

THE MARY BAKER EDDY SCIENCE INSTITUTE

PRESENTS

WEEKLY LESSON CITATIONS

DEAR FRIENDS:

For over five years now, the Mary Baker Eddy Science Institute has been presenting weekly lessons with the following introduction:

Mary Baker Eddy gave her students 26 subjects for weekly Bible Lessons, to be covered twice yearly. Flowing through the year in her order of the subjects, we hereby present fresh views of each one by outstanding Christian Scientists. In this way, we hope to partake with you of new unfoldments of her infinite revelation.

In January when the Quarterly Lessons were Life, Truth, Love, we presented them in a combined fashion thus featuring "The Holy Trinity". We followed this in February from the point of Life and in March the point of Truth, here we are presenting it from the point of Love.

We know that once Truth appears its suppositious opposite must appear and so, in May we will lead with a selection from William Walter titled: "The Unholy Trinity," and some further study of Genesis 2 by a Doorly pupil.

In June we will return to our original format, being, each week a separate Subject, based on the Subjects Mrs. Eddy gave for the Quarterly.

We would appreciate your comments on whether you find the study of one "Subject" for the month as helpful as when we do four.

Our selection is from the first and last pages of Revelation and Demonstration For You by Clifford and Daisy Stamp.

TALK ONE

“Bring Ye All the Tithes into the Storehouse”

I am certain that the greatest and the loveliest activity taking place in the world today is our coming together like this. In the Bible, the one book that has stood the test of centuries, we read, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mrs. Eddy says in her textbook, "Shall we plead for more at the open fount, which is pouring forth more than we accept?" (S. & H. 2:26-28), and that pouring forth is forever taking place in Science. The Bible also says, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

When I was thinking this morning about our coming together, I saw so clearly that everyone present is bringing something to this wonderful feast, and so I need you and you need me. Our meeting together in that spirit to find out more of "the deep things of God" will certainly bring us the "blessing of the Lord," which "maketh rich," because all that we have to do is to accept what Science is forever pouring forth.

The Need to Understand God as Principle

Some months ago, while I was studying without any thought of these talks, two quotations from "Science and Health" kept coming into my consciousness, in such a way that it was obvious to me that here was something which God was telling me, and so at last I began to dwell on those two references. Through the study of those references and the ideas, which God revealed to me in connection with them, the subject for these talks began to unfold in a very definite and certain way.

The first reference was from "Miscellany": "We know Principle only through Science" (My. 149:5). As I began to think about that, I saw very clearly that there is a great need for every one of us, as well as for the whole world, to understand God as Principle. I feel that the great need today is to understand God as Principle. As I began to ponder this reference, and to turn up many more references in connection with this one, I saw so clearly that it is

impossible to understand Principle except through Science, - Science that is spiritual, Science that is divine, the only real Science. Principle is that which is unfailing, that which never lets you down, and- how could anything be unfailing unless it worked according to a Science that was exact? Then I realized how wonderful it is that any man, woman, or child can understand this Principle, this Science, through its divine system, and there is no other way to the understanding of Principle except through learning that system. You may find yourself saying, "Why do I need to know about Principle? Why do I need to learn its system? Why do I need to study?" The answer is plain. There is no other way to heaven, harmony, except through a systematic understanding of the divine Principle of that harmony.

Just think that if there were men and women all over the world who understood this wonderful divine Principle, they would understand true government, and the world would be a very different place from what it seems to be at the moment. And so it is vitally important that we begin to think in a deeper way than ever before about God as Principle. I know that it isn't easy, because this understanding of God as Principle is so far removed from the world's concept of God, and false theology has always talked about God as some kind of a person. I remember Mr. Doorly saying at an Association meeting many years ago that if we would only begin to think of God as Principle we would achieve far more than we were doing. I'm just beginning to see how true that is.

Living Apart from Personal Sense

Let us look for one moment at the opposite of Principle, which is personal sense. For instance, personal sense is what makes us feel that we're in heaven if we're praised, and that we're in hell if we're criticized. How often we are swayed by personality, instead of being governed by Principle! So much suffering is caused through personal sense. In the practice I have time and time again had to help someone who has been suffering and it's all because someone else has hurt them and they have let that hurt register and register until it has manifested itself as some physical hurt. Therefore it is so important, as we shall see as we go on this week, to understand the divine Principle which enables us to live apart from personal sense. We can't overcome personal sense through will-power or a blind sense of things; we can overcome it only through understanding and loving Principle.

When someone understands the principle of music, he is able to bring out the rhythm and harmony of music in his individual way, and so as we understand God as Principle we shall bring out the harmony and loveliness

of health, happiness, and heaven in our individual lives. I am certain, through this study of Science which God has shown me, that we do need to begin by thinking much more basically about God as Principle.

The Realm of Science

At previous talks we have considered the nature of God as Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love, and we have seen that that sevenfold nature of God operates through a fourfold activity termed by Mrs. Eddy the Word, the Christ, Christianity, and Science. (See S. & H. 575:16-21; 577:12-19). For the benefit of those who haven't been to any talks like these before, let me say that we have seen that the Word comes to us as the dawning of the light, or the impulse to seek the light, that the Christ is that wonderful experience of ideas coming from God to man, and that Christianity is the demonstration of those spiritual ideas; but we have never really studied Science, the greatest story of all.

We are going to do two things this week: we are going to look at some aspects of divine Science, and then we are going to see how the understanding of those aspects operates in human experience to heal, to save, and to bless. So we are going to look first at the glorious picture of divine Science, and then we are going to look at the glorious way in which that operates as Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy writes, "the term Christian Science relates especially to Science as applied to humanity" (S. & H. 127:15-16).

In divine Science we see that there is one Life, one Truth, one Love, and one divine Principle, Love, and during the week we are going to see how they operate in human experience. It's a wonderful story, and let us remember that as the highest mountain peak catches the first sunlight, so anyone who exalts his thought to love the spiritual more than anything will hear what God is revealing.

Divine Science Reveals the One Being

This is a lovely reference, which I want to take with you: "Divine Science alone can compass the heights and depths of being and reveal the infinite" (S. & H. 292:4-6). Let us see what it is about divine Science, which "alone can compass the heights and depths of being and reveal the infinite." In divine Science there is one Being. In Science we do not have any sense of God and man, - of God and man as separate. The Bible says, "The Lord our God is one Lord." So Science says that there is one Being, and that that Being is Infinite; it is of the nature of Life, or eternity, of the nature of

Truth, or consciousness, and of the nature of Love, or perfection. If we hold our thought to this standard of divine Science, we shall find that without effort it will begin to "compass the heights and depths of being" for us; we shall be inspired to great heights of revelation and we shall also have the power of penetrating the great depths of all thought-processes and proving the nothingness of every phase of error. As we study some of the facts of divine Science during this week, we shall understand why Mrs. Eddy made that statement, and realize how true it is.

Principle Expresses Perfection

If there is only God, or Principle, going on, and Principle is that which expresses perfection and which knows only perfection, then surely the fact is that the only reality is perfection. Nothing but perfection exists in Science. Now, what does that mean? It means that in Science there is no beginning, no end, no process; no sin, no disease, no death; no fear, no hate, no worry, no condemnation, no penalty; no mortal mind, no material body; no false systems, no material science, no false theology, no materia medica; no "Lo here! or, Lo there!," no age, no time, no problem, no imperfection.

Let us ask ourselves: do we really accept that that is the fact? Well, if we are honest, we have to admit that most of the time not one of us does. We all think about the material as reality, - even those of us who have loved Science for many years and who have seen proof after proof of it. I feel that our sense of things has got to change; healing must be instantaneous, demonstrations quicker and bigger. We must be able to help the universal problems much more than we do. We must be able to analyze a situation in the world and really help it. We've got to be more dynamic, more certain, more spiritually-minded.

So let us remember that in Science there's nothing to heal, there's nothing to change, because there's nothing going on but Principle forever expressing perfection. If we see that, our whole outlook will be different, and what we shall be able to do for mankind will be marvelous beyond words.

"Before They Call, I Will Answer"

I want to tell you here of a very beautiful thing which happened recently, because it showed me something of the loveliness of Science. Someone wrote to ask me to help her about a physical problem; in her letter she said that she had endeavored to solve this problem herself, but had failed. Now, I had not seen nor heard of that individual for quite a long time, but several

days before that letter arrived she had often come into my thought, and I had felt a great compassion for her; not only did I feel how much I loved her, but also I felt grateful for her life. I knew how wonderfully she had been demonstrating Christian Science, and I was full of love and gratitude for her, without knowing why. Well, after she had posted that letter to me, and before I had received it, she was instantly and completely healed. Two days later, she wrote and told me of this, and she asked me how I accounted for it. As I read her letter I saw so dearly that because there is no time in Science, its operation must be quite apart and therefore free from the belief of time. I remembered that passage in Isaiah: "before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear," and that statement was proved in this incident.

Now, what actually happened? That individual had reached out to divine Principle, which is Love, where there is always perfection going on; because her thought was receptive, probably at that moment her fear completely went, and I had been loving her, loving her with a great compassion, and so an instantaneous healing resulted before I got the letter. That was such a proof to me of what happens when we really begin to touch Science. So I feel that if we understand Principle, - understand divine Science, which teaches us what Principle is, - then we shall begin to be able to heal and demonstrate as the great master Metaphysician did, and as Mrs. Eddy did. I feel that if this is Science, we must be able to do these things and that we've got to go forward to greater achievements than ever before. So we must think more about Principle and all that it stands for.

When you have an experience like the one I have described, it certainly is very holy to you, and it makes you realize how wonderful Science is and how warm it is. Before I began to understand Principle, I sometimes found myself saying, "I don't like thinking about God as Principle; it seems cold," but as I go on and as I feel the touch of Principle, I see that it is Love, deeper than anything the world has ever known, because the Love of Principle never changes; it is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever," and it is the Love which sees everything as perfect now.

The Need for Scientific Spiritual Thinking

Now we will take another reference: "God is the Principle of divine metaphysics. As there is but one God, there can be but one divine Principle of all Science; and there must be fixed rules for the demonstration of this divine Principle" (S. & H. 112:32-3). If we want to understand and demonstrate Principle, we must learn to think scientifically, to think in an exact way. You

know, sometimes I go to see someone who is wanting help and who loves this Science, but I find that he or she is saying something like this, "Well, I wonder what all this is about. I study, but I don't get anywhere. Why has this happened to me?" There is so much that is negative in thought that that is why the answer doesn't come. If we are going to be at one with Principle, we must learn to think positively, scientifically, and spiritually. Science is the most exact thing in all the world. In arithmetic, if you say that 2 and 2 is 4 and a bit, you have chaos; only when you say that 2 plus 2 makes 4 do you have harmony. And it's the same with Science; you can't be vague or half-hearted.

As we go on this week, we shall see how important it is for all mankind to learn how to think in the realm of Science, to think exactly and scientifically and in a positive way. Thank God that through the divine system we are learning what Principle is, how it works, and what it does. There isn't anything in Science that need be a mystery or a closed book to us if we open our thought to learn the facts of Science and to hear Principle interpreting itself.

Principle and Idea is One

Let us begin today to think in the realm of Science, and we must first of all make the effort to think about Principle. The loveliest thing that we can think about is this: "Principle and its idea is one." There isn't a Principle a long way off and Principle's idea some way away from that Principle, struggling to think correctly! The fact is: "Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe" (S. & H. 465:17-1).

Now we will read from "Miscellaneous Writings": "In divine Science, God is One and All; and, governing Himself, He governs the universe . . . God's interpretation of Himself furnishes man with the only suitable or true idea of Him; and the divine definition of Deity differs essentially from the human" (Mis. 258:13-15, 27-29). I want you to note these statements very carefully, because I am sure that if we analyze thought we shall come to the conclusion that instead of thinking of our oneness with God we think of God, or Principle, as "up there," and then we think of His reflection as being something apart from that Principle. I was talking to someone the other day and I said, "You know, to hear you talking about reflection, you would think that God had created an idea and put it out on a plate!" It seemed something so entirely different from what Science is showing us of the fact that Principle and its idea is one.

What does Science show us about this one Principle? Science shows that there is only one thing going on, and that is God knowing Himself: – Principle forever interpreting itself. Many of us keep very busy thinking, "God is looking after me," or some such thing, and that is quite right, but if we analyze that, we find very often that we are thinking of a mortal who needs some healing, or some comfort, or who needs something, and that isn't the highest way to think. God is forever knowing Himself, Principle is forever interpreting itself, and everything is in and of that Principle; therefore the only conclusion we can come to in Science is this: God is forever expressing Himself as ideas, forever interpreting Himself as ideas, and those ideas are man and the universe. Those ideas that God has of Himself are you and me and every individual; therefore as God's ideas we must express His divine nature and must always be spiritual, perfect, and immortal. As we see that, we give up thinking of ourselves as little, limited mortals struggling to be perfect, and we have the glorious experience of letting Principle express itself through us.

The Lens of Sense Distorts Perfection

Some individual may say, "But if I see someone sick or someone hating, is that God's idea?" Well, let us consider that for a moment. There's only one Being forever expressing Himself; in that realm of divine Science there is never a sick mortal nor a hating mortal. Therefore if we see a sick person or a hating person, it is because we are looking through the lens of sense, and consequently the truth is distorted and reversed so far as we're concerned. As we go on this week, that will become clearer to us, and we shall see how it shows the oneness of being. We shall see how we can learn to use the lens of Science, instead of the lens of sense, and thus behold man as perfect.

The Divine Outpouring

The study of this fact of oneness in divine Science has given me such a sense that the only thing operating through me, through you, through every idea, is Life, Truth, and Love; you know, if we can see clearly that the only thing that is going on is God expressing Himself, knowing His own perfection and loveliness, and that all ideas are flowing out from God, it will do so much for us.

Mrs. Brook was once speaking about the gates of the city foursquare, and she said, "There isn't much chance for error, because if you imagine Truth pouring out of those gates all the time, and you imagine any little error trying to come in, you can see that it wouldn't stand any chance at all!" A few days

after I had read that in the verbatim report of her talk, I was held up with a great many other cars when a crowd was pouring out from a football match, and as I looked at it I thought of what she had said, because no little fellow could have got in through that crowd! That experience brought her words home to me and made them very real.

Let us remember the one great fact that all ideas are pouring out from God, that all good is pouring out from God. Then we are looking not up to God, but out from God, and that is the standpoint of divine Science.

Principle Brings Certainty

Let us see for a moment how that applies in human experience. We all know that the finest and most intelligent man on earth today can make dreadful mistakes at times. No matter how much one has of it, human wisdom often lets one down, and so the grandest man on earth today can make mistakes,—mistakes that bring chaos in the home, or in business, or in the world. But if we understand Principle, we are guided rightly under all circumstances. Mrs. Eddy' speaks of "man's divine Principle, which is equal to every emergency"(S. & H. 406:4-5). Just think of it: right where we are, at any time, and under any condition there is always the right answer, because there is always Principle, which is equal to every emergency.

So when we learn to think from Principle, and as Principle, we shall always find the answer to every human problem. For instance, to the business man today that understanding of Principle,- the Principle which never makes a mistake, the Principle which is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and omm-active, is just invaluable. How privileged and how blessed is anyone who begins to learn this fact of Principle in divine Science! Let us remember, then, that Science is the story of God, and that all good is pouring out from God. If there is anything that is needed in the world today, it's a flood of spiritual understanding, spiritual inspiration, and a scientific certainty that all is well.

The Love of the Spiritual

In taking this story of one Life, one Truth, one Love, and one divine Principle, Love, let us remember that we are going to think in the realm of divine Science, right up in the highest realm that we can possibly think in, and that it can only be done through spirituality. Mrs. Eddy said on one occasion, "It is their materiality that clogs the progress of students" (Mis. 156:19-20). And so if we love the spiritual,- if we can say day in and day out, "I love

the spiritual, and I want to know the spiritual more than anything else on earth, and I want to live what I learn,"- then we shall make real progress. But if we are just going to give a little time to study and then put Science aside as an intellectual subject, and not really love it and live it, then we're not going to get very far.

I believe that everyone present is here because he or she wants to understand the spiritual facts of being,- because deep down in his or her own heart there is a longing to be at peace, a longing to know the facts of true being,- and it's impossible to get that understanding outside of Science. In materiality what do we find? In the material world, in the material concept of God, in dense materiality, we find confusion, fear, hate, jealousy, war, lack, sin, disease, death, mesmerism, hypnotism, - all those things which have unloosed so much sorrow and suffering. And yet here is this one great story, the story of Principle, the story of divine Science, and in this Science anyone can find complete freedom from the mesmerism of materiality. I believe that at this moment there are millions longing to know how to think spiritually, how to approach the spiritual facts of being, and if you and I individually grasp these facts of Principle, we are going to help the whole world in a way we have never dreamed of.

Our great Master said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," and when we are lifted up from materiality and we love the spiritual more than anything else on earth, we find people coming into our experience, people from all parts of the world, because they too are loving the spiritual. If during this week we have that great sense that nothing matters but the spiritual, nothing matters but knowing Science, nothing matters but understanding Principle, that spirituality will bless us in every way and we shall see new vistas opening up for ourselves and for all mankind. We shall begin to experience that lovely prophecy of Mrs. Eddy's: "The mariner will have dominion over the atmosphere and the great deep, over the fish of the sea and the fowls of the air. The astronomer will no longer look up to the stars,- he will look out from them upon the universe; and the florist will find his flower before its seed" (S. & H. 125:25-30).

Principle Expresses Itself as Life, Truth, and Love

I feel that this week is going to change the lives of every one of us. In Science is the answer to all our difficulties and to all the world's difficulties. In Science is revealed the only way to true health, true happiness, true heaven, perfect peace, and a dominion that is wonderful beyond words; and it is for each and all of us and for all mankind to enjoy if we understand

God as Principle. Mrs. Eddy says, "It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony" (S. & H. 390:7-9). And so it may mean giving up time,- time for study, time for thinking about Principle,- but what a good time we have as a result! The sense of certainty, the peace, the health, the happiness, the loveliness that follows spiritual understanding is precious beyond words. What is life going to be for each and all of us when we really know Principle,-when we are conscious that the only thing operating through me, through you, through everyone, is infinite Life, infinite Truth, infinite Love!

The story of Principle is this: Principle is forever expressing itself as Life, as Truth, as Love. Life, Truth, and Love is the threefold essential nature of Principle, and as we go on and we see what that one Life is, what that one Truth is, and what that one Love is, we shall touch Principle in a fuller way than ever before.

On one occasion as I was driving quite a distance to see a patient, I began to fill my thought with ideas which God had been showing me for these talks, and I was filled with this sense: "If there is only one Principle and that Principle is Life, then there's only one I AM, and that I AM is Life that knows no death; that I AM is Truth that knows no error; and that I AM is Love that knows no fear, no hate, no imperfection." As I went along, that sense so flooded my consciousness that very soon after I had arrived at the patient's house and while I was talking to her, her colour completely changed and she had a very quick healing. Of course, she was a wonderful individual to help, but she did have a remarkable healing.

The sense that flooded my thought was this: There is only one Being, one I AM. The I AM which is Life knows no death; the I AM which is Truth knows no error; the I AM which is Love knows no fear, no hate, no imperfection. Now, in Science we are learning that knowing is being, and so what we know is us and operates in our individual experience. So don't you see that when we begin to touch these facts of Science and they flood our consciousness, how spontaneously and naturally thought is lifted up and inspired, and so our experience becomes identified with the wonder of being?

No Warfare in Science

So let us begin to realize that there is only one I AM,- not God and me as two separate entities, but Principle and its idea as one. Think of the peace that brings. Last Whitsun we talked about that statement of Mrs. Eddy's in

which she speaks of striving to cease her warfare (see Mis. 179:31-3), and during these last few months I have begun to realize what that means. In Science there is no warfare, no struggle, no failure, no getting, no difficulty, no problem. It is only our ignorance of Science that produces struggle and failure. When we arrive at Science, which is the realization of perfection, there is no warfare.

Oh, if you and I will only love the spiritual enough to see what divine Science teaches, we shall have a very different sense of Science from any that we have known up to now. Just think of it: no struggle, no warfare, no lack, no time element, no "Lo here!" nor "Lo there!" but everything here, health, happiness, harmony, all of Principle here. The great master Metaphysician said, "the kingdom of God is within you." I am certain that it was because Jesus taught the multitude the facts of Science, and because Mrs. Eddy talked about them in her classes and in her lectures, that people were healed instantaneously, and I am convinced that we shall have the same experience in proportion as our thought dwells in the realm of divine Science.

Error hasn't any place in divine Science. All of us at present have times when there is a struggle; and we come out of those times, but not without a struggle. Just think of the inspiration that will come to us when we are always conscious that Principle is! If we live in divine Science, we are going to be conscious of Life that knows no death, Truth that knows no error, and Love that knows no fear, no hate, no imperfection.

The One Presence and Power

Let us stop thinking about our problems and the limitations of sense and turn thought away from the material to the spiritual. Let us keep our thought on the fact of Science that Principle is forever interpreting itself as Life, Truth, and Love. All reality is the expression of Principle; in other words, God is forever knowing His own perfection and there is nothing else going on anywhere. Oh, we do need to accept this fact and to dwell with it! How often do you and I think that somebody is sick, or afraid, or poor, or that somebody has died, or something of the kind, and perhaps we tell everybody we meet about it. If we would only turn away from all that sense is saying and see how wonderful it is when we live in the realm of reality, -in the realm of Life, Truth, and Love! We have to remember that talking about error is just being hypnotized by it, so let us wake up and keep awake.

Let us say in our hearts the last thing tonight and the first thing in the morning, "The only thing that is present, the only thing that has power, the

only thing that is going on is Principle, and that Principle is Life that knows no death, Truth that knows no error, and Love that knows no fear, no hate, no imperfection." Oh, the peace, the joy, and the power that is ours as the result of this grand realization!

The One Principle Operating as Life, Truth, and Love

Let us remember that there is only One,- the infinite One, the infinite Principle. This One is Life, the one Being, the I AM, forever expressing Himself to Himself as infinite individuality, infinite inspiration, infinite exaltation, infinite immortality, infinite multiplication; this One is also Truth, which is forever reflecting on its own wholeness and forever operating as infinite divine consciousness; and this One is also Love, forever resting in Her own fulfilment, Her own loveliness, Her own perfection, Her own bliss, Her own plan, Her own glory. The more we look at that picture, the more we see that it's all in and of Principle. And so we have been shown in a very intelligent way this week how to think from God and as God.

As I began to listen to Principle this morning, I saw how important it is for each one of us to know each day that we live, move, and have our being in that one Life, eternity; in that one Truth, divine consciousness; and in that one Love, infinite fulfilment; and that we are living outside the material body, outside the material world, because we exist as individual consciousness, and so everything to do with us is fulfilled, complete, perfect, and glorious now. I want to ask you to know that day in and day out. And remember that we never have to make anything work in Science, because Principle is forever interpreting itself and demonstrating itself. But we do need to let that flood our individual consciousness, because it is the forever truth about you and me and every other idea.

Another thing that I was thinking about this morning was how wonderful this story of Revelation is, with its symbolism of the city foursquare and all its instructions on what we must do and what we must not do if we want to live in the realm of Science. I feel certain that the time is near at hand when a multitude of men and women will love this story and thus find the new heaven and the new earth so beautifully portrayed by John, the beloved disciple. One of the things that I love especially in that whole story is the picture of the river Euphrates, which Mrs. Eddy defines as "Divine Science encompassing the universe and man" (S. & H. 585:16-17), and as Clifford told us earlier this week, in one Concordance it is defined as "bursting, sweet." What a sense of the unlimited nature of divine Love! "Bursting sweet"!

...Love and Mind

Yesterday we were talking about how we reach that aspect of divine Science where we see the loveliness of Love in ourselves and in everyone all the time, and I have seen very clearly that what we have been doing here this week will help us to gain that realization. We certainly have been thinking in the realm of ideas, and so when we come to this wonderful story of Love and Mind in Christian Science, we find that we have already arrived there, almost without knowing it.

Love expresses itself as intelligent ideas, and therefore Love manifests itself through Mind. When anyone has once glimpsed that fact of Love manifesting itself through Mind, he can never be mesmerized into looking to the material to find healing in any way, because he turns spontaneously to divine Love for the ideas he needs.

To Express Love is to be Intelligent

Here is a reference which gives a very clear sense of Love and Mind: "Ideas are emanations from the divine Mind. . . To love one's neighbor as one's self, is a divine idea; but this idea can never be seen, felt, nor understood through the physical senses" (S. & H. 88:10-11, 18-20). First of all, Mrs. Eddy shows there that Mind manifests itself as ideas, and then she makes that profound statement: "To love one's neighbor as one's self, is a divine idea." To love one's neighbour as oneself is to express the greatest intelligence which anyone can express, and we shall see how true that is as we go on.

Take, for instance, the problem of lack of fulfilment, which we all have to face or help others to overcome. Through helping many people with this problem, I have come to one very definite conclusion. I have seen individuals who love this Science and who have a clear sense of it, and yet they are limited,- limited in health, limited in opportunity, sometimes they're in debt, - sometimes there's a problem which won't solve itself no matter how much they work,- and so often it is because they do not understand divine Love and therefore are ignorant of the way in which it must be expressed. Now, let us remember that Love is forever expressing itself as ideas,- ideas of affection, compassion, tenderness, loveliness, gratitude. The trouble with us so often is that although we may sit down and think about divine Love in a vague kind of way, we do not express divine Love enough in our lives. I am sure that that one failure is often at the root of lack of fulfilment.

How little we express our gratitude! How many people have the habit of saying to each other in their own homes, "I love doing this with you," or "I love my life with you," or "I love all these things we're seeing together"? How many homes exist where people say to each other, "You are lovely to-day," because they are looking through the lens of Love? Well, I go into many, many homes and sometimes I am amazed at how little love is expressed. I feel with all of us that if we are going to have the fulfilment of Love in our lives, we must accept what Science says about our true nature. If the carnal mind says that it's not your nature to express kindness and sweetness and affection and loveliness, it's a lie; the nature of Love is to express itself forever in ideas, and how is another individual going to feel your love unless you express gratitude, sweetness, affection, appreciation, and all the other lovely qualities which are the reflection of the one Love? I have seen healing take place over and over again where this belief called reserve existed, when the individual began to think intelligently about divine Love. As the understanding of Love comes to any home, love and appreciation are expressed, and health, happiness, peace, and abundance are the natural outcome of this spirituality.

I am very blessed, because I live with an individual who freely expresses divine Love, and no one will ever know how much his expression of divine Love helps and inspires me. So if anyone is facing this claim called lack of fulfilment in any direction, the answer lies in understanding and expressing divine Love. When we touch divine Love as we're doing this week, we can't help expressing it; we can't help seeing the loveliness in the other fellow and expressing loveliness ourselves. So remember that it is Love, understood and expressed, which brings fulfilment.

I feel so grateful that this study of the one Love in divine Science is enabling us to see that Love is forever expressing itself through me, through you, and through every other idea. As we gain this universal sense of Love, the peace which "passeth all understanding" will come to us individually, and eventually to all mankind. Men will see that they all need each other, love each other, and bless each other.

"Love Fulfils the Law of Christian Science"

Let us take a very important reference here: "Love fulfils the law of Christian Science, and nothing short of this divine Principle, understood and demonstrated, can ever furnish the vision of the Apocalypse, open the seven seals of error with Truth, or uncover the myriad illusions of sin, sickness,

and death" (S. & H. 572:12-17). Love is the fulfilling of everything as we're beginning to see, and the more we understand and express the one Love in divine Science, the greater will be our ability to uncover and overcome "the myriad illusions of sin, sickness, and death." The facts of divine Science must be translated down to the human picture, and as we understand the operation of Love and Mind in Christian Science, we shall quickly see the patient's mental state and also quickly be able to heal it through the ideas which come to meet the specific need.

Love is Forever Expressed though Every Idea

Then again it's lovely to remember that if we grasp something of this Science which is Christianity and this Christianity which is Science, we can never condemn nor blame anyone. For instance, if we see someone who the carnal mind says is deaf, we can immediately know that the man of God's creating, because he is spiritual, has infinite spiritual understanding, that he's awake and active and intelligent, and that his whole thought is open to the interests of every other idea. Don't let's have any sense of the evil as real, or of somebody as imperfect, but let's remember that there is always the need to be compassionate and to lift the other fellow out of the claims of materiality.

And then what about going into a home where we see that the children are suffering with catarrh and colds and coughs because of discord between the parents? With our old sense of Science we used to say, "Well, it's up to those parents to learn about Christian Science and change their methods, and then the children will be all right." But the understanding of the one Love in divine Science gives us quite a different feeling, because now we are learning never to have a sense of penalty or condemnation. If we go into a home like that to-day, our whole heart goes out to that family and we begin to know the fact that Love is expressing itself through every idea in that home,- that that home is full of the warmth of Love, the sweetness of Love, the gratitude of Love, the loveliness of Love,- and then the inharmony between the parents ceases, and a wonderful sense of Love floods that home, and consequently the children become happy and free from those beliefs called colds or catarrh or coughs. I've seen that happen. There is no doubt in my mind that any discord between parents is always reflected in the small children and in the animals in the home, just as when two people love the spiritual and love each other, their children reflect that spirituality, that warmth, that happiness, and that loveliness. . .

So although the story of the one Love in divine Science is right up in the realm of reality, right up to the very "throne of grace," how dynamic and lovely is its operation in our - human experience! As we touch this wonderful picture of Love in divine Science, and then we see that Love's fulfilment is always taking place in the realm of metaphysics, the realm of ideas, entirely outside the material, we shall live to glorify our Principle by freely expressing the quality of love. Nothing is more intelligent than divine Love and its expression. When I look back at our old sense of Christian Science before we knew how to study the system of it, I realize that we did the silliest things and we said the silliest things! Without any understanding, although we were very much in earnest, we sometimes went to someone who was ill in bed and said, "There's nothing the matter with you," but we couldn't demonstrate it. Now as we look out through the lens of Science and see the perfect man, of God's creating, we find the patient lifting himself up and becoming well and free. I love that picture which Mrs. Eddy has in "Christ and Christmas," (where a patient is lifting himself up from the bed and the light is shining on him. Oh, this story of divine Love is glorious!)

The Understanding of Love is True Substance

I once saw a lovely proof of how divine Love comforts. It was during the war, when invasion seemed very likely, and I was asked by some people if I would go and see them. Although it was quite a long journey, especially in those days, when petrol was scarce, I went to their home. It was a lovely home; they were wealthy people and they had everything that the world could give them, but I have never in my life seen such a picture of sadness as I saw when I arrived there. I went into one of the most beautiful rooms I have ever seen, and there huddled up in a chair was the wife,- no energy, no inspiration, suffering mentally and physically,- and the husband in another room the same. The husband had held a very important position in the previous war, and he knew that he was a marked man if Germany invaded England. He and his wife loved each other so dearly that they were simply mesmerized by the fear that they were going to be separated and that neither would know what was happening to the other.

They had known something about the old sense of Science, and so I began to talk to the wife about the sevenfold nature of God. I went several times to see them, and in a few weeks both those dear people were lifted out of that darkness and misery and sadness and right out of that hopeless condition. They were like two new young people. Now, what brought that wonderful inspiration into their home? They had everything they needed materially,

but when I left for home after my first visit to them and I began to think about the real home and the real man and the loveliness of Science, I never felt so rich in all my life, and yet with great humility. Those two individuals proved that the only substance is the understanding of divine Love, and the understanding of the sevenfold nature of God lifted them up, brought them inspiration, brought them comfort, and gave them what nothing else in all the world could give them.

Now, that wasn't all! Living near this couple was another very fine man, and he was very sad about conditions in this country. So some months after these two people had been helped, the husband rang me up one day and said, "I wonder if you can help our neighbour. He's a great friend of mine, and he's dying. The doctors say that the worry and the fear have affected the heart, and he can't last probably more than to-day." He said, "I'm awfully fond of this friend." There was such a sense of love about the whole situation that I said immediately, "Yes, I'll help right away." In a few days this other man was healed too, and was able to carry on with his business in a wonderful way, to the astonishment of the medical thought. What an illustration of Love expressing itself through every idea! When I first went into that home, the awfulness of the situation brought a great longing to help that couple; and God gave us the answer through the study of the sevenfold nature of God. And so those people began to study the textbooks to see how priceless it is to have spiritual substance.

Do let us one and all love the spiritual above everything. When we are thinking or studying, let us say with all our hearts, "This spiritual understanding is everything. to me. Nothing else matters." Now, when we reach this spirituality, we don't ignore our human obligations, but we become better-wives, better husbands, better friends, better citizens, and we become a blessing to ourselves and to everyone. I don't feel that we can grasp Science unless we have that one hundred per cent love for the spiritual,- so that we live to glorify our Principle and so that we see the loveliness of Love operating through us and through everyone.

"Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear"

Another reference which I want to take with you is this: "The Apostle John says: 'There is no fear in Love, but perfect Love casteth out fear. . . He that feareth is not made perfect in Love.' Here is a definite and inspired proclamation of Christian Science" (S. & H. 410:17-21). I don't suppose that there's anybody living who wouldn't give anything never to be afraid,

and the answer is in this story of divine Love. All our fear comes about because we don't understand divine Love and are not spiritually minded. We think that we've got to make something work, we think that something has to be fulfilled, we think that we've got to do this or that, or we think that something dreadful may happen to us.

Don't you see that that fact given to us in the Bible "Perfect Love casteth out fear"- is the remedy? The way to get rid of fear, or to have that sense of not being afraid, is to be conscious of the great fact of divine Love, in which every idea is fulfilled, is perfect, is complete, and is glorified now.

When I have had to help people out of fear, I have often said to them, "You can't have love and fear together, so if you're afraid of a disease, or afraid of traveling in a train, or afraid of anything else, right away begin to say, 'I love everyone, I love doing all these things, and I love doing them for God,'" and it has always operated in a lovely way. But that is love with a small "l", and in the last few weeks I have seen a higher way of dealing with fear – through Love with a big "L." During these last few weeks I have seen that we must let divine Love flood our thought and see that the one Being is Love,- forever knowing its own fulfilment, its own loveliness, its own perfection, its own glory; because of this fact, there isn't such a thing as a mortal who is afraid, and so we are able to lift ourselves and others out of materiality and out of fear. When we see that divine Love has an intelligent plan, how can we be afraid that something dreadful is just around the corner, or that we have to take care of everything?

Let us always remember that there are not two factors, the spiritual and the material. The spiritual is the only reality and the material is the dream. Mrs. Eddy talks of "the belief and dream of material living," as we have seen. Thank God that we are beginning to wake up from this "belief and dream" to glimpse something of reality!

Living to Glorify God

During these last few weeks, the moment I have woken up, I have gone over the story of the one Life, the one Truth, the one Love, and the one divine Principle, Love. I have gone over it and over it morning after morning, until it has flooded my being, and, as I have told you, it has given me a new sense of Science. The feeling of how much I love people has been so much freer and so much more spontaneous. I find that I say kind things so much more quickly and so much more naturally.

Let us never forget that Love isn't a lump of something: Love is infinite, the one infinite Being, forever resting in its own loveliness and forever expressing itself as ideas. Therefore as we express ideas of sweetness, of tenderness, of affection, of kindness, and of loveliness, and as they flood our being, we have a wonderful sense of health and happiness and heaven, and we bring it to everyone with whom we come in contact. Nothing to me is lovelier than when I see, through a universal sense of Love, that I can be a joy to myself, to everyone I live with, and to everyone in the whole world, and that that is why I exist,— to glorify my Father which is in heaven. That is the teaching of the great master Metaphysician, but it can only come as we love the spiritual above everything and are awake to see the nothingness of everything unlike it. That experience some years ago in that home where there was everything that matter could give and yet there was so much misery—oh, it made me love the spiritual and love it more than anything else!

Reaching Out to Divine Love

When we touch the great heart of Love, it doesn't matter much what words we use. For instance, when I have to go forward and prove this Science in a way that I've never had to do before, I sometimes say with my whole heart, "O divine Love, just help me." Of course, I know that divine Love can't do anything more than it has already done and is forever doing, but that prayer helps me, because it makes me trust divine Love completely. Again, when I see patients healed quickly,— for instance, someone rang me up last night and told me of a lovely physical healing which has come very quickly and beautifully,— I often say, "O divine Love, give me much humility." There again I know that Love doesn't need to be implored, but that prayer brings humility and love into my individual consciousness. What matters is that we accept this one Love and see that it is infinite in its disposal, and that there are infinite ways in which we can approach it. The important thing is that you and I should have that humility, that reaching out, so that we become conscious of Love's presence, not in a limited way, but in a way that is infinite.

The Fruits of Science

You know, the world has never heard the story of divine Love as we are hearing it tonight, and we're hearing it because God brought us all together this week, and God has poured us out a blessing too wonderful to put into words. I love what Clifford said: "Let's keep on the stairs which lead up to

spiritual love," because if we go forward individually and yet as a whole, loving the spiritual more than ever before, living in that sense of Love and Mind which obliterates the mortal concept, then we shall be a mighty influence for good in the world. Remember that Mrs. Eddy says that if your mind is filled with Truth and Love, then "all whom your thoughts rest upon are thereby benefited" (My. 210:10-11).

I see more and more that as we let thought dwell on the picture which God has shown us this week of this Science which is Christianity and this Christianity which is Science, and as we live with it and love it, so that it becomes us and we become it, not only have we already started to gain immortality, but also in this human experience health, happiness, and heaven will be more certain. Friendships founded on this infinite Principle, divine Love, will forever unfold in all their loveliness; and those friendships, because they exist in the realm of Soul where animal magnetism can never operate, will be a blessing not only to the friends themselves, but also to all mankind.

We shall each find that God has indeed opened the "windows of eaven," and that whatever we need is at hand in abundance, –"good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over;" we shall have a sense of a new heaven and a new earth; and we shall glorify God in a way we didn't know how to before. The lovely thing that has happened this week is that we have been shown in no uncertain manner the way to think, the way to live, and the way to act as Science demands.

No wonder Mrs. Eddy says, "Who wants to be mortal. . .?" (Mis. 104:28)! All the loveliness of Love comes to us as we give up the mortal concept of life, with all those limits which bind us and pull us down. What we have to do is to lift thought to the facts of divine Science, and let those facts operate in our human experience.

Controlled by Love and Mind

There are two more references which I would like to take. The first is this: "Metaphysics is above physics, and matter does not enter into metaphysical premises or conclusions. The categories of metaphysics rest on one basis, the divine Mind" (S. & H. 269:11-14). Let us be metaphysicians from now on, never looking into matter and never being mesmerized by matter. Let us see that the only thing we ever have to deal with is thought, and that all that we ever need is ideas coming quickly and spontaneously from the great heart of Love and bringing fulfilment.

Here is another very wonderful reference: "Healing the sick and reforming the sinner are one and the same thing in Christian Science. Both cures require the same method and are inseparable in Truth. Hatred, envy, dishonesty, fear, and so forth, make a man sick, and neither material medicine nor Mind can help him permanently, even in body, unless it makes him better mentally, and so delivers him from his destroyers. The basic error is mortal mind. Hatred inflames the brutal propensities. The indulgence of evil motives and aims makes any man, who is above the lowest type of manhood, a hopeless sufferer. Christian Science commands man to master the propensities,- to hold hatred in abeyance with kindness, to conquer lust with chastity, revenge with charity, and to overcome deceit with honesty. Choke these errors in their early stages, if you would not cherish an army of conspirators against health, happiness, and success" (S. & H. 404:26-11). What a statement! How are we going to overcome the hatred and the envy and the dishonesty and the fear and all those errors of thought unless we first understand what Love and Mind really mean,- the fact that all men have one Mind, and that that Mind is Love? I have seen so many cases helped during these last few months because ideas have come through the study of Love and Mind. I have been able to help people in a way that I couldn't have done six months ago. It's so important that each one of us begins to think of Love and Mind, because in that understanding is to be found the remedy in no uncertain way for all fear and all beastliness.

There's nothing that brings an upheaval to the body but disturbance in your thought, whether you call it hatred or fear, or dishonesty or anything else. Many people have said to me time and time again, "I would give anything to have poise and balance. How can I get it? I so quickly get disturbed, I so quickly get bad-tempered, I so quickly get afraid." There's one answer: know that you are controlled every moment by Love and Mind, and that because you are controlled by Love and Mind you are always calm, poised, and peaceful. Isn't it wonderful to learn how to reflect these qualities? Love expresses itself as intelligent ideas: it is not something abstract. When we understand something of the one infinite Love, ideas come to us,- ideas of tenderness, ideas of compassion, ideas of patience, ideas of sweetness, ideas of loveliness, - and those ideas bring a sense of peace and rest.

I have helped many people suffering with palpitation of the heart, interference with the workings of their insides, and all sorts of skin troubles, and I have seen all those conditions just disappear through realizing some aspects of Love and Mind. For instance, if someone has palpitation of the heart, what's at the back of it? It's sometimes that the individual has got worried and disturbed and tense, and so the old organ begins to respond to that state of

thought. A good heart is that state of thought which is calm and poised and is generously expressing kindness and affection. When we have that sense of being controlled by Love and Mind, it doesn't matter what other people say to us; we find that we are always restful, poised, and at peace.

The Love of God Encircling the Universe

Somebody has asked me, "How do you get this sense of Love?" and I can only tell you that I often sit down and consciously bathe my thought in divine Love. There is a very lovely statement which has helped me whenever I have let it flood my thought. In one of her classes Mrs. Eddy asked what a Christian Science treatment was, and on this occasion she described her own healing work in these words: "I saw the love of God encircling the universe and man, filling all space, and that divine Love so permeated my own consciousness that I loved with Christlike compassion everything I saw. This realization of divine Love called into expression 'the beauty of holiness, the perfection of being' (S. & H. 253:2), which healed, and regenerated, and saved all who turned to me for help." And so I often sit down and bathe my thought in that wonderful picture of divine Love filling all space, and I realize that nothing else exists, that nothing else has power, and that nothing else is present. When I have done that, I have found ideas coming to me and enabling me to help people who have needed my help. That sense of infinite Love always obliterates the mortal concept with all its fears and doubts.

I am certain that if you will think of the one Being, the one Love, you too will have the most holy experiences that you have ever known, you too will entertain angels unawares, and Love will become the all and only of your being and your universe.

Love is Infinite and Universal

When God has shown us a picture like this, it's up to each one of us individually to accept it, to live it, to love it, and then to see how it transforms everything in our experience, How privileged we are that we are just beginning to glimpse some of the great spiritual truths which that master Metaphysician saw, which that wonderful woman Mrs. Eddy saw, and which that wonderful character John Doorly saw! We have glimpsed this week something of the one infinite Principle, forever operating as one Life, one Truth, and one Love, but we shall not have time to consider the one divine Principle, Love, and that must wait for another time.

God has shown us the way,- the only way, the infinite way, the lovely way,- and so there's no excuse for anyone here tonight if they don't take it. I feel that we are all going forward individually and yet as one. It doesn't matter whether we live in Denmark or Switzerland or America or England, because we're always together in the one plan. As we keep our thought on the one infinite divine Love, we shall always be together, we shall always progress together, and the world will feel the influence of it. Jesus' disciples once said to him, "All men seek for thee," and I feel that the same will be said of us if we are faithful to this story of divine Love.

Nothing is needed more in the world today than a realization of this great fact of divine Love. It's irresistible, and it's the one and only truth. I love that sense which Clifford brought: "Let us keep on the stairs which lead up to spiritual love," ever up and up, in our individual realization of this great glorious fact of Science. The thing which is so lovely to remember is that as we are lifted up individually, we not only enjoy heaven ourselves, but we also lift others to it. I believe that every one of us here tonight is going to be able to lift many people up, because divine Love is infinite. That line from Mrs. Eddy's hymn, "His arm encircles me, and mine, and all" (Mis. 389:13), gives a beautiful picture of Love including every idea. Mrs. Eddy also says, "Universal Love is the divine way in Christian Science" (S. & H. 266:18-19).

As we understand the one Love in divine Science, we shall be able to fulfil the command of the Master, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." We shall also see that Love manifests itself in Christian Science as intelligent ideas, and nothing is more intelligent than to love every other idea and to take every idea into heaven with you. When we have that glorious realization that Love is forever expressing itself through every idea, we shall have health, peace, and fulfilment in our human experience and we shall be a blessing to all mankind.

Let us always remember that there is no fulfilment without divine Love. The inspiration, exaltation, individuality, and multiplication of Life is fulfilled only in Love; and the infinite consciousness of all reality, or Truth, is fulfilled only in Love.

Oh, this story of divine Science is lovely beyond words, for it is the divine fact about God Himself; and Christian Science is the application of that fact to the human. Moreover, this whole story of Science is irresistible. I have never known such a wonderful experience as this week, and I thank you for all the loveliness which you have brought. God has certainly opened

"the windows of heaven" and poured out a blessing. Let us watch that we constantly turn away from the mortal picture and look at the divine facts about God. As we think intelligently as God,— as the one Life, the one Truth, the one Love,— and we become conscious of the eternal fact that the only thing going on is the "I AM, the Being who was and is and shall be," forever operating as infinite divine consciousness with a divine infinite plan of fulfilment, we shall find that the new heaven and the new earth which John saw will appear to us and our hearts will rejoice. Mrs. Eddy truly writes, "What but divine Science can interpret man's eternal existence, God's allness, and the scientific indestructibility of the universe?" (Mis. 206: 8-10).