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### **Proverbs 8**

**1** Listen as wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice!

**2** She stands on the hilltop and at the crossroads.

**3** At the entrance to the city, at the city gates, she cries aloud,

**4** "I call to you, to all of you! I am raising my voice to all people.

**5** Let me give you common sense. O foolish ones, let me give you understanding.

#### **SH 205:32**

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.

#### **SH 2:31**

Asking God to be God is a vain repetition. God is "the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever;" and He who is immutably right will do right without being reminded of His province. The wisdom of man is not sufficient to warrant him in advising God.

#### **SH 2:8-11**

God is not moved by the breath of praise to do more than He has already done, nor can the infinite do less than bestow all good, since He is unchanging wisdom and Love.

### **Proverbs 8**

**6** Listen to me! For I have excellent things to tell you. Everything I say is right,

**7** for I speak the truth and hate every kind of deception.

**8** My advice is wholesome and good. There is nothing crooked or twisted in it.

**9** My words are plain to anyone with understanding, clear to those who want to learn."

#### **SH 538:3**

Truth should, and does, drive error out of all selfhood. Truth is a two-edged sword, guarding and guiding. Truth places the cherub wisdom at the gate of understanding to note the proper guests. Radiant with mercy and justice, the sword of Truth gleams afar and indicates the infinite distance between Truth and error, between the material and spiritual, — the unreal and the real.

#### **SH 8:28**

We should examine ourselves and learn what is the affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way only can we learn what we honestly are. If a friend informs us of a fault, do we listen patiently to the rebuke and credit what is said? Do we not rather give thanks that we are "not as other men"? During many years the author has been most grateful for merited rebuke. The wrong lies in unmerited censure, — in the falsehood which does no one any good.

#### **SH 570:30-14 30 Many**

Many are willing to open the eyes of the people to the power of good resident in divine Mind, but they are not so willing to point out the evil in human thought, and expose evil's hidden mental ways of accomplishing iniquity.

Why this backwardness, since exposure is necessary to ensure the avoidance of the evil? Because people like you better when you tell them their virtues than when you tell them their vices. It requires the spirit of our blessed Master to tell a man his faults, and so risk human displeasure for the sake of doing right and benefiting our race. Who is telling mankind of the foe in ambush? Is the informer one who sees the foe? If so, listen and be wise. Escape from evil, and designate those as unfaithful stewards who have seen the danger and yet have given no warning.

#### **SH 62:27-30**

The higher nature of man is not governed by the lower; if it were, the order of wisdom would be reversed. Our false views of life hide eternal harmony, and produce the ills of which we complain.

#### **SH 231:20-25**

To hold yourself superior to sin, because God made you superior to it and governs man, is true wisdom. To fear sin is to misunderstand the power of Love and the divine Science of being in man's relation to God, — to doubt His government and distrust His omnipotent care.

### **Proverbs 8**

**10**"Choose my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge over pure gold.

**11**For wisdom is far more valuable than rubies. Nothing you desire can be compared with it."

**12**"I, Wisdom, live together with good judgment. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment.

**13**All who fear the LORD will hate evil. That is why I hate pride, arrogance, corruption, and perverted speech.

**14**Good advice and success belong to me. Insight and strength are mine.

### **SH 181:29 (only)**

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

### **SH 182:5-9**

The demands of God appeal to thought only; but the claims of mortality, and what are termed laws of nature, appertain to matter. Which, then, are we to accept as legitimate and capable of producing the highest human good?

### **SH 5:14-18**

Saints and sinners get their full award, but not always in this world. The followers of Christ drank his cup. Ingratitude and persecution filled it to the brim; but God pours the riches of His love into the understanding and affections, giving us strength according to our day.

### **SH 70:1-5**

Mortal existence is an enigma. Every day is a mystery. The testimony of the corporeal senses cannot inform us what is real and what is delusive, but the revelations of Christian Science unlock the treasures of Truth.

### **SH 241:5**

Sensual treasures are laid up "where moth and rust doth corrupt." Mortality is their doom. Sin breaks in upon them, and carries off their fleeting joys. The sensualist's affections are as imaginary, whimsical, and unreal as his pleasures. Falsehood, envy, hypocrisy, malice, hate, revenge, and so forth, steal away the treasures of Truth. Stripped of its coverings, what a mocking spectacle is sin!

### **Proverbs 8**

**15**Because of me, kings reign, and rulers make just laws.

**16**Rulers lead with my help, and nobles make righteous judgments."

**17**"I love all who love me. Those who search for me will surely find me.

**18**Unending riches, honor, wealth, and justice are mine to distribute.

**19**My gifts are better than the purest gold, my wages better than sterling silver!

**20**I walk in righteousness, in paths of justice.

**21**Those who love me inherit wealth, for I fill their treasuries."

### **SH 264:32**

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.

### **SH 451:14**

Man walks in the direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affections are spiritual, they come from above, not from beneath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

### **SH 184:12-18**

Truth, Life, and Love are the only legitimate and eternal demands on man, and they are spiritual lawgivers, enforcing obedience through divine statutes.

Controlled by the divine intelligence, man is harmonious and eternal. Whatever is governed by a false belief is discordant and mortal.

### **SH 128:4**

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.

**Proverbs 8**

**22**"The LORD formed me from the beginning, before he created anything else.

**23**I was appointed in ages past, at the very first, before the earth began.

**24**I was born before the oceans were created, before the springs bubbled forth their waters.

**25**Before the mountains and the hills were formed, I was born --

**26**before he had made the earth and fields and the first handfuls of soil."

**27**"I was there when he established the heavens, when he drew the horizon on the oceans.

**28**I was there when he set the clouds above, when he established the deep fountains of the earth.

**29**I was there when he set the limits of the seas, so they would not spread beyond their boundaries.

And when he marked off the earth's foundations,

**30**I was the architect at his side. I was his constant delight, rejoicing always in his presence.

**31**And how happy I was with what he created -- his wide world and all the human family!"

**SH 518:27**

The divine Principle, or Spirit, comprehends and expresses all, and all must therefore be as perfect as the divine Principle is perfect. Nothing is new to Spirit. Nothing can be novel to eternal Mind, the author of all things, who from all eternity knoweth His own ideas. Deity was satisfied with His work. How could He be otherwise, since the spiritual creation was the outgrowth, the emanation, of His infinite self-containment and immortal wisdom?

**Proverbs 8**

**32**"And so, my children, listen to me, for happy are all who follow my ways.

**33**Listen to my counsel and be wise. Don't ignore it."

**34**"Happy are those who listen to me, watching for me daily at my gates..."

**SH 323:28**

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the "still, small voice" of Truth uttering itself. We are either turning away from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification of sense and self is a proof of progress. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."