
 New Revised Standard Version

 Leviticus 13: 1-3, 45, 46

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:

2 When a person has on the skin of his body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of his body, he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. 3 The priest shall examine the disease on the skin of his body, and if the hair in the diseased area has turned white and the disease appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is a leprous disease; after the priest has examined him he shall pronounce him ceremonially unclean.

The person who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head be disheveled; and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, "Unclean, unclean." 46 He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.

 John 1:17

The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

 Matt 8:1-4

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; 2 and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." 3 He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

 Matt 4:23, 25 5:1, 2, 17

Jesus[c] went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news[d] of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them,

saying:

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

📄 Matt 22: 35-40 *one*

one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37 He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

📄 Galatians 5: 18 *if, 22 -23 the*

if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

1. SH 125:17

When subordinate

18 to the divine Spirit, man cannot be controlled by sin or death, thus proving our material theories about laws of health to be valueless.

2. SH 182:18–7

18 Mind's government of the body must supersede the so-called laws of matter. Obedience to material law prevents full obedience to spiritual law, — the law
21 which overcomes material conditions and puts matter under the feet of Mind. Mortals entreat the divine Mind to heal the sick, and forthwith shut out the aid
24 of Mind by using material means, thus working against themselves and their prayers and denying man's God-given ability to demonstrate Mind's sacred power. Pleas
27 for drugs and laws of health come from some sad incident, or else from ignorance of Christian Science and its transcendent power.

30 To admit that sickness is a condition over which God has no control, is to presuppose that omnipotent power is powerless on some occasions. The law of Christ, or
1 Truth, makes all things possible to Spirit; but the so-

No
material law

called laws of matter would render Spirit of no avail, and
3 demand obedience to materialistic codes, thus departing
from the basis of one God, one lawmaker. To suppose
that God constitutes laws of inharmony is a mistake; dis-
6 cords have no support from nature or divine law, however
much is said to the contrary.

3. SH 165:12

12 Obedience to the so-called physical laws of health has
not checked sickness. Diseases have multiplied, since
man-made material theories took the place of spiritual
15 truth.

4. SH 168:10

When sick (according to belief) you rush
after drugs, search out the material so-called laws of
12 health, and depend upon them to heal you, though you
have already brought yourself into the slough of disease
through just this false belief.

5. SH 184:1–15

1 The so-called laws of health are simply laws of mortal
belief. The premises being erroneous, the conclusions
3 are wrong. Truth makes no laws to regulate sickness,
sin, and death, for these are unknown to Truth and should
not be recognized as reality.

6 Belief produces the results of belief, and the penal-
ties it affixes last so long as the belief and are insepara-
ble from it. The remedy consists in probing the trouble
9 to the bottom, in finding and casting out by denial the
error of belief which produces a mortal disorder, never
honoring erroneous belief with the title of law nor yield-
12 ing obedience to it. Truth, Life, and Love are the only
legitimate and eternal demands on man, and they are
spiritual lawgivers, enforcing obedience through divine
15 statutes.

6. SH 369:14–29

We never read that Luke or Paul made a reality of
15 disease in order to discover some means of healing it.
Jesus never asked if disease were acute or

chronic, and he never recommended atten-
18 tion to laws of health, never gave drugs, never prayed
to know if God were willing that a man should live. He
understood man, whose Life is God, to be immortal, and
21 knew that man has not two lives, one to be destroyed and
the other to be made indestructible.

The Christ
treatment

The prophylactic and therapeutic (that is, the prevent-
24 ive and curative) arts belong emphatically to Christian
Science, as would be readily seen, if psychology,
or the Science of Spirit, God, was understood.

Matter not
medicine

27 Unscientific methods are finding their dead level. Lim-
ited to matter by their own law, what have they of the
advantages of Mind and immortality?

7. SH 381:31-21

Christ Jesus overruled the error which would impose
penalties for transgressions of the physical laws of
1 health; he annulled supposed laws of matter, opposed
to the harmonies of Spirit, lacking divine au-
3 thority and having only human approval for
their sanction.

Begin
rightly

If half the attention given to hygiene were given to the
6 study of Christian Science and to the spiritualization of
thought, this alone would usher in the millen-
nium. Constant bathing and rubbing to alter
9 the secretions or to remove unhealthy exhalations from
the cuticle receive a useful rebuke from Jesus' precept,
"Take no thought . . . for the body." We must beware
12 of making clean merely the outside of the platter.

Hygiene
excessive

He, who is ignorant of what is termed hygienic law, is
more receptive of spiritual power and of faith in one
15 God, than is the devotee of supposed hygienic
law, who comes to teach the so-called igno-
rant one. Must we not then consider the so-called law
18 of matter a canon "more honored in the breach than
the observance"? A patient thoroughly booked in medi-
cal theories is more difficult to heal through Mind than
21 one who is not.

Blissful
ignorance

8. SH 430:17–18, 27–19

Suppose a mental case to be on trial, as cases are tried
18 in court.

27 The evidence for the prosecution being called for, a
witness testifies thus: —

I represent Health-laws. I was present on certain nights
30 when the prisoner, or patient, watched with a sick friend.
Although I have the superintendence of human affairs, I
was personally abused on those occasions. I was told that
1 I must remain silent until called for at this trial, when I
would be allowed to testify in the case. Notwithstanding
3 my rules to the contrary, the prisoner watched with the sick
every night in the week. When the sick mortal was thirsty,
the prisoner gave him drink. During all this time the pris-
6 oner attended to his daily labors, partaking of food at ir-
regular intervals, sometimes going to sleep immediately
after a heavy meal. At last he committed liver-complaint,
9 which I considered criminal, inasmuch as this offence is
deemed punishable with death. Therefore I arrested Mor-
tal Man in behalf of the state (namely, the body) and cast
12 him into prison.

At the time of the arrest the prisoner summoned Physi-
ology, Materia Medica, and Hypnotism to prevent his pun-
15 ishment. The struggle on their part was long. Materia
Medica held out the longest, but at length all these assist-
ants resigned to me, Health-laws, and I succeeded in get-
18 ting Mortal Man into close confinement until I should
release him.

9. SH 434:8, 19–23; 435:11

After much debate and opposition, permission is ob-
9 tained for a trial in the Court of Spirit, where Christian
Science is allowed to appear as counsel for
the unfortunate prisoner. Witnesses, judges,
12 and jurors, who were at the previous Court of Error,
are now summoned to appear before the bar of Justice
and eternal Truth.

Counsel for
defence

Then Christian Science turns suddenly to the

supreme tribunal, and opens the argument for the

21 defence: —

The prisoner at the bar has been unjustly sentenced.
His trial was a tragedy, and is morally illegal.

The law of our Supreme Court decrees that whosoever
12 *sinneth* shall die; but good deeds are immortal, bringing
joy instead of grief, pleasure instead of pain, and life
instead of death. If liver-complaint was committed by
15 trampling on Laws of Health, this was a good deed, for the
agent of those laws is an outlaw, a destroyer of Mortal
Man's liberty and rights. Laws of Health should be sen-
18 tenced to die.

10. SH 440:33

33 Here the counsel for the defence closed, and the Chief
Justice of the Supreme Court, with benign and imposing
1 presence, comprehending and defining all law and evi-
dence, explained from his statute-book, the
3 Bible, that any so-called law, which under-
takes to punish aught but sin, is null and void.

Charge of the
Chief Justice

11. SH 183:16–21, 26

The supposed laws which result in weariness and dis-
ease are not His laws, for the legitimate and only possible
18 action of Truth is the production of harmony.
Laws of nature are laws of Spirit; but mortals
commonly recognize as law that which hides the power of
21 Spirit.

Laws of
nature spiritual

Truth casts out all evils and materialistic methods
27 with the actual spiritual law, — the law which gives
sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, voice
to the dumb, feet to the lame. If Christian
30 Science dishonors human belief, it honors spir-
itual understanding; and the one Mind only is entitled to
honor.

Belief
and
understanding

1. Hymn. 329

The heavens declare the glory
Of Him who made all things;

Each day repeats the story,
Each night its tribute brings.
To earth's remotest border
His mighty power is known;
In beauty, grandeur, order,
His handiwork is shown.

His law man's pathway brightens,
His judgments all are pure,
His Word the thought enlightens,
And ever shall endure.
To heed His testimony,
And Wisdom's way to hold,
Is sweeter far than honey,
And better far than gold.

In daily contemplation
Of Thee, I take delight;
O, let my meditation
Lay hold of Thee aright.
O, aid me in suppression
Of idle thought or word;
O, keep me from transgression,
Redeemer, strength, and Lord.

Words: Frederic W. Root
Music: Joseph Barnby

2. Hymn. 591

We cannot turn away from God
Because, whichever way we face,
Spirit is there. In every place,
Every direction, everywhere,
Spirit is there.

Whether we turn to left or right,
To north or south or east or west,
We meet with Love—and we are blessed.
Upward or down, below, above,
We meet with Love.

Whether we plunge to ocean trench
Or plot our course for farthest space,

Love's law controls. Whatever race
We enter toward whatever goals,
Love's law controls.

Whether we build for centuries hence
Or let tomorrow bound our aim,
God sets the pace. Always the same,
With instant and eternal grace,
God sets the pace.

Words: Peter J. Henniker-Heaton
Music: Kevin McCarter

3. Hymn. 134

I look to Thee in every need,
And never look in vain;
I feel Thy touch, eternal Love,
And all is well again:
The thought of Thee is mightier far
Than sin and pain and sorrow are.

Thy calmness bends serene above,
My restlessness to still;
Around me flows Thy quickening life
To nerve my faltering will:
Thy presence fills my solitude;
Thy providence turns all to good.

Embosomed deep in Thy dear love,
Held in Thy law, I stand:
Thy hand in all things I behold,
And all things in Thy hand.
Thou leadest me by unsought ways,
Thou turn'st my mourning into praise.

Words: Samuel Longfellow*
Music: Edward J. Hopkins