

THE SYSTEM
OF
THE DIVINE INFINITE CALCULUS

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We are here today to talk about Christian Science. We are not merely considering religion, we are considering Science. There is no time element in Science. Mrs. Eddy tells us, “Christ’s Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing in all ages, maintaining its correspondence with the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of God.” She also tells us in *Science and Health* p 546 line 23, “Christian Science is dawning upon a material age. The great spiritual facts of being, like rays of light, shine in the darkness, though the darkness, comprehending them not, may deny their reality. The proof that the system stated in this book is Christianly scientific resides in the good this system accomplishes, for it cures on a divine demonstrable Principle which all may understand.

If mathematics should present a thousand different examples of one rule, the proving of one example would authenticate all the others. A simple statement of Christian Science, if demonstrated by healing, contains the proof of all here said of Christian Science. If one of the statements in this book is true, every one must be true, for not one departs from the stated system and rule. You can prove for yourself, dear reader, the Science of healing, and so ascertain if the author has given you the correct interpretation of Scripture.”

Today we are going to talk about Mrs. Eddy’s system. She tells us on p.209 in S&H line 25 “Material substances or mundane formations, astronomical calculations, and all the paraphernalia of speculative theories, based on the hypothesis of material law or life and intelligence resident in matter, will ultimately vanish, swallowed up in the infinite calculus of Spirit.”

That word calculus brings visions of advanced math and difficult propositions to some thought. But the younger generation does not find it frightening as thanks to the computers they are learning to reason with the use of symbols.

In our human experience we can only reason by symbols, Mrs. Eddy says. Our highest sense of infinite good in this mortal sphere, she tells us, is but the sign and symbols, not the substance of good. And again in *Science and Health* she tells us "Spiritual teaching must always be by symbols" not sometimes but always. Note she also tells us "as we rise the symbols disappear."

Then we looked up in *Webster* what he had to say about *calculus*. The first definition was, "a small pebble or stone" how often that word is used in the *Bible*, that symbol, the symbol of a stone," the stone the builders rejected" many times, the word stone and it is a word meaning *calculus*. *Webster* goes on to say, "in higher math a method of calculation, the use of symbols, and differential calculus, the branch of math that deals with the infinitely small differences between consecutive values of a variable quantity, and with their relation to the constant on which they depend." And here in Christian Science the *constant* upon which all depends is God.

We are going to look at the *system*, the *calculus* Mrs. Eddy left in *Science and Health*. Why? Because in the same way that you correct $2+2=5$ with $2+2=4$ you can correct every error with Truth.

The *Bible* says, "Before ye call I shall answer." The minute you begin to know yourself as God knows you creation starts and then that knowing becomes substantial. And the minute it becomes substantial it becomes identified with God and then it's provable. It proves itself and the self of Love, God, is Love's idea man, you.

The things we are going to talk about today are not new although when I first heard them at a Christian Science lecture given by my teacher under the auspices of *The Mother Church* I asked her, "Where did you learn that?" as it sounded new to me. She said, "It's all in *Science and Health*."

I hadn't known then that John Doorly had published an article in the *Journal* of May 1938 titled "The Numerals Of Infinity", voicing the truths of the *seven days* of creation and their relationship to the synonymous terms Mrs. Eddy has given us for God. I had never paid particular attention to the *seven days* as perhaps you hadn't before now.

Before we start to look at it together let's turn to *Science and Health* page 463:5-20, "Teacher and student should also be familiar with the obstetrics taught by this Science. To attend properly the birth of the new child, or divine idea, you should so detach mortal thought from its material conceptions, that the birth will be natural and safe. Though gathering new energy, this idea cannot injure its useful surroundings in the travail of spiritual birth. A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive. The new idea, conceived and

born of Truth and Love, (Truth, Science and Love, Christianity) is clad in white garments. Its beginning will be meek, its growth sturdy, and its maturity undecaying. When this new birth takes place, the Christian Science infant is born of the Spirit, born of God, and can cause the mother no more suffering. By this we know that Truth is here and has fulfilled its perfect work.”

As we open our thought to the new idea and detach mortal thought from its material conceptions we shall give birth to the new concept easily. We don't have to struggle to understand or see it. We don't need to see all of it right now. It will unfold in an orderly fashion. This is a holy moment, its not me talking to you it is Mind revealing to each one of us what it is that we need to see more clearly, what God is, to know God, to hear His word and feel His presence.

From time immemorial the One divine Being has been the theme of spiritual seekers. Today, thanks to Mrs. Eddy who has given us the *system* of Christian Science we can know God and be Godlike for as it says in *Genesis*, we are His image and likeness.

Let's open *Science and Health* to page 146 to see what Mrs. Eddy tells us about the *system*, line 2-12, “The ancient Christians were healers. Why has this element of Christianity been lost? Because our systems of religion are governed more or less by our systems of medicine. The first idolatry was faith in matter. The schools have rendered faith in drugs the fashion, rather than faith in Deity. By trusting matter to destroy its own discord, health and harmony have been sacrificed. Such systems are barren of the vitality of spiritual power, by which material sense is made the servant of Science and religion becomes Christlike.” Then down to line 23-5, “Divine Science derives its sanction from the Bible, and the divine origin of Science is demonstrated through the holy influence of Truth in healing sickness and sin. This healing power of Truth must have been far anterior to the period in which Jesus lived. It is as ancient as “the Ancient of days.” It lives through all Life, and extends throughout all space.

Divine metaphysics is now reduced to a system, to a form comprehensible by and adapted to the thought of the age in which we live. This system enables the learner to demonstrate the divine Principle, upon which Jesus' healing was based, and the sacred rules for its present application to the cure of disease.” Notice the two headings there “Christian Science as old as God” and “Reduction to system.”

If you were to look at a chart, It would show the “15 root notions” of Mrs. Eddy's *system*. Her capitalized terms.

One of the world's great thinkers was a man called Leibniz, a German, who discovered the differential calculus. What he was most interested in was not the differential calculus but in the possibility of finding a calculus for the ideas of reality. He spent 50 years trying to find a few fundamental "root notions". He knew that if he could decide on certain, definite, "root notions of reality" he could easily symbolize them. Just as the "root notions" of music have been symbolized by the seven notes; and the "root notions" of math by the ten digits; then he could put them into an intelligent calculus through which all men could learn and use them. He failed because he couldn't decide on those "root notions of reality".

Now, these "root notions of reality" are contained in the *Days of Creation* which began the *Bible* and Mrs. Eddy put them into the idiom of today when she gave the answer to the question, "What Is God" and further implicated by the use of the *Capital letters* throughout her textbook

In My. p225 Mrs. Eddy wrote an article titled, "*Capitalization*" in which she said, "A correct use of capital letters in composition caps the climax of the old "new tongue." Christian Science is not understood by the writer or the reader who does not comprehend where capital letters should be used in writing about Christian Science." And then again in My. p317, "The liberty that I have taken with capitalization, in order to express the "new tongue," has well-nigh constituted a new style of language." In her textbook she capitalizes *seven synonymous terms denoting the seven days*.

Let's look at them together in the *Bible* in *Genesis I*:

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

(Mrs. Eddy defines that *first day* as Mind; the creative power, all power, the law.)

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

(Mrs. Eddy calls the *second day* Spirit; that which separates, that which is itself pure, that which gives order, development, that which is substance.)

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

(Mrs. Eddy calls the *third day* Soul; identification, definiteness, identity, a record, resurrection, the seed within itself.)

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

(Mrs. Eddy calls the *fourth day* Principle. She defines it as structuring and system and government.)

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that may* fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day

(Mrs. Eddy called the *fifth day* Life; multiplication, inspiration, individuality.)

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good

26 And God said; Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day

(Mrs. Eddy called the *sixth day* Truth she refers to as man, as the Christ, as idea, as dominion.)

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THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

(Mrs. Eddy called the *seventh day* Love, it's the day of rest, it's the day of Science and fulfillment, it is the Motherhood and it is the design and plan.

The following apt analogy is from John Morgan's book " Dissolving Barriers":

These are the steps of creation; remember its rather like the steps of a jig saw puzzle. You take the lid off the box, you pour out the pieces let there be ideas and thought, Mind. Turn them all up the right way, you might call that getting the spiritual view so that none of them is upside down; the *second*

day of Spirit, the firmament that separates. The *third day* of Soul you identify the edge, the sky, you begin to see where they belong that third day of identity. And the *fourth day*, Principle, is when you realize there is a Principle involved; you can't force them where they don't belong for that would only rupture the whole so you obey the Principle. On the *fifth day*, Life, the minute you obey the Principle it starts to move into a sense of action, freedom, and movement takes place. On the *sixth day* of Truth the last piece goes in and its true and it's done. But the *seventh day*, the seventh step is where you turn the box over and say, "of course that was possible because the picture was there all the time." Unless perfection exists we would never go looking for it. "

The steps of anything unfold in that fashion. Mrs. Eddy, John Doorly, no one invented it. It is the way Being unfolds.

This order: Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love is called the *Creative Order* and Mrs. Eddy gives it to us in *Recapitulation*. This is the *nature* of God; where, what, I, God Am, declaring or revealing myself to be.

We can see how helpful this is in practice when we see what each *day* or *synonym* uncovers and denies its so called opposite:

I, God Am MIND. I am not mortal mind. I am power I am not powerless. I am creator there is no other creator. I am law there is no lawlessness.

I, God Am SPIRIT. I am not matter. I am pure. I am not dualistic.

I, God Am SOUL. I am definite, identified. I am understanding. I am not indefinite or not unidentified. I am not ignorance or misunderstanding.

I, God Am PRINCIPLE. I am system. I am government and structure. I am not opinions, persons, isims and ologies.

I, God Am LIFE. individuality, inspiration. I am not death and depression.

I, God Am TRUTH. I am the whole Truth. I am not error. I am not the mingling of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

I, God Am LOVE. fulfillment, perfection, an integrated whole, all good. I am not unfulfilled, fragmented, fear or hate

Let's go now to the second set of *capital letters*.

God did not create the world and leave town. He did not abdicate His power. He operates His kingdom.

The *nature* of God is expressed in the *seven days*, the synonymous terms, the WORD of God. But God acts and this action is expressed as the CHRIST, the operative truth that constantly comes to remove anything unlike God. This operation is described in the *Bible*. It is the highest Bible teaching given by John, the Revelator in *Revelation* and called, "The City

Foursquare”. Mrs. Eddy tells us in the Apocalypse that this city has four cardinal points which she tells us are:

The WORD, the North in Bible symbols.

The CHRIST, the East.

CHRISTIANITY, the South.

SCIENCE, the West.

She explains the operation within this city, or consciousness, in *Science and Health* pp 115&116. She gives us here first the “Scientific Translation of Immortal Mind”, there she gives the seven synonymous terms in a different order than the one we were just discussing. Here she says, Divine Principle, Life, Truth, Love, Soul, Spirit, Mind; she is saying that subjective Being, called God, whose *nature* we just discussed is operating as Principle, Life, Truth and Love to translate anything unlike God back to God; or as she tells us in *Science and Health*, exchanging the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul.

Once we see these absolute formations, orders, individualized in Spirit and expressed in Mind one no longer is dealing with matter, or dualism, and thus we can come forth in the *Third Degree* given on p.116; she calls it Understanding, and here we have the *seven* again given as: wisdom, Mind; purity, Spirit; spiritual understanding, Soul; power, spiritual power, Principle; love with a small l, Life, to lay down the mortal concept is Love; health, Truth, the whole and nothing but the whole, that holiness, the wholeness of Love.

This activity of the CHRIST brings us forth into CHRISTIANITY the outcome of what I, God Am; expressed by you, man, is demonstration. Its where we take the idea and express it in ideas. It is where divinity embraces humanity and Truth annihilates error, demonstration takes place, and here we see it expressed in still another order of the *seven*. For in CHRISTIANITY it is Principle operating as idea, as definite, the seed within itself that is reflected in Spirit then seen to be manifested in Mind. So the outcome of this is, CHRISTIANITY, given in the order of synonymous terms, she gives us on page 587:6-7. Here Principle is operating the idea which came forth perfect in Soul, the definite idea, the seed within itself and this in Spirit is reflected everywhere. Here in CHRISTIANITY we are talking about the One Being demonstrated in the many, unity in diversity, relationship of everything to everything else because, and only because God, Mind created it and the Mind here expressed in CHRISTIANITY is the Mind of Christ.

We are dealing here only with the outcome of the WORD and of CHRIST and no longer with persons and things, only ideas. We have reached

metaphysics. We have left the physical behind and we are in the transitional stage.

From here in this orderly fashion we have been taken, we touch SCIENCE. SCIENCE is the timeless, spaceless, Being of Principle and idea. It is where we have come from metaphysics, the study of ideas, to the recognition that Principle and its idea is One, infinitely expressed.

This WORD of God, this CHRIST, this CHRISTIANITY is really all one thing, it's the only reality and it is all that is going on within Principle. The symbol for this is, *The Golden Candlestick* which Moses was told to make after their pattern which was "shown thee in the Mt". It had one main shaft and three branches on each side. The main shaft represents Principle and the three branches on one side represent Mind, Spirit, Soul and the other Life, Truth Love. Life and Soul constitute the WORD of Life; Truth and Spirit the CHRIST reflected; Love and Mind are the fulfillment of CHRISTIANITY the infinite relationship of God made manifest through the metaphysics of Mind. And Principle here is the essence of SCIENCE itself.

The world today awaits the Messiah. Having not accepted Jesus as the One chosen of God the Jews are expecting their King, now. They understand from *Bible* history that the 6000th year period is the time foretold.

Christendom meanwhile awaits the Second Advent, also, now. How do they come to the conclusion that this is the time? Well, the prophets, while in exile in Babylon, rewrote the Scriptures. It was they, in their priestly document that put the seed plot of the *seven days* into *Genesis I* and then structured the rest of the *Bible* to conform to it. Peter hints at this when he says, "a day with the Lord is as a thousand years." Think how it would take a thousand years to perfect the idea of Mind, a second thousand to fulfill Spirit, etc.

Thus it is that in the *Bible* that the *first day* of Mind is symbolized by Adam and Eve; the physical concept of Cain, the moral of Abel and the spiritual of Seth leading to the seventh generation when Enoch walked with God.

The *second day* of Spirit is symbolized by the story of Noah and his three sons; Ham, the physical, Shem the moral and Japheth the spiritual. Other symbols here are the Ark, the covenant of the bow of promise, standing for the seven; and the story shows that there is always salvation from the floods of mortality. If these floods are properly handled they will lift up your Ark, your understanding.

Then in the 3000th year period at the point of Soul, definiteness and understanding, you come to the experiences of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob,

Joseph, Jacob's 12 sons, Moses and the entrance into the *Promised Land*, the identification of divine Principle.

The 4000th year period, corresponding to the *fourth day* of Principle, was the prophetic age and the writing of *Genesis I* symbolizing the divine system of metaphysics.

Then in the 5000th year period of Life the supreme symbol, Jesus Christ; his healings, his teachings and his demonstrations came forth. This was the period followed by "our day", the 6000th year period of Christ, Truth, itself where Mrs. Eddy came and gave us, "The Key To The Scriptures".

The 7000th year period is the door that is opening at this time. It is at the turn of the Century that we enter that millennium. It is the period of Love defined in *Science and Health* as Motherhood, universality, oneness, structure and system. That is why we see all of these things coming to a conclusion at this time.

God rested on the *seventh day*. Nothing new was created but all that came forth will be understood. We know that in *Science and Health*, Love stands for that Oneness, for Science, for womanhood, for universality and all of these are the things we see as we are coming from the *sixth* to the *seventh day* at our present time.

Is it any wonder that everyone expects the Christ to come knowing the Truth, the Day of Truth; the 6000th year period is now. They know that before the Century ends, Truth, the Christ, will be here. But Mrs. Eddy tells us the "Truth is revealed, it needs only to be practiced".

The last category of *capital terms* used by Mrs. Eddy in her writings is: Science, divine Science, Absolute Christian Science, Christian Science. This is the ascending or descending depicted in the *Bible* as Jacob's ladder. As we see every situation in the seven hued white, or in the light of the WORD of Life, then the CHRIST translation takes over and shows us the answer. We live it by obeying it and thus we go on from "glory unto glory". Glory is always a *seventh day* word. Mrs. Eddy says this is Life, ever appearing and ever continuing to appear because of its inexhaustible source.

Love, the *seventh day* of fulfillment is always calling forth its idea. Love is the catalyst, the end as in the beginning and the beginning in the end, without true beginning or end, just ever spiraling upward. In computer language we have input, process or black box, output and feedback.

All this is what you are. You are Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love expressed because there is nothing else.

Dorothy Rieke put this very wonderfully in an Association Address that has been widely circulated in the Christian Science field. Let me just share that part of it with you, she says, "I shall never forget the illumination and

joy which flooded my consciousness when it was first revealed to me that I was an immortal child of God and not a mortal creature. This took place during a Christian Science lecture when I was a very new student. Allow me to share with you the story which first brought immortality to light in my experience. The story is told of a young Prince who when a very small child became separated from his nurse and wandered into some woods where roamed a Gypsy band. The Gypsies carried him away with them and brought him up as one of their own. Living in the great outdoors with his captors, before many years, he became nearly as swarthy and brown as the Gypsies. He wore Gypsy clothes, spoke the Gypsy tongue and was given a Gypsy name. To all intensive purposes he was a Gypsy. He certainly looked like one and thought he was one. When he arrived at manhoods estate, the Gypsy band again roamed the woods near the palace. A dear friend of the King who had never ceased seeking for the Prince, saw him. He was struck by the youth's strong resemblance of the King and in spite of the Gypsy appearance the old Courtier was immediately convinced that there was the King's son. Knowing some of the Gypsy tongue he said to the young man, "Do you know who you are?" The other regarded him with a puzzled look, "Do I know who I am" he answered. "Of course I do" and he gave a Gypsy name. Ah, said the friend, but that is not your real name for the truth about you is that you are the son of the King. The young man shook his head, "You are mistaken" said he, "I am not the King's son, I am a Gypsy." "I know that you seem to be" said the friend, "but the fact is that you are not, you are really the son of the King." "If what you say is true" said the other, there must be two of me, this Gypsy here and the son of the King. I don't know where the son of the King is". No, persisted the friend. There is only one of you and I'm telling you about that one. That one is the son of the King. Then said the young man, (and he confidently expected the discussion would settle the matter) "If I really am the son of the King, where did the Gypsy come from?" The friend replied that there really was no Gypsy, there only appeared to be. He further explained that all the evidence that the young man was a Gypsy was a lie about him and could never change the fact that he was truly the son of the King. In fact the only place the Gypsy seemed to exist was in his ignorance, his misconception, as to his origin; for all the time he had been the son of the King.

At this point the lecturer rejoiced, "Isn't it wonderful that all the time this boy never really was a Gypsy but was always the son of the King." He emphasized that regardless of all the lying, material sense testimony, the speech, the clothes, mannerisms, swarthy complexion and so on the boy was not a Gypsy but actually the King's son. And he pointed to the audience and

said, “You, too, are the sons and daughters of the King. You are the children of God. It makes no difference that lying, material sense piles up the evidence that you are a mortal, material creature, a child of material parents with aches and pains, lack and limitation. You are really the immortal children of God and that is what you have been all the time.” But it wasn’t enough for the old Courtier just to convince the boy that he was the King’s son, the young man had to go with his friend to the King himself, identify himself and claim his heritage. The Prince did so. This time he did not say, “I look like a Gypsy” rather he said, “Look at my strong resemblance to the King, I am the image and likeness of my Father, I am the King’s son and all that my Father has is mine.” Of course the Prince was recognized as the true son and heir and he came into his inheritance.

The lecturer pointed out that we, too, must come boldly to the throne of grace. Identify ourselves as the children of God, His exact image and likeness and claim our inheritance. Claim health, success, happiness, employment and as we steadfastly maintain our true identity and claim our heritage we too come into our inheritance of all that is wonderful and good.”

And that *chart* in front of you, showing Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love, operating as the WORD, the CHRIST, CHRISTIANITY and SCIENCE on all levels of experience, is you, the idea of God, the only man there is.

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