

# WEDNESDAY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 26, 2022



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## THE WORLD'S WEAPONS - POWERFUL?

### Psalm 58. New Life Version

Do you speak what is right and good, O you powerful ones? Are you always right in how you judge, O sons of men? 2 No, in your heart you do what is wrong. You use your hands to hurt and destroy in the land. 6 O God, break the teeth in their mouth. 7 Let them flow away like water that pours. When he uses his arrows, let them have no heads. 8 Let them be like a snail that melts away as it goes.

### **Ps. 140:1, 12**

- 1 Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;
- 12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.

### **Ps. 73:28 it**

- 28 ... *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

### **Ps. 93:1-4**

- 1 The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
- 2 Thy throne *is* established of old: thou *art* from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.
- 4 The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

### **Ezek. 39:3 I, 7-9**

- 3 ... I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.
- 7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let them* pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

8 ¶ Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this *is* the day whereof I have spoken.  
9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

### **II Sam. 1:27**

27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

### **Eccl. 9:18 (to :)**

18 Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war: ...

### **Isa. 54:17**

17 ¶ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

### **Matt. 26:47–53**

47 ¶ And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.  
48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.  
49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.  
50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.  
51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.  
52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.  
53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

### **II Cor. 10:4, 5**

4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)  
5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

### **Col. 1:3–5, 9–13**

3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,  
4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints,  
5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

- 9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
- 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;
- 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
- 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

**Dan. 6:27 (to 2nd ,)**

- 27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, ...

**Hos. 11:4 (to :)**

- 4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: ...

**Eccl. 3:14**

- 14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him.

**Isa. 14:5**

- 5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, *and* the sceptre of the rulers.

**Mic. 4:3**

- 3 ¶ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.



SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES BY MARY BAKER EDDY

**SH 102:30–31**

- 30 Mankind must learn that evil is not power. Its so-called despotism is but a phase of nothingness.

**SH 563:1–7 (to ?)**

- 1 Human sense may well marvel at discord, while, to a diviner sense, harmony is the real and discord the unreal.
- 3 We may well be astonished at sin, sickness, and

death. We may well be perplexed at human  
fear; and still more astounded at hatred, which lifts  
6 its hydra head, showing its horns in the many inventions  
of evil. But why should we stand aghast at nothingness?

### SH 537:9–10, 13

9 A knowledge of evil was never the essence of divinity or manhood.

“Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he  
also reap.” Error excludes itself from harmony. Sin  
15 is its own punishment. Truth guards the gateway  
to harmony. Error tills its own barren soil and buries  
itself in the ground, since ground and dust stand for  
18 nothingness.

### SH 251:30

30 Inharmonious beliefs, which  
rob Mind, calling it matter, and deify their  
own notions, imprison themselves in what they create.  
1 They are at war with Science, and as our Master said,  
“If a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom  
3 cannot stand.”

Spiritual  
ignorance

### SH 48:17

Judas had the world's weapons. Jesus had not one  
18 of them, and chose not the world's means of defence.  
“He opened not his mouth.” The great demon-  
strator of Truth and Love was silent before  
21 envy and hate. Peter would have smitten the enemies of  
his Master, but Jesus forbade him, thus rebuking re-  
sentment or animal courage. He said: “Put up thy  
24 sword.”

Defensive  
weapons

### SH 464:21–24

21 In founding a pathological system of Christianity, the  
author has labored to expound divine Principle, and not  
to exalt personality. The weapons of bigotry,  
24 ignorance, envy, fall before an honest heart.

The right  
motive and  
its reward

## SH 414:21–23

21 The Scripture declares, “The Lord He is God  
[good]; there is none else beside Him.” Even so, harmony  
is universal, and discord is unreal.

## SH 375:14–17

No person is benefited by yielding his mentality to any  
15 mental despotism or malpractice. All unscientific mental  
practice is erroneous and powerless, and should be under-  
stood and so rendered fruitless.

## SH 378:10–24

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looking a tiger fearlessly in the eye, Sir Charles  
12 Napier sent it cowering back into the jungle. An ani-  
mal may infuriate another by looking it in the eye, and  
both will fight for nothing. A man's gaze, fastened  
15 fearlessly on a ferocious beast, often causes the beast to  
retreat in terror. This latter occurrence represents the  
power of Truth over error, — the might of intelligence  
18 exercised over mortal beliefs to destroy them; whereas  
hypnotism and hygienic drilling and drugging, adopted  
to cure matter, is represented by two material erroneous  
21 bases.

Disease is not an intelligence to dispute the empire of  
Mind or to dethrone Mind and take the government into  
24 its own hands.

Latent  
power

## SH 103:6–22

6 The destruction of the claims of mortal mind through  
Science, by which man can escape from sin  
and mortality, blesses the whole human fam-  
9 ily. As in the beginning, however, this libera-  
tion does not scientifically show itself in a knowledge of  
both good and evil, for the latter is unreal.

12 On the other hand, Mind-science is wholly separate  
from any half-way impertinent knowledge, because Mind-  
science is of God and demonstrates the divine Principle,  
15 working out the purposes of good only. The maximum  
of good is the infinite God and His idea, the All-in-all.  
Evil is a suppositional lie.

Liberation  
of mental  
powers

18 As named in Christian Science, animal magnetism or  
hypnotism is the specific term for error, or mortal mind.  
It is the false belief that mind is in matter, and  
21 is both evil and good; that evil is as real as  
good and more powerful.

The genus  
of error

### SH 183:23–24

Obedience to Truth gives man  
24 power and strength.

### SH 419:2

Lurking error, lust, envy, revenge, malice, or hate will  
3 perpetuate or even create the belief in disease. Errors  
of all sorts tend in this direction. Your true course is  
to destroy the foe, and leave the field to God, Life, Truth,  
6 and Love, remembering that God and His ideas alone  
are real and harmonious.

### SH 387:27

27 The history of Christianity furnishes sublime proofs  
of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed  
on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent  
30 Mind, who gives man faith and understanding  
whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but  
from bodily suffering.


Christian  
history

### SH 192:23–24 (to 2nd .)

The good you do and embody gives you  
24 the only power obtainable. Evil is not power.

### SH 390:32–2

Rise in the conscious strength of the  
1 spirit of Truth to overthrow the plea of mortal mind,  
*alias* matter, arrayed against the supremacy of Spirit.

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