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TOPIC: How do we face down the fear of disease? (addressing the ebola scare in West Africa)

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THE BIBLE

Job 22:10-13 snares, 18 he, 19 (to :), 20 our (to .), 25 the (to 2nd .), 26 thou, 27
snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee ... thou canst not see; and abundance
of waters cover thee. *Is* not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high
they are! And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? ... he filled
their houses with good *things*: ... the counsel of the wicked is far from me. The righteous see *it*, and are
glad: ... our substance is not cut down, ... the Almighty shall be thy defence, ... thou have thy delight in
the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall
hear thee,

I Kings 12:32

Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast
that *is* in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, sacrificing unto the calves that he
had made

I kings 13: 1-10

And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Beth-el: And he
cried against the altar in the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord; Behold, a
child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; ... And he gave a sign the same day,
saying, This is the sign which the Lord hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that
are upon it shall be poured out. And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the
man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar,
saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not
pull it in again to him. The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to
the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord. And the king answered and said
unto the man of God, Entreat now the face of the Lord thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may
be restored me again. And the man of God besought the Lord, and the king's hand was restored him
again, and became as *it* was before. And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me,
and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt
give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this
place:..So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

Luke 14:1-6

And it came to pass, as (Jesus) went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the
sabbath day, that they watched him. And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had
the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on
the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took *him*, and healed him, and let him go; And
answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not
straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? And they could not answer him again to these things.
Matt. 17:14-21

¶ And when they were come to the multitude, there came to (Jesus) a *certain* man, kneeling down to
him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth
into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.
Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how
long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of
him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said,
Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say
unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence
to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind
goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Acts 9:32-35

¶ And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda. And there he found a certain man named Æneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. And Peter said unto him, Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

Acts 14:8-10

¶ And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Ps. 64:1, 2, 10

Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

By Mary Baker Eddy

SH 493:20

Disease is an experience of so-called mortal mind. It is fear made manifest on the body. Christian Science takes away this physical sense of discord, just as it removes any other sense of moral or mental inharmony. That man is material, and that matter suffers, — these propositions can only seem real and natural in illusion. Any sense of soul in matter is not the reality of being.

SH 377:26-29

The cause of all so-called disease is mental, a mortal fear, a mistaken belief or conviction of the necessity and power of ill-health; also a fear that Mind is helpless to defend the life of man and incompetent to control it.

SH 380:22-7

Many years ago the author made a spiritual discovery, the scientific evidence of which has accumulated to prove that the divine Mind produces in man health, harmony, and immortality. Gradually this evidence will gather momentum and clearness, until it reaches its culmination of scientific statement and proof. Nothing is more disheartening than to believe that there is a power opposite to God, or good, and that God endows this opposing power with strength to be used against Himself, against Life, health, harmony.

Every law of matter or the body, supposed to govern man, is rendered null and void by the law of Life, God. Ignorant of our God-given rights, we submit to unjust decrees, and the bias of education enforces this slavery. Be no more willing to suffer the illusion that you are sick or that some disease is developing in the system, than you are to yield to a sinful temptation on the ground that sin has its necessities.

SH 167:7

Our proportionate admission of the claims of good or of evil determines the harmony of our existence, — our health, our longevity, and our Christianity.

SH 495:14

When the illusion of sickness or sin tempts you, cling steadfastly to God and His idea. Allow nothing but His likeness to abide in your thought. Let neither fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and calm trust, that the recognition of life harmonious — as Life eternally is — can destroy any painful sense of, or belief in, that which Life is not. Let Christian Science, instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence discord with harmony.

SH 411:27-1

Always begin your treatment by allaying the fear of patients. Silently reassure them as to their exemption from disease and danger. Watch the result of this simple rule of Christian Science, and you will find that it alleviates the symptoms of every disease. If you succeed in wholly removing the fear, your patient is healed.

SH 406:9

"Perfect Love casteth out fear."

SH 224:31 (only, to 2nd .)

No power can withstand divine Love.

SH 518:19-21

Love giveth to the least spiritual idea might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through all as the blossom shines through the bud.

SH 367:3

The tender word and Christian encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience with his fears and the removal of them, are better than hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame with divine Love.

SH 453:24-28

You should treat sickness mentally just as you would sin, except that you must not tell the patient that he is sick nor give names to diseases, for such a course increases fear, the foundation of disease, and impresses more deeply the wrong mind-picture.

SH 412:20

Argue at first mentally, not audibly, that the patient has no disease, and conform the argument so as to destroy the evidence of disease. Mentally insist that harmony is the fact, and that sickness is a temporal dream. Realize the presence of health and the fact of harmonious being, until the body corresponds with the normal conditions of health and harmony.

SH 421:15-18 (to 2nd .)

Insist vehemently on the great fact which covers the whole ground, that God, Spirit, is all, and that there is none beside Him. There is *no disease*.

SH 551:24-28 Darkness (to 2nd .)

Darkness and doubt encompass thought, so long as it bases creation on materiality. From a material standpoint, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" All must be Mind, or else all must be matter.

Neither can produce the other.

SH 596:23-25

Though the way is dark in mortal sense, divine Life and Love illumine it, destroy the unrest of mortal thought, the fear of death, and the supposed reality of error.

SH 552:16-19

Mortals must emerge from this notion of material life as all-in-all. They must peck open their shells with Christian Science, and look outward and upward.

SH 553:4

This clearer consciousness must precede an understanding of the harmony of being. Mortal thought must obtain a better basis, get nearer the truth of being, or health will never be universal, and harmony will never become the standard of man.

SH 412:13

The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and death.