

TOPIC: How are we assured of good government?

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**Isa. 9:6 1st the (to 2nd :) KJV**

the government shall be upon his shoulder:

**Exodus 18 TNRSV**

**5**Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came into the wilderness where Moses was encamped at the mountain of God, bringing Moses' sons and wife to him.

**6**He sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you, with your wife and her two sons."

**7**Moses went out to meet his father-in-law; he bowed down and kissed him; each asked after the other's welfare, and they went into the tent.

**8**Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had beset them on the way, and how the Lord had delivered them.

**9**Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done to Israel, in delivering them from the Egyptians.

**10**Jethro said, "Blessed be the Lord, who has delivered you from the Egyptians and from Pharaoh.

**11**Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods, because he delivered the people from the Egyptians, when they dealt arrogantly with them."

**13**The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening.

**14**When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?"

**15**Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God.

**16**When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God."

**17**Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good.

**18**You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone.

**19**Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God;

**20**teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do.

**21**You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

**22**Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you.

**23**If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace."

**24**So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

**25**Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.

**26**And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves.

**27**Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went off to his own country.

**Isa. 33:22 1st the KJV**

**22**For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

**I Peter 2 TNRSV**

**1**Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander.

**2**Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—

**7**To you then who believe, he is precious;

**9**... you are a chosen (people), a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**12**Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

**13**For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme,

**14**or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right.

**15**For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish.

**16**As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.

**17**Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**Matthew 17 TNRSV**

**24**When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?"

**25**He said, "Yes, he does." And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?"

**26**When Peter said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the children are free.

**27**However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me."

**I Tim. 2:1, 2 TNVRS**

**1**I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,

**2**for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

**Deut. 33:12 1st The KJV**

The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; *and the Lord* shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

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SH 215:12

Whatever is governed by God, is never for an instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence and Life.

SH 184:17-18

Whatever is governed by a false belief is discordant and mortal.

SH 184:16-17

Controlled by the divine intelligence, man is harmonious and eternal.

SH 479:23-26

Darkness and chaos are the imaginary opposites of light, understanding, and eternal harmony, and they are the elements of nothingness.

SH 255:1-14

Eternal Truth is changing the universe. 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. The mythical human theories of creation, anciently classified as the higher criticism, sprang from cultured scholars in Rome and in Greece, but they afforded no foundation for accurate views of creation by the divine Mind.

Mortal man has made a covenant with his eyes to belittle Deity with human conceptions. In league with material sense, mortals take limited views of all things.

SH 122:1-7

The evidence of the physical senses often reverses the real Science of being, and so creates a reign of discord, — assigning seeming power to sin, sickness, and death; but the great facts of Life, rightly understood, defeat this triad of errors, contradict their false witnesses, and reveal the kingdom of heaven, — the actual reign of harmony on earth.

SH 208:20-24

Let us learn of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain forever unseen.

SH 256:13-23

The everlasting I am is not bounded nor compressed within the narrow limits of physical humanity, nor can He be understood aright through mortal concepts. The precise form of God must be of small importance in comparison with the sublime question, What is infinite Mind or divine Love?

Who is it that demands our obedience? He who, in the language of Scripture, "doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest Thou?"

SH 307:31-8

Above error's awful din, blackness, and chaos, the voice of Truth still calls: "Adam, where art thou? Consciousness, where art thou? Art thou dwelling in the belief that mind is in matter, and that evil is mind, or art thou in the living faith that there is and can be but one God, and keeping His commandment?" Until the lesson is learned that God is the only Mind governing man, mortal belief will be afraid as it was in the beginning, and will hide from the demand, "Where art thou?"

SH 480:10

Consciousness, as well as action, is governed by Mind, — is in God, the origin and governor of all that Science reveals. Material sense has its realm apart from Science in the unreal. Harmonious action proceeds from Spirit, God. Inharmony has no Principle; its action is erroneous and presupposes man to be in matter. Inharmony would make matter the cause as well as the effect of intelligence, or Soul, thus attempting to separate Mind from God.

SH 536:8

The divine understanding reigns, is *all*, and there is no other consciousness.

SH 480:19

Man is not God, and God is not man. Again, God, or good, never made man capable of sin. It is the opposite of good — that is, evil — which seems to make men capable of wrong-doing. Hence, evil is but an illusion, and it has no real basis. Evil is a false belief. God is not its author. The supposititious parent of evil is a lie.

SH 106:7-14

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.

Man's rights are invaded when the divine order is interfered with, and the mental trespasser incurs the divine penalty due this crime.

SH 128:4-6

The term Science, properly understood, refers only to the laws of God and to His government of the universe, inclusive of man.

SH 318:28-32

The governor is not subjected to the governed.

SH 171:12-22

Mind's control over the universe, including man, is no longer an open question, but is demonstrable Science. Jesus illustrated the divine Principle and the power of immortal Mind by healing sickness and sin and destroying the foundations of death.

Mistaking his origin and nature, man believes himself to be combined matter and Spirit. He believes that Spirit is sifted through matter, carried on a nerve, exposed to ejection by the operation of matter. The intellectual, the moral, the spiritual, — yea, the image of infinite Mind, — subject to non-intelligence!

SH 55:15-16

Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries, gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning.

SH 256:1-5

Progress takes off human shackles. The finite must yield to the infinite. Advancing to a higher plane of action, thought rises from the material sense to the spiritual, from the scholastic to the inspirational, and from the mortal to the immortal.

SH vii:20

Though empires fall, "the Lord shall reign forever."