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TOPIC: What is man's authority over mental illness?

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THE BIBLE (New Revised Standard Version)

Psalms 44

15All day long my disgrace is before me, and shame has covered my face
16at the words of the taunters and revilers, at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.
17All this has come upon us, yet we have not forgotten you, or been false to your covenant.
18Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way,

Psalms 38

21Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me;
22make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.
8I am utterly spent and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

Daniel 4

28All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.
29At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon,
30and the king said, "Is this not magnificent Babylon, which I have built as a royal capital by my mighty power and for my glorious majesty?"
31While the words were still in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven: "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: The kingdom has departed from you!
32You shall be driven away from human society, and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like oxen, and seven times shall pass over you, until you have learned that the Most High has sovereignty over the kingdom of mortals and gives it to whom he will."
33Immediately the sentence was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven away from human society, ate grass like oxen, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven, until his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers and his nails became like birds' claws.
34When that period was over, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me. I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored the one who lives forever. For his sovereignty is an everlasting sovereignty, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation.
35All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does what he wills with the host of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. There is no one who can stay his hand or say to him, "What are you doing?"
36At that time my reason returned to me; and my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom. My counselors and my lords sought me out, I was re-established over my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me.
37Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are truth, and his ways are justice; and he is able to bring low those who walk in pride.

Mark 1

1The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
23there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,
24and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."
25But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"
26And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

27They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

Mark 7

24From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,

25but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

26Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27He said to her, "First I should feed my own family, the Jews. It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs." (that verse is from New Living Bible)

28But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

29Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter."

30So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Acts 8

5Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them.

6The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did,

7for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralyzed or lame were cured.

8So there was great joy in that city.

Ps 71

1In you, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion.

2In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

3Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

4Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

5For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

7I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.

8My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.

9Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

10For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together.

11They say, "Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver."

12O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

13Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

14But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.

I Cor 14

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

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

By Mary Baker Eddy

SH 295:25-28

All that is called mortal thought is made up of error. The theoretical mind is matter, named *brain*, or *material consciousness*, the exact opposite of real Mind, or Spirit.

SH 52:19-28

The "man of sorrows" best understood the nothingness of material life and intelligence and the mighty actuality of all-inclusive God, good. These were the two cardinal points of Mind-healing, or Christian Science, which armed him with Love.

SH 517:7-8

The life-giving quality of Mind is Spirit, not matter.

SH 295:28

Brainology teaches that mortals are created to suffer and die. It further teaches that when man is dead, his immortal soul is resurrected from death and mortality. Thus error theorizes that spirit is born of matter and returns to matter, and that man has a resurrection from dust; whereas Science unfolds the eternal verity, that man is the spiritual, eternal reflection of God.

SH 191:28-192:3

The illusive senses may fancy affinities with their opposites; but in Christian Science, Truth never mingles with error. Mind has no affinity with matter, and therefore Truth is able to cast out the ills of the flesh. Mind, God, sends forth the aroma of Spirit, the atmosphere of intelligence. The belief that a pulpy substance under the skull is mind is a mockery of intelligence, a mimicry of Mind.

SH 204:30-205:6 2nd The

The error, which says that Soul is in body, Mind is in matter, and good is in evil, must unsay it and cease from such utterances; else God will continue to be hidden from humanity, and mortals will sin without knowing that they are sinning, will lean on matter instead of Spirit, stumble with lameness, drop with drunkenness, consume with disease, — all because of their blindness, their false sense concerning God and man.

SH 155:21-25

The human mind acts more powerfully to offset the discords of matter and the ills of flesh, in proportion as it puts less weight into the material or fleshly scale and more weight into the spiritual scale.

SH 283:6

Mind is the same Life, Love, and wisdom "yesterday, and to-day, and forever." Matter and its effects — sin, sickness, and death — are states of mortal mind which act, react, and then come to a stop. They are not facts of Mind. They are not ideas, but illusions. Principle is absolute. It admits of no error, but rests upon understanding.

SH 407: 21

If delusion says, "I have lost my memory," contradict it. No faculty of Mind is lost. In Science, all being is eternal, spiritual, perfect, harmonious in every action. Let the perfect model be present in your thoughts instead of its demoralized opposite. This spiritualization of thought lets in the light, and brings the divine Mind, Life not death, into your consciousness.

SH488:23-27

Mind alone possesses all faculties, perception, and comprehension. Therefore mental endowments are not at the mercy of organization and decomposition, — otherwise the very worms could unfashion man.

SH 270:5-13

Matter and Mind are opposites. One is contrary to the other in its very nature and essence; hence both cannot be real. If one is real, the other must be unreal. Only by understanding that there is but one power, — not two powers, matter and Mind, — are scientific and logical conclusions reached.

SH 255:1-6 As

As mortals drop off their mental swaddling-clothes, thought expands into expression. "Let there be light," is the perpetual demand of Truth and Love, changing chaos into order and discord into the music of the spheres.

SH 114:23-27

Christian Science explains all cause and effect as mental, not physical. It lifts the veil of mystery from Soul and body. It shows the scientific relation of man to God, disentangles the interlaced ambiguities of being, and sets free the imprisoned thought.

SH 479:21-26

In the vast forever, in the Science and truth of being, the only facts are Spirit and its innumerable creations. Darkness and chaos are the imaginary opposites of light, understanding, and eternal harmony, and they are the elements of nothingness.

SH 508:5-8

The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it. Mind is the Soul of all. Mind is Life, Truth, and Love which governs all.

SH 205:29-206:3

Denial of the oneness of Mind throws our weight into the scale, not of Spirit, God, good, but of matter. When we fully understand our relation to the Divine, we can have no other Mind but His, — no other Love, wisdom, or Truth, no other sense of Life, and no consciousness of the existence of matter or error.

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