



Handouts for Week of November 20, 2023- “Ancient & Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism & Hypnotism Denounced”

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Word Study: “Necromancy,” “Mesmerism,” “History,” “Animal Magnetism,” “Hypnotism,” & “Denounce,”

Necromancy: (divine, divination)

1. The art of revealing future events by means of a pretended communication with the dead. This imposture is prohibited. Deuteronomy 18.
2. Enchantment; conjuration.

Mesmerism:

1. A strong or spellbinding appeal; fascination.
2. Hypnotic induction believed to involve animal magnetism.
3. Hypnotism.

[From Mesmer, who first brought it into notice at Vienna, about 1775: cf. F. mesmérisme.] The art of inducing an extraordinary or abnormal state of the nervous system, in which the actor claims to control the actions, and communicate directly with the mind, of the recipient. See Animal magnetism, under [Magnetism](#).

Word ‘History’: Franz Anton Mesmer, a visionary 18th-century physician, believed cures could be effected by having patients do things such as sit with their feet in a fountain of magnetized water while holding cables attached to magnetized trees. Mesmer then came to believe that magnetic powers resided in himself, and during highly fashionable curative sessions in Paris he caused his patients to have reactions ranging from sleeping or dancing

to convulsions. These reactions were actually brought about by hypnotic powers that Mesmer was unaware he possessed. Eventually, Mesmer's practices came to be called *mesmerism* (a term first recorded in English in 1784). The related word *mesmerize* (first recorded in English in 1829), having shed its reference to the hypnotic doctor, lives on in the sense "to enthrall."

Animal magnetism:

1. Strongly attractive personal charm.
 - a. Sex appeal.
 2. A special personal power or presence held to facilitate the hypnotism of others.
 3. A theory developed in the 19th century by Franz Mesmer that the body is pervaded by a magnetic fluid that can be redirected by a healer to cure disease. A version of the theory was later developed as hypnotism.
- bewitchery, beguilement

Hypnotism: (In Mrs. Eddy's day, there were over 350 hypnotists advertised in Boston)

A state that resembles sleep but that is induced by suggestion.

The induction of a state of consciousness in which a person apparently loses the power of voluntary action and is highly responsive

“Word study” . . . continued”

to suggestion or direction. Its use in therapy, typically to recover suppressed memories or to allow modification of behavior by suggestion, has been revived but is still controversial.

1. An artificially induced altered state of consciousness, characterized by heightened suggestibility and receptivity to direction.

2. Hypnotism.

3. A sleeplike condition.

[New Latin *hypnōsis*, from Greek *hupnōn*, to put to sleep; see [HYPNOTIC](#).]

denounce:

(from 1828 Webster’s Dictionary) . [L. To tell, or declare.]

1. To declare solemnly; to proclaim in a threatening manner; to announce or declare, as a threat.

I denounce to you this day, that ye shall surely perish. Deut. 30.

So we say, to denounce war; to denounce wrath.

2. To threaten by some outward sign,

1. To condemn openly as being wrong or reprehensible. See Synonyms at [criticize](#).

2. To inform against (someone); accuse publicly.

3. To give formal announcement of the ending of (a treaty).

“Light” in Hebrew & Greek

Owr: 216 in Hebrew:
“Arise shine for thy light is come” Isa 60:1

1. light of day
 2. light of heavenly luminaries (moon, sun, stars)
 3. illumination or luminary in every sense; includes lightning, happiness, bright, clear, daylight, morning sun
 4. day-break, dawn, morning light
 5. light of lamp
 6. light of life
 7. light of prosperity
 8. light of instruction
 9. light of face
 10. light of the living
 1. light, brightness, lightning,
 2. luminary, daylight, sunlight
 3. illumination, enlightenment, happiness, cheerful
 4. Light is an important concept in the Bible whether literal or metaphorical, God is closely association with it.
- an indicator of time: dawn or daylight

- distinct from the luminaries in space; sun is greater light than the moon lesser light
 - stars of light; they regulate the seasons
 - God’s pillar of fire displayed God’s glory during the wilderness
 - Sacred lampstand in the tabernacle
 - Life in contrast to death
 - Related to life and happiness, not walking in the valley of the shadow of death
 - Can symbolize prosperity
 - Being born or being alive
 - Metaphorically means instruction
 - Light is associated with life, salvation, prosperity, wisdom and justice
4. metaph.
 - a. God is light because light has the extremely delicate, subtle, pure, brilliant quality
 - b. Of truth and its knowledge, together with the spiritual purity associated with it
 - c. Reason, mind
 - d. The power of understanding exp. Moral and spiritual truth

Phos is never kindled, therefore never quenched

Eph 5:14 Christ shall thee light: Epiphausko

Christ will pour on you the divine truth as the sun gives light to men aroused from sleep

Give light
 Illuminate shine upon,
 shine forth

Phos: Greek 5457 **“light of men” John 1:4**

1. the light emitted by a lamp
2. heavenly light such as surrounds angels when they appear on earth
3. anything emitting light: star, fire because it is light and sheds light; a lamp or torch



Notes on “Light”

Notes on the **concept of light**: 600 references to light in the scriptures and MBE’s writings

what it is:

- a. understanding, knowledge, wisdom
- b. agent which produces vision
- c. understanding: the root means ‘what you stand for in obedience’
- d. form of energy that travels freely through space
 - a. invisible
 - b. micro-wave
 - c. infrared
 - d. ultra-violet
- e. prism: visible spectrum, 7 colors, completeness
- f. reflected
- g. travels 186,000 miles per sec
- h. definition: open view, a visible state, a state of being seen
- i. Christ, Truth

what it does:

- a. dissolves darkness
- b. allows us to see
- c. causes growth, fuel, warms
- d. shows us the way
- e. totally illuminates the darkness
- f. impartial, clarifies, inexhaustible, guides
- g. takes away fear
- h. heals XI: 13 CS in operation

Opposite of light is darkness:

1. absence of light
2. an un-illuminated area

3. absence of moral or spiritual values
4. obscurity, ignorance, dimness, impaired vision, obscurity or mist

one tiny candle lit in a cave that’s been pitch black for a million years will enlighten the darkness.

What does “walk in the light mean?”

- a. In the Christ, Truth
- b. Walk in spiritual understanding
- c. Knowledge, wisdom
- d. Filled with joy, love, clarity
- e. Transparency for good
- f. Reflection of God: lens, prism
- g. Draw people to you for healing
- h. The allness of God
- i. God’s infinity, power, presence

What would walking in the darkness mean?

- a. Ignorance, heaviness
- b. Lacking joy, fun, humor
- c. Our path would be dim
- d. We couldn’t see
- e. Walking in sensuality: lust, sin
- f. No love, no happiness
- g. Everything would be obstructed
- h. Death
- i. Fear
- j. Unilluminated; unclear; absence of moral or spiritual values
- k. Dimness; impaired vision; mist; obscurity



No Darkness

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No darkness at all

The Editors

A leading point that Christian Science sets forth for the world is the fact there is not a presence or force that exists besides God. All that genuinely is in existence is God and God's action, or outcome. "Know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else," says the Bible ([Isaiah 45:6](#)).

Darkness isn't a substance or element in addition to light; it's always simply the absence of light. In any room, there aren't two switches on the wall—a light switch and also a "dark" switch. We can't walk into a bright room with sunshine streaming through the windows and then switch on the "dark"!

Could it be said that evil, like darkness, has no tangible substance? Whether it appears as selfishness, hatred, illness, injustice, sin, or injury, it actually is a belief in God's absence—a false mental impression of God's nonexistence. The divine Truth and Love that is God is inextinguishable; uncontested. Truth illuminates human consciousness, effectively freeing us from a false belief in the darkness of evil. "Truth and Love enlighten the understanding, in whose 'light shall we see light;' and this illumination is reflected spiritually by all who walk in the light and turn away from a false material sense," explains

the *Sentinel*'s founder, Mary Baker Eddy (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, [p. 510](#)).

We don't need to switch on the light of spiritual reality; in prayer, we mentally open up to it. The Bible states simply, “God is light, and in him is no darkness at all” ([I John 1:5](#)). That's right: No darkness at all! And God is ever present, all there is.

You are naturally receptive to the light.

The sun shines from one direction because it is in a single place. God, however, shines from every direction at the same time. God isn't localized; Truth and Love are everywhere. God shines with intelligence from every location and from every viewpoint and direction. The darkness we call fear, ignorance, or hate, then couldn't ever have any place in the light of God. With joy, we walk in this serene light and are conscious of its glow in our thoughts throughout the big and little moments of our day.














The illuminating power of divine Truth is always here, not to convert things from bad to good, but simply to reveal what is real. That's what light does—it merely makes known what is already happening, what is present and true. And what is true and real is God. What is real is God's magnificent creation and expression. That which is unreal needs no repair or conversion. What the

light of divine Truth reveals to you each moment is the harmony of heaven, here and now, including your intact existence in it as a child of God.

No one is excluded from the benefit of this all-present, inextinguishable light. It is shining unimpeded in every corner of the universe and in every corner of thought. It reaches human consciousness to illumine the way even amid what seems the blackest darkness. You are naturally receptive to the light. It is always there for you, without variation. In fact, the Bible joyfully speaks about God as the "Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" ([James 1:17](#)).

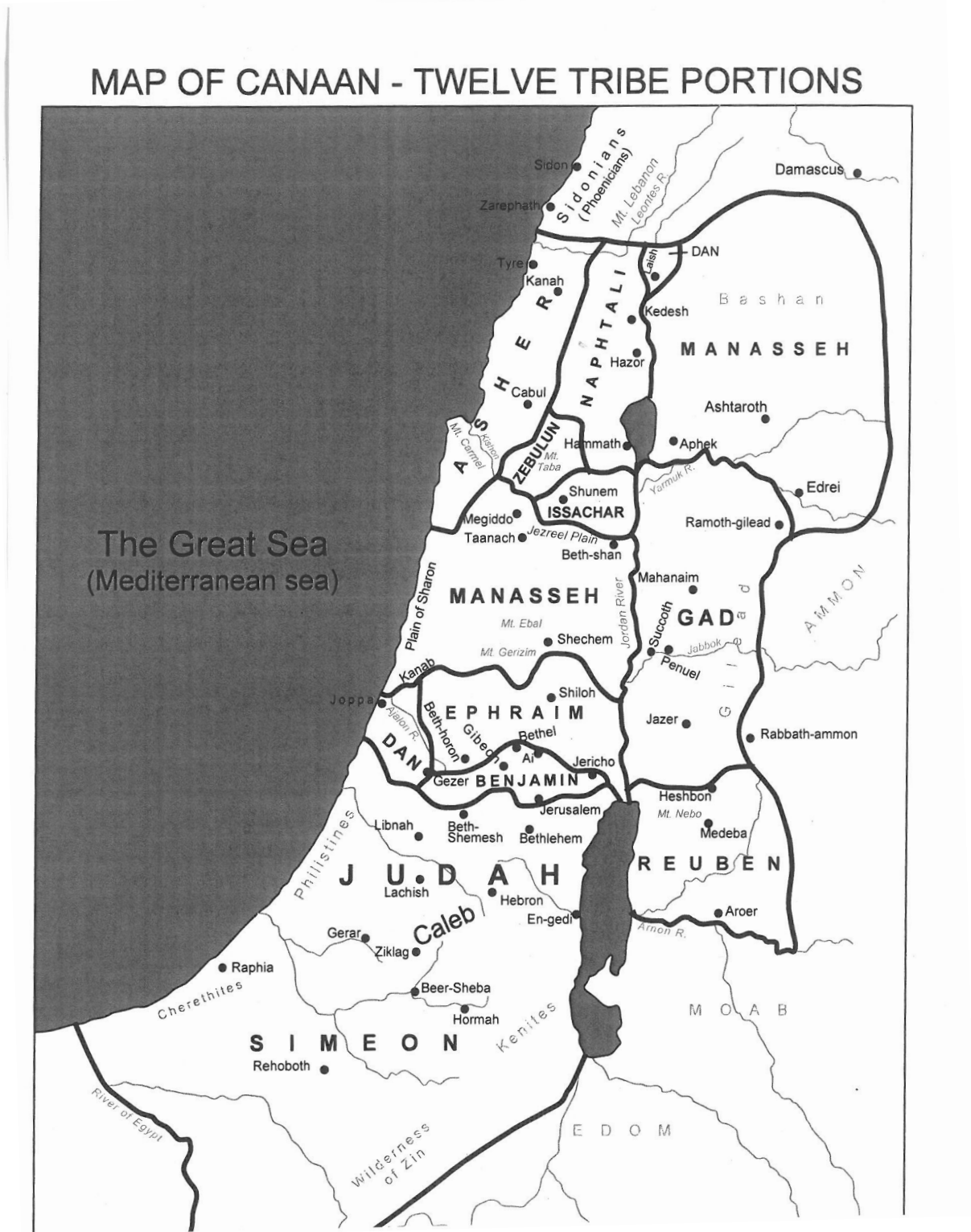
This light, this beautiful intelligence of Love, is spiritual and is reflected by you and everyone. We don't ever have to switch off the "dark." The light of God is the only thing present, and it's all that ever will be present. Even in those specific locations or circumstances that would give you the impression of being inhabited by the most insidious evil, all that is present is the authority of God, gleaming radiantly and surely. All is the connected wholeness of "the Father of lights" and His manifestation.

The Family of Jacob

| Leah | Bilhah | Rachel | Zilpah |
|--|--|---|---|
|  1. Reuben |  5. Dan |  11. Joseph |  7. Gad |
|  2. Simeon |  6. Naphtali |  12. Benjamin |  8. Asher |
|  3. Levi | | | |
|  4. Judah | | | |
|  9. Issachar | | | |
|  10. Zebulun (then) Dinah | | | |
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Map of Canaan -12 Tribes of Israel





Kings of Israel

