

# Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced

Section 1  
The Bible

GOLDEN TEXT | Colossians 3:3 *your*

. . . your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

RESPONSIVE READING | Psalms 31:14–17 *I trusted* (to :), 18–21

- 14 . . . I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God.  
15 **My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.**  
16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.  
17 **Let me not be ashamed, O Lord; for I have called upon thee:**  
18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.  
19 **Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!**  
20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.  
21 **Blessed be the Lord: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.**

1 | Psalms 64:1–4 (to :)

1 Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. 2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: 3 Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: 4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect:

2 | Psalms 91:2, 3, 5, 9–11

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.  
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;  
9 Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

*The Golden Text is from the Holy Bible, New Living Translation.*

Section 1  
Science and Health

1 | 581:4

ANGELS. God’s thoughts passing to man; spiritual intuitions, pure and perfect; the inspiration of goodness, purity, and immortality, counteracting all evil, sensuality, and mortality.

2 | 228:25–27

There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all-power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God.

3 | 186:15, 19–20

15 Every mortal must learn that there is neither power nor reality in evil.

Evil  
negative and  
self-destructive

The only power of evil is to destroy itself. It can never destroy one iota of good.

4 | 103:15–23 (to 2<sup>nd</sup> .), 29

15 The maximum of good is the infinite God and His idea, the All-in-all. Evil is a suppositional lie.

18 As named in Christian Science, animal magnetism or hypnotism is the specific term for error, or mortal mind.

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21 It is the false belief that mind is in matter, and is both evil and good; that evil is as real as good and more powerful. This belief has not one quality of Truth. It is either ignorant or malicious. The genus of error

30 In reality there is no mortal mind, and consequently no transference of mortal thought and will-power. Life and being are of God. In Christian Science, man can do no harm, for scientific thoughts are true thoughts, passing from God to man. Thought-transference

Section 2  
The Bible

3 | Psalms 31:1 (to ;)

1 In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust;

4 | Psalms 32:7

7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

5 | Exodus 1:8, 9, 22

8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. 9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

6 | Exodus 2:1–10

1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. 2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. 4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. 5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. 7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

7 | Hebrews 11:23

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

8 | Psalms 145:20 (to :)

20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him:

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5 | 581:8 (only, to ;), 11 (only, to ;)

**ARK.** Safety;

God and man coexistent and eternal;

6 | 544:14–17

No mortal mind has the might  
15 or right or wisdom to create or to destroy.  
All is under the control of the one Mind,  
even God.

7 | 102:30–2

30 Mankind must learn that evil is not power. Its so-called despotism is but a phase of nothingness. Christian Science despoils the kingdom of evil, and pre-eminently  
1 promotes affection and virtue in families and therefore in the community.

8 | 60:8

A mother's affection cannot be weaned from her  
9 child, because the mother-love includes purity and constancy, both of which are immortal. Therefore maternal affection lives on under whatever difficulties.

9 | 256:7

Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man.

10 | 571:15–18

15 At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory  
18 over evil. The armor of divinity

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The Bible*

9 | Psalms 31:24

24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

10 | Psalms 119:113–115

113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love. 114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.  
115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

11 | I Samuel 19:1, 2

1 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. 2 But Jonathan Saul’s son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:

12 | II Samuel 8:6 *And the Lord*

6 And the Lord preserved David whithersoever he went.

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11 | 266:13–15

Friends will betray and enemies will slander, until the lesson is sufficient to exalt you; for “man’s extremity is God’s opportunity.”

12 | 571:18–19

18 Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you. The armor of divinity

13 | 374:5–6

Hatred and its effects on the body are removed by Love.

14 | 402:20–30

We say that one human mind can influence another and in this way affect the body, but we rarely remember that we govern our own bodies. The error, mesmerism — or hypnotism, to use the recent term The evil of mesmerism  
— illustrates the fact just stated. The operator would make his subjects believe that they cannot act voluntarily and handle themselves as they should do. If they yield to this influence, it is because their belief is not better instructed by spiritual understanding. Hence the proof that hypnotism is not scientific; Science cannot produce both disorder and order.

15 | 578:10–18

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for [LOVE] is with me; [LOVE’S] rod and [LOVE’S] staff they comfort me.

[LOVE] prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: [LOVE] anointeth my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [LOVE] for ever.

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The Bible*

13 | Psalms 17:6–9

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech. 7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them. 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, 9 From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

14 | Joshua 2:1–6, 16

1 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot’s house, named Rahab, and lodged there. 2 And it was told the king of

Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to-night of the children of Israel to search out the country. 3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country. 4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: 5 And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them. 6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

15 | Joshua 6:25

25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father’s household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

16 | Psalms 121:8

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.



44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

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21 | 357:5–8

We sustain Truth, not by accepting, but by rejecting a lie.

Jesus said of personified evil, that it was “a liar, and the father of it.”

22 | 39:1–6

1 Meekly our Master met the mockery of his unrecognized grandeur. Such indignities as he received, his followers will endure until Christianity’s last triumph. He won eternal honors. He overcame the world, the flesh, and all error, thus proving their nothingness.

Mockery  
of truth

23 | 102:16–20

The mild forms of animal magnetism are disappearing, and its aggressive features are coming to the front.

18 The looms of crime, hidden in the recesses of mortal thought, are every hour weaving webs more complicated and subtle.

Hidden  
agents

24 | 570:4

The present apathy as to the tendency of certain active yet unseen mental agencies will finally be shocked into another extreme mortal mood, — into human indignation; for one extreme follows another.

Apathy to  
occultism

25 | 102:1

1 Animal magnetism has no scientific foundation, for God governs all that is real, harmonious, and eternal, and His power is neither animal nor human. Its basis being a belief and this belief animal, in Science animal magnetism, mesmerism, or hypnotism is a mere negation, possessing neither intelligence, power, nor reality, and in sense it is an unreal concept of the so-called mortal mind.

Mere  
negation

26 | 450:19–22

The Christian Scientist has enlisted to lessen evil, disease, and death; and he will overcome them by understanding their nothingness and the allness of God, or good.

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The Bible*

19 | Proverbs 28:12

12 When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

20 | Acts 10:38 God, 39

38 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.  
39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

21 | Mark 15:42, 43, 46

42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimathæa, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

22 | Mark 16:9, 14, 15

9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

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27 | 44:5–7, 28

6 The lonely precincts of the tomb gave Jesus a refuge from his foes, a place in which to solve the great problem of being.

30 His disciples believed Jesus to be dead while he was hidden in the sepulchre, whereas he was alive, demonstrating within the narrow tomb the power of Spirit to overrule mortal, material sense. Obstacles overcome  
1 There were rock-ribbed walls in the way, and a great stone must be rolled from the cave’s mouth; but Jesus  
3 vanquished every material obstacle, overcame every law of matter, and stepped forth from his gloomy resting-place, crowned with the glory of a sublime success, an everlasting victory.

28 | 428:3 (only)

3 Life is real, and death is the illusion.

29 | 101:29–31

30 In no instance is the effect of animal magnetism, recently called hypnotism, other than the effect of illusion.

30 | 332:11–15

The Christ The Son  
of God

12 is incorporeal, spiritual, — yea, the divine  
image and likeness, dispelling the illusions of the senses;  
the Way, the Truth, and the Life, healing the sick and  
15 casting out evils, destroying sin, disease, and death.

*Section 7  
The Bible*

23 | Isaiah 32:2

2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind,  
and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry  
place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

*Section 7  
Science and Health*

31 | 15:25–26

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden  
from the world, but known to God.

*Section 8  
The Bible*

24 | Colossians 3:3 *your*

3 your life is hid with Christ in God.

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32 | 325:10–12, 15

In Colossians (iii. 4) Paul writes: “When Christ, who  
is our life, shall appear [be manifested], then shall ye also  
12 appear [be manifested] with him in glory.”

15 The absolute meaning of the apostolic  
words is this: Then shall man be found, in His likeness,  
perfect as the Father, indestructible in Life, “hid with  
18 Christ in God,” — with Truth in divine Love, where  
human sense hath not seen man.