

What is the sure basis of clarity? Do we lose our clarity to confusion?

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THE BIBLE

Ps. 71:1

1In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

Ps. 27:11

11Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Ps. 35:5

5Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them.

Job 1:1, 13, 19, 20

1There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

13¶And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

19behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon them all, and they were dead.

20Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground,

Job 2:7, 8, 11

7and Job (was smote) with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

8And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

11¶Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; ...to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

Job 3:2-54, 25

2And Job spake, and said,

3Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.

4Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

25For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me

Job 4:1, 6, 7

1Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

6Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, (in) the uprightness of thy ways?

7Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

Job 6:1, 8, 9

1But Job answered and said,

8Oh that I might have my request;

9Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!

Job 7:5

5My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

Job 8:1, 20

1Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

20Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man,

Job 9:1

1Then Job answered and said,

Job 10:1

1My soul is weary of my life;

Job 11:1, 13-19

1Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

13If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him;

14If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.
15For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:
16Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away:
17And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.
18And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

19Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee.

Job 12:1, 3

1And Job answered and said,

3But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

Job 13:13

13Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

Job 38:1-4, 7, 19 (to ?), 24 (to.)

1Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

2Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

4Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth

7When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

19Where is the way where light dwelleth?

24By what way is the light parted,

Job 39:5, 13, 19, 26, 27

5Who hath sent out the wild ass free? 13Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?

19Hast thou given the horse strength?

26Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?

27Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?

Job 42:1-3, 5, 10, 13, 16

1Then Job answered the Lord, and said,

2I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

3Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

5I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

10And the Lord turned the captivity of Job,

13He had also seven sons and three daughters.

16After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

Prov. 3:19-26

19The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

20By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

21¶My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

22So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

23Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

26For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

I Cor. 14:33 (to 2nd ,)

33For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace,

Mic. 7:7 1st I, 8

7I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

8¶Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

by Mary Baker Eddy

SH 551:24-26 Darkness

Darkness and doubt encompass thought, so long as it bases creation on materiality.

SH 581:19-22

The higher false knowledge builds on the basis of evidence obtained from the five corporeal senses, the more confusion ensues, and the more certain is the downfall of its structure.

SH 205:15-21

Befogged in error (the error of believing that matter can be intelligent for good or evil), we can catch clear glimpses of God only as the mists disperse, or as they melt into such thinness that we perceive the divine image in some word or deed which indicates the true idea, — the supremacy and reality of good, the nothingness and unreality of evil.

SH 550:15-20

Error of thought is reflected in error of action. The continual contemplation of existence as material and corporeal— as beginning and ending, and with birth, decay, and dissolution as its component stages — hides the true and spiritual Life, and causes our standard to trail in the dust.

SH 262:9-16

We cannot fathom the nature and quality of God's creation by diving into the shallows of mortal belief. We must reverse our feeble flutterings — our efforts to find life and truth in matter — and rise above the testimony of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the God-like man to reach the absolute centre and circumference of his being.

SH 268:6

Belief in a material basis, from which may be deduced all rationality, is slowly yielding to the idea of a metaphysical basis, looking away from matter to Mind as the cause of every effect.

SH 546:24-26

The great spiritual facts of being, like rays of light, shine in the darkness, though the darkness, comprehending them not, may deny their reality.

SH 239:5-10

Take away wealth, fame, and social organizations, which weigh not one jot in the balance of God, and we get clearer views of Principle Break up cliques, level wealth with honesty, let worth be judged according to wisdom, and we get better views of humanity.

SH 466:19-31

The term *souls* or *spirits* is as improper as the term *gods*. Soul or Spirit signifies Deity and nothing else. There is no finite soul nor spirit. Soul or Spirit means only one Mind, and cannot be rendered in the plural. The Science of Christianity comes with fan in hand to separate the chaff from the wheat. Science will declare God aright, and Christianity will demonstrate this declaration and its divine Principle, making mankind better physically, morally, and spiritually.

SH 586:7-8

FAN. Separator of fable from fact; that which gives action to thought.

SH 506:18-21

Spirit, God, gathers unformed thoughts into their proper channels, and unfolds these thoughts, even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may appear.

SH 510:9-12

Truth and Love enlighten the understanding, in whose "light shall we see light;" and this illumination is reflected spiritually by all who walk in the light and turn away from a false material sense.

SH 511:17-18

The changing glow and full effulgence of God's infinite ideas, images, mark the periods of progress.

SH 256:2-8

Advancing to a higher plane of action, thought rises from the material sense to the spiritual, from the scholastic to the inspirational, and from the mortal to the immortal. All things are created spiritually.
SH 265:10-15

This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for Spirit, by no means suggests man's absorption into Deity and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man enlarged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action, a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent peace.

SH 266:27-32

Man is the idea of Spirit; he reflects the beatific presence, illumining the universe with light.