


Honesty is spiritual power!

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1. Mis. 126:24

24 Christian Scientists have a strong race to run, and foes in ambush; but bear in mind that, in the long race, honesty always defeats dishonesty.

 The Bible

1. II Cor. 8:15, 21

15 As it is written, He that *had gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *had gathered* little had no lack.

21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

2. Gen. 1:1, 27, 31 (to 1st.); 2:6, 7

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. ...

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

3. Gen. 3:1-5

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

4. Rev. 12:7–10

- 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
- 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
- 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

5. Matt. 22:29

- 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

6. John 8:31, 32

- 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;
- 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

7. Luke 10:30–37 Jesus

- 30 ... Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.
- 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him*, and passed by on the other side.
- 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*,
- 34 And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
- 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
- 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

8. I Pet. 2:12

- 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

9. Acts 6:2, 3

- 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
- 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

10. Rom. 12:14–17

- 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.
- 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.
- 16 *Be* of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
- 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

11. I Tim. 2:1–3

- 1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- 2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
- 3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

12. Phil. 4:8

- 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

 Science & Health w/ Key to the Scriptures

1. SH 327:22 (only)

Fear of punishment never made man truly honest.

2. SH 453:14–17

- Teach your student that he must know himself before he can know others and minister to human needs.
- 15 Honesty is spiritual power. Dishonesty is

human weakness, which forfeits divine help.

3. SH 13:5

In public prayer we often go beyond our convictions,
6 beyond the honest standpoint of fervent desire. If we
are not secretly yearning and openly striving
for the accomplishment of all we ask,
9 our prayers are “vain repetitions,” such as the heathen
use. If our petitions are sincere, we labor for what we
ask; and our Father, who seeth in secret, will reward
12 us openly. Can the mere public expression of our de-
sires increase them? Do we gain the omnipotent ear
sooner by words than by thoughts? Even if prayer is
15 sincere, God knows our need before we tell Him or our
fellow-beings about it. If we cherish the desire hon-
estly and silently and humbly, God will bless it, and
18 we shall incur less risk of overwhelming our real
wishes with a torrent of words.

Public
exaggerations

4. SH 7:27–3 (to ;)

27 The danger from prayer is that it may lead us into temp-
tation. By it we may become involuntary hypocrites, ut-
tering desires which are not real and consoling
30 ourselves in the midst of sin with the recollection
that we have prayed over it or mean to ask for-
giveness at some later day. Hypocrisy is fatal to religion.
1 A wordy prayer may afford a quiet sense of self-
justification, though it makes the sinner a hypocrite.
3 We never need to despair of an honest heart; ...

Danger
from audible
prayer

5. SH 15:14–20

In order to pray aright, we must enter into the
15 closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and
silence the material senses. In the quiet
sanctuary of earnest longings, we must
18 deny sin and plead God's allness. We must resolve to
take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to
work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love.

Effectual
invocation

6. SH 21:9

9 If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striving to enter in. He constantly turns away from ma-

terial sense, and looks towards the imperishable things
12 of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the
start, and gain a little each day in the right direction,
till at last he finishes his course with joy.

7. SH 199:15–22

15 Mortals develop their own bodies or make them sick,
according as they influence them through mortal mind.
To know whether this development is produced
18 consciously or unconsciously, is of less impor-
tance than a knowledge of the fact. The feats of the gym-
nast prove that latent mental fears are subdued by him.
21 The devotion of thought to an honest achievement makes
the achievement possible.

Latent fear
subdued

8. SH 567:14–5

Revelation xii. 9. And the great dragon was cast out,
15 that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiv-
eth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his
angels were cast out with him.

18 That false claim — that ancient belief, that old serpent
whose name is devil (evil), claiming that there is intelli-
gence in matter either to benefit or to injure
21 men — is pure delusion, the red dragon; and
it is cast out by Christ, Truth, the spiritual
idea, and so proved to be powerless. The words “cast
24 unto the earth” show the dragon to be nothingness, dust
to dust; and therefore, in his pretence of being a talker,
he must be a lie from the beginning. His angels, or mes-
27 sages, are cast out with their author. The beast and the
false prophets are lust and hypocrisy. These wolves in
sheep's clothing are detected and killed by innocence, the
30 Lamb of Love.

Dragon
cast down
to earth

Divine Science shows how the Lamb slays the wolf.
1 Innocence and Truth overcome guilt and error. Ever
since the foundation of the world, ever since error would
3 establish material belief, evil has tried to slay
the Lamb; but Science is able to destroy this
lie, called evil.

Warfare
with error

9. SH 272:3

3 The spiritual sense of truth must be gained before
Truth can be understood. This sense is assimilated only
as we are honest, unselfish, loving, and meek.
6 In the soil of an “honest and good heart” the
seed must be sown; else it beareth not much fruit, for the
swinish element in human nature uproots it. Jesus said:
9 “Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures.” The spiritual
sense of the Scriptures brings out the scientific sense, and
is the new tongue referred to in the last chapter of Mark's
12 Gospel.

Spirituality
of Scripture

10. SH 384:6–9

6 God never
punishes man for doing right, for honest labor, or for
deeds of kindness, though they expose him to fatigue,
9 cold, heat, contagion.

Corporeal
penalties

11. SH xii:23

In the spirit of Christ's charity, — as one who “hopeth
24 all things, endureth all things,” and is joyful to bear
consolation to the sorrowing and healing to the sick, —
she commits these pages to honest seekers for Truth.

Hymns

1. Hymn. 382:2

Thou art Truth's honest child,
Of pure and sinless heart;
Thou treadest undefiled
In Christly paths apart.

Words: EMILY F. SEAL

Music: Leighton G. Hayne

2. Hymn. 573

Shepherd, show me how to go
O'er the hillside steep,
How to gather, how to sow,—
How to feed Thy sheep;

I will listen for Thy voice,
Lest my footsteps stray;
I will follow and rejoice
All the rugged way.

Thou wilt bind the stubborn will,
Wound the callous breast,
Make self-righteousness be still,
Break earth's stupid rest.
Strangers on a barren shore,
Lab'ring long and lone,
We would enter by the door,
And Thou know'st Thine own;

So, when day grows dark and cold,
Tear or triumph harms,
Lead Thy lambkins to the fold,
Take them in Thine arms;
Feed the hungry, heal the heart,
Till the morning's beam;
White as wool, ere they depart,
Shepherd, wash them clean.

Words: MARY BAKER EDDY
Music: Raymond David Burkhart

3. Hymn. 88:2

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be,
And with wisdom kind and clear
Let Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly
Follow Christ's sincerity.

Words: THOMAS T. LYNCH*
Music: Schicht's Choralbuch, 1819