 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

2. Hab. 1:13

- 13 *Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, *and* holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that is* more righteous than he?

3. Ps. 51:1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

4. John 2:13–16, 18–22

- 13 ¶ And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,
- 14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:
- 15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;
- 16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an

house of merchandise.

- 18 ¶ Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?
- 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
- 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?
- 21 But he spake of the temple of his body.
- 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

5. Rom. 8:1, 2, 4–9, 12–17

- 1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
- 2 *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*
- 4 *That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
- 5 *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*
- 6 *For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*
- 7 *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*
- 8 *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*
- 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.*
- 12 *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.*
- 13 *For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*
- 14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*
- 15 *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*
- 16 *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*
- 17 *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.*

Science & Health

1. SH 332:23

- XI. Jesus was the son of a virgin. He was appointed
- 24 to speak God's word and to appear to mortals in such a form of humanity as they could understand as well as perceive. Mary's conception of

Christ
Jesus

27 him was spiritual, for only purity could reflect Truth
and Love, which were plainly incarnate in the good and
pure Christ Jesus. He expressed the highest type of
30 divinity, which a fleshly form could express in that age.
Into the real and ideal man the fleshly element cannot
enter. Thus it is that Christ illustrates the coincidence,
1 or spiritual agreement, between God and man in His
image.

2. SH 509:24

24 The periods of
spiritual ascension are the days and seasons of Mind's
creation, in which beauty, sublimity, purity, and holiness
27 — yea, the divine nature — appear in man and the uni-
verse never to disappear.

3. SH 7:17–21

Physical sensation, not Soul, produces material ec-
18 stasy and emotion. If spiritual sense always guided
men, there would grow out of ecstatic mo-
ments a higher experience and a better life
21 with more devout self-abnegation and purity.

Emotional
utterances

4. SH 35:30

30 The design of Love is to reform the sinner. If the
sinner's punishment here has been insufficient to re-
form him, the good man's heaven would be a hell to
1 the sinner. They, who know not purity and affection by
experience, can never find bliss in the blessed company of
3 Truth and Love simply through translation
into another sphere. Divine Science reveals
the necessity of sufficient suffering, either before or after
6 death, to quench the love of sin. To remit the penalty
due for sin, would be for Truth to pardon error. Escape
from punishment is not in accordance with God's govern-
9 ment, since justice is the handmaid of mercy.

Final
purpose

5. SH 15:25

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden
from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness,
27 purity, and affection are constant prayers.
Practice not profession, understanding not
belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and

Trustworthy
beneficence

30 they assuredly call down infinite blessings. Trustworthi-
ness is the foundation of enlightened faith. Without a
fitness for holiness, we cannot receive holiness.

6. SH 58:5

Ill-arranged notes produce discord. Tones of the
6 human mind may be different, but they should be con-
cordant in order to blend properly. Unselfish
ambition, noble life-motives, and purity, —
9 these constituents of thought, mingling, constitute in-
dividually and collectively true happiness, strength, and
permanence.

Chord and
discord

7. SH 99:23

The calm, strong currents of true spirituality, the
24 manifestations of which are health, purity, and self-
immolation, must deepen human experience, until the
beliefs of material existence are seen to be a bald imposi-
27 tion, and sin, disease, and death give everlasting place
to the scientific demonstration of divine Spirit and to
God's spiritual, perfect man.

8. SH 405:5–11

Christian Science commands man to master the pro-
6 pendencies, — to hold hatred in abeyance with kindness,
to conquer lust with chastity, revenge with
charity, and to overcome deceit with hon-
9 esty. Choke these errors in their early stages, if you
would not cherish an army of conspirators against
health, happiness, and success.

Mental
conspirators

9. SH 115:19–10

SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION OF MORTAL MIND

First Degree: Depravity.

21 Physical. Evil beliefs, passions and appetites, fear,
depraved will, self-justification, pride, envy, de-
ceit, hatred, revenge, sin, sickness, disease,
24 death.

Unreality

Second Degree: Evil beliefs disappearing.

Moral. Humanity, honesty, affection, com-
27 passion, hope, faith, meekness, temperance.

Transitional
qualities

1 Third Degree: Understanding.

Spiritual. Wisdom, purity, spiritual understanding,

3 spiritual power, love, health, holiness.

In the third degree mortal mind disappears, and man as God's image appears. Science so reverses the evidence

6 before the corporeal human senses, as to make this Scriptural testimony true in our hearts,

“The last shall be first, and the first last,” so that God

9 and His idea may be to us what divinity really is and must of necessity be, — all-inclusive.

10. SH 584:26

DOVE. A symbol of divine Science; purity and peace;
27 hope and faith.

11. SH 590:9

9 **LAMB OF GOD.** The spiritual idea of Love; self-immolation; innocence and purity; sacrifice.

12. SH 581:4

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

13. SH 241:23

One's aim, a point beyond faith, should be to find the
24 footsteps of Truth, the way to health and holiness. We should strive to reach the Horeb height where God is revealed; and the corner-stone of all spiritual building is
27 purity. The baptism of Spirit, washing the body of all the impurities of flesh, signifies that the pure in heart see God and are approaching spiritual Life and its
30 demonstration.

14. SH 272:19

It is the spiritualization of thought and Christianization of daily life, in contrast with the results of the ghastly farce
21 of material existence; it is chastity and purity, in contrast with the downward tendencies and earthward gravitation of sensualism and impurity,
24 which really attest the divine origin and operation of Christian Science. The triumphs of Christian Science are recorded in the destruction of error and evil, from which are propagated the dismal beliefs of sin, sickness, and death.

15.²⁷SH 323:6

6 Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we
are helped onward in the march towards righteousness,
peace, and purity, which are the landmarks
9 of Science. Beholding the infinite tasks of
truth, we pause, — wait on God. Then we push onward,
until boundless thought walks enraptured, and concep-
12 tion unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory.

A bright
outlook

16. SH 337:14

XXVI. Christian Science demonstrates that none but
15 the pure in heart can see God, as the gospel
teaches. In proportion to his purity is man
perfect; and perfection is the order of celestial
18 being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life's spiritual
ideal.

Purity the
path to
perfection

Hymns

1. Hymn. 371:1

We lift our hearts in praise,
O God of Life, to Thee,
And would reflect in all our ways
Thy purity.
Thy thoughts our lives enfold,
And free us from all fear;
All strife is stilled, all grief consoled,
For Thou art here.

2. Hymn. 413:2

When we touch Truth's healing garment
And behold Life's purity,
When we find in Love the refuge
That is man's security,
When we turn from earth to Spirit,
And from self have won release,
Then we see the risen Saviour;
Then we know his promised peace.

3. Hymn. 117:2

Holy, Holy, Holy, darkness cannot hide Thee,
Though the eyes of sinful men Thy glory cannot see.
Thou alone art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

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