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TOPIC: What is the basis of foresight?

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THE BIBLE (The New Revised Standard Version)

### **Joel 2**

21 Be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!

28 I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

### **Genesis 39**

1 Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt,

20 And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison.

21 But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

22 The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison,

23 The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

### **Genesis 40**

1 Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their lord the king of Egypt.

2 Pharaoh was angry with his two officers,

3 and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined.

4 The captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he waited on them; and they continued for some time in custody.

5 One night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own meaning.

6 When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled.

12 Then Joseph said to (them), "This is its interpretation..."

### **Genesis 41**

1 After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed

8 In the morning his spirit was troubled; so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

9 Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "I remember my faults today.

10 Once Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard.

11 We dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own meaning.

12 A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each according to his dream.

13 As he interpreted to us, so it turned out;

14 Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was hurriedly brought out of the dungeon. When he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

16 Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."

17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile;

18 and seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass.

19 Then seven other cows came up after them, poor, very ugly, and thin. Never had I seen such ugly ones in all the land of Egypt.

20 The thin and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows,

21 then I awoke.

**22**I fell asleep a second time and I saw in my dream seven ears of grain, full and good, growing on one stalk,  
**23**and seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind,  
**24**and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. But when I told it to the magicians, there was no one who could explain it to me."  
**25**Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.  
**26**The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one.  
**27**The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, as are the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind. They are seven years of famine.  
**33**Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man who is discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.  
**34**Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land, and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years.  
**35**Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it.  
**36**That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine."  
**37**The proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants.  
**38**Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find anyone else like this—one in whom is the spirit of God?"  
**39**So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you.  
**40**You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you."  
**47**During the seven plenteous years the earth produced abundantly.  
**49**So Joseph stored up grain in such abundance—like the sand of the sea—that he stopped measuring it; it was beyond measure.  
**53**The seven years of plenty that prevailed in the land of Egypt came to an end;  
**54**and the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said.  
**56**Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.  
**57**Moreover, all the world came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain

## **Ezekiel 12**

**24** there shall no longer be any false vision

## SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

By Mary Baker Eddy

SH 84:3-23

The ancient prophets gained their foresight from a spiritual, incorporeal standpoint, not by foreshadowing evil and mistaking fact for fiction, — predicting the future from a groundwork of corporeality and human belief. When sufficiently advanced in Science to be in harmony with the truth of being, men become seers and prophets involuntarily, controlled not by demons, spirits, or demigods, but by the one Spirit. It is the prerogative of the ever-present, divine Mind, and of thought which is in rapport with this Mind, to know the past, the present, and the future. Acquaintance with the Science of being enables us to commune more largely with the divine Mind, to foresee and foretell events which concern the universal welfare, to be divinely inspired, — yea, to reach the range of fetterless Mind. To understand that Mind is infinite, not bounded by corporeality, not dependent upon the ear and eye for sound or sight nor upon muscles and bones for locomotion, is a step towards the Mind□ science by which we discern man's nature and existence.

SH 593:4-5

**PROPHET.** A spiritual seer; disappearance of material sense before the conscious facts of spiritual Truth.  
 SH 298:2-15

Life, Truth, and Love are the realities of divine Science. They dawn in faith and glow full-orbed in spiritual understanding. As a cloud hides the sun it cannot extinguish, so false belief silences for a while the voice of immutable harmony, but false belief cannot destroy Science armed with faith, hope, and

fruition. What is termed material sense can report only a mortal temporary sense of things, whereas spiritual sense can bear witness only to Truth. To material sense, the unreal is the real until this sense is corrected by Christian Science. Spiritual sense, contradicting the material senses, involves intuition, hope, faith, understanding, fruition, reality.

SH 209:31-32

Spiritual sense is a conscious, constant capacity to understand God.

SH 84:28-85:12

All we correctly know of Spirit comes from God, divine Principle, and is learned through Christ and Christian Science. If this Science has been thoroughly learned and properly digested, we can know the truth more accurately than the astronomer can read the stars or calculate an eclipse.

This Mind-reading is the opposite of clairvoyance. It is the illumination of the understanding which demonstrates the capacity of Soul, not of material sense. This Soul-sense comes to the human mind when the latter yields to the divine Mind. Such intuitions reveal whatever constitutes and perpetuates harmony, enabling one to do good, but not evil. You will reach the perfect Science of healing when you are able to read the human mind after this manner and discern the error you would destroy.

SH 85:15-19

It is recorded that Jesus, as he once journeyed with his students, "knew their thoughts," — read them scientifically. In like manner he discerned disease and healed the sick. After the same method, events of great moment were foretold by the Hebrew prophets.

SH 128:4-19

The term Science, properly understood, refers only to the laws of God and to His government of the universe, inclusive of man. From this it follows that business men and cultured scholars have found that Christian Science enhances their endurance and mental powers, enlarges their perception of character, gives them acuteness and comprehensiveness and an ability to exceed their ordinary capacity. The human mind, imbued with this spiritual understanding, becomes more elastic, is capable of greater endurance, escapes somewhat from itself, and requires less repose.

A knowledge of the Science of being develops the latent abilities and possibilities of man.

It extends the atmosphere of thought, giving mortals access to broader and higher realms.

It raises the thinker into his native air of insight and perspicacity.

SH 264:32-265:15

The universe of Spirit is peopled with spiritual beings, and its government is divine Science. Man is the offspring, not of the lowest, but of the highest qualities of Mind. Man understands spiritual existence in proportion as his treasures of Truth and Love are enlarged. Mortals must gravitate Godward, their affections and aims grow spiritual, — they must near the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper sense of the infinite, — in order that sin and mortality may be put off. 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 98:4-7

The prophet of to-day beholds in the mental horizon the signs of these times, the reappearance of the Christianity which heals the sick and destroys error, and no other sign shall be given.

SH 99:23-29

The calm, strong currents of true spirituality, the manifestations of which are health, purity, and self-immolation, must deepen human experience, until the beliefs of material existence are seen to be a bald imposition, and sin, disease, and death give everlasting place to the scientific demonstration of divine Spirit and to God's spiritual, perfect man.