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TOPIC: How does a defence of man's integrity forestall violence?

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THE BIBLE

Is 32: 2

2And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

Gen. 34:1-11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20-26, 28, 29

1And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

3And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

4And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

5And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

6¶And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

7And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

8And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

9And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

10And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.

11And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.

13And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully,

14And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised;

15If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised;

16Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

18And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.

20¶And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

21These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised.

23Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

25¶And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

26And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

28They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field,

29And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.

Ps 7:9

9O Lord, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end;

Ps 26: 9,10

9Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men;

10In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

Job 27:3-6

3All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

4My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

5till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

6My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

Ps. 7:1 (to 1st :), 8 2nd judge, 9 let

10 Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust:

8judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

9... the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

Job 31:6

6Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity.

Ps. 26:4, 5 (I), 6-8, 11, 12

4I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5I (I)will not sit with the wicked.

6I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord:

7That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

11But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

Isa. 32:1-4, 14 1st the (to 2nd ;), 15-17

1Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.

4The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

14the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left;

15Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

16Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

17And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

By Mary Baker Eddy

SH 103:6-9

The destruction of the claims of mortal mind through Science, by which man can escape from sin

and mortality, blesses the whole human family.

SH 188:4-10

The belief of sin, which has grown thoughts terrible in strength and influence, is an unconscious error in the beginning, — an embryonic thought without motive; but afterwards it governs the so-called man. Passion, depraved appetites, dishonesty, envy, hatred, revenge ripen into action, only to pass from shame and woe to their final punishment.

SH 239:23-30

Mortal mind is the acknowledged seat of human motives. It forms material concepts and produces every discordant action of the body. If action proceeds from the divine Mind, action is harmonious. If it comes from erring mortal mind, it is discordant and ends in sin, sickness, death.

Those two opposite sources never mingle in fount or stream. The perfect Mind sends forth perfection, for God is Mind.

SH 448:10-11

Evasion of Truth cripples integrity, and casts thee down from the pinnacle.

SH 105:22-27

Whoever uses his developed mental powers like an escaped felon to commit fresh atrocities as opportunity occurs is never safe. God will arrest him. Divine justice will manacle him. His sins will

be millstones about his neck, weighing him down to the depths of ignominy and death.

SH 104:29-105:15

Our courts recognize evidence to prove the motive as well as the commission of a crime.

Is it not clear that the human mind must move the body to a wicked act? Is not mortal mind the murderer? The hands, without mortal mind to direct them, could not commit a murder.

Courts and juries judge and sentence mortals in order to restrain crime, to prevent deeds of violence or to punish them. To say that these tribunals have no jurisdiction over the carnal or mortal mind, would be to contradict precedent and to admit that the power of human law is restricted to matter, while mortal mind, evil, which is the real outlaw, defies justice and is recommended to mercy. Can matter commit a crime? Can matter be punished? Can you separate the mentality from the body over which courts hold jurisdiction? Mortal mind, not matter, is the criminal in every case; and human law rightly estimates crime, and courts reasonably pass sentence, according to the motive.

SH 103:18-104:2

As named in Christian Science, animal magnetism or hypnotism is the specific term for error, or mortal mind. It is the false belief that mind is in matter, and is both evil and good; that evil is as real as good and more powerful. This belief has not one quality of Truth. It is either ignorant or malicious. The malicious form of hypnotism ultimates in moral idiocy. The truths of immortal Mind sustain man, and they annihilate the fables of mortal mind, whose flimsy and gaudy pretensions, like silly moths, singe their own wings and fall into dust. In reality there is no *mortal* mind, and consequently no transference of mortal thought and will-power. Life and being are of

God. In Christian Science, man can do no harm, for scientific thoughts are true thoughts, passing from God to man.

SH 106:6-11

Like our nation, Christian Science has its Declaration of Independence. God has endowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government, reason, and conscience. Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth

and Love.

SH 326:16-17, 20-22

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained now. Working and praying with true motives,

your Father will open the way. "Who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth?"

SH 454:19-21

Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action.

SH 490:6-11 Christian

Christian Science reveals Truth and Love as the motive-powers of man. Will — blind, stubborn, and headlong— cooperates with appetite and passion. From this cooperation arises its evil.

From this also comes its powerlessness, since all power belongs to God, good.

SH 62:27-28, 31-9 (n.p.)

The higher nature of man is not governed by the lower; if it were, the order of wisdom would be reversed. Because mortals believe in material laws and reject the Science of Mind, this does not make materiality first and the superior law of Soul last. In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence.

SH 455:30-456:2

The higher your attainment in the Science of mental healing and teaching, the more impossible it will become for you intentionally to influence mankind adverse to its highest hope and achievement.