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Dear Friends: 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.

THE INFINITESIMALS

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Mary Baker Eddy expected her followers to keep abreast of the times. This may indicate that a Christian Scientists should grow in the understanding and demonstration of Truth's revelation to their Leader, so that they may keep pace with the spiritual opportunities and demands of advancing ages, We are actually living in the appearing of the spiritually scientific age prophesied be Jesus and announced by the discovery of Christian Science This epoch heralds the release of humanity from the confines of matter.

Those who move with the light of divine Science cannot remain within the barriers of personal sense, but must experience the unparalleled demonstrations of reality. This light has already reached beyond individual mental gates to illumine national lanes of thought, overturning preconceived ideas of cause, power, and science. Human reason is touching the fringes of Truth.

In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy cautions us, "Let us attach our sense of Science to what touches the religious sentiment within man." Do we find her doing this very thing when asking whether the infinitesimals come from matter or from divine Mind? (See p.26 of the same book) Are the material atom, proton, neutron, and electron, which seem to possess massive strength through fusion and fission, the reality? Or are divine ideas, imbued with preservative omnipotence, the actuality? Which posses the nature of the creator of the universe, divine Principle, Love?

In the Science of God, all that He creates expresses Him. From the infinitesimal to the infinite, all is tributary to divine cause alone. The infinitesimal must partake of that essence of infinity, must identify the nature of eternity, must express the power of Love. Its laws much be those of universal harmony, its action, the functioning of changeless perfection. The power of the spiritual Infinitesimal as it touches human perception accomplishes deliverance from densest materialism.

As we consider these truths, they bring into the focus of remembrance a statement of the Master, in which he indicates that atomic action is divine Mind, not matter, as Mrs. Eddy discovered; that the spiritual infinitesimal is awesome in power, but not destructive. He said, “If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you”. These words, though spoken centuries ago, are abreast of our times. They state the omnipotence of causitive Mind and transcend in importance the human knowledge of what is generally known as atomic energy.

While physical scientists are experimenting with the human concepts of atomic energy on the waters of distant seas with terrifying and awesome results, divine Mind is moving upon the tides of world thought to form the correct concept of spiritual cause, impulsion, and control. May not the vivid imagery of spiritual inspiration in Genesis be recalled in connect with this action of Mind: “And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters”? Divine illumination outshines the sun, and in its glow the material sense of heaven and earth vanishes, giving place to the appearing of the universe of Mind’s creating.

The material sense of atomic energy brings with it a fear of seemingly unknown evil power and of long, lingering atmospheric danger following explosions. The power of the molecule of faith (spiritual understanding) is the might of infinite Love, embracing all things in immortality, exchanging the crude forms of human knowledge for divine ideas. This power removes the mountains of fear, leaving the atmosphere of Soul, unadulterated by evil, for all to breathe.

The life-giving fall-out from the release of the atomic action that is Mind is purification, not contamination. Mrs. Eddy’s *Miscellaneous Writings* contains this sentence: “Pure Mind gives out an atmosphere that heals and saves.” In this operation there is nothing to fear.

Spiritual infinitesimals, precise agencies of omnipotence, merit deeper understanding. The little leaven of Truth, fermenting the whole mass of worldly wisdom; the grain of Christian Science, doing marvels for men; the molecule of understanding of divine Love, removing long-established obstructions to humanity’s progress heavenward—these are the events to watch. Such is the incomparable power of divine eons, turning and overturning until the right of Spirit becomes visible to men.

It is customary to think of the term “nucleus” in connection with atomic energy as the central mass of the atom. Again following Mrs. Eddy’s counsel to attach our sense of Science to religious sentiment, we note one nucleus, or point where all Christian thought may converge – namely the Lord’s Prayer. In *Pulpit and Press* we read, "All Christian churches have one bond of unity, one nucleus or point of convergence, one prayer, – the Lords Prayer. It is a matter for rejoicing that we unite in love and in this sacred petition with every praying assembly on earth, – ‘They Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.’” Here is the very core of divine energy applied to human need, the dynamics of instantaneous healing.

The assumption that the division of the atom is the means whereby to reach supreme power is superseded in the light of divine Science by the understanding that the indivisibility of spiritual substance is the stupendous primeval strength of existence, the omnipotence which is the center and circumference of the universe. Within this substance are the infinitesimals and infinity of immortality, acting to preserve eternal peace.

The carnal mind, so-called, would claim infinitesimals as its own agents for subversive activity. It wrongly asserts that a gem of matter can destroy the health of a man; that a clot of blood rob him of his intelligence; that a touch of electricity can consume him; that a bullet can take his life, that atoms of material energy can end this world. The master Scientist took occasion to speak to those about him in a quite different vein. He said that the very hairs of the head were all numbered, cared for; that the field lilies were clothed by divine Love; that the least of all seeds, the mustard seed, could become a tree for birds to rest in.

Were not these simple pictures illustrations of spiritual infinitesimals associated with infinite power? These teachings show that in God’s universe everything from the least to the greatest is divinely identified, is indestructible and harmless, and is always about the business of eternal Life.

There is a desperate need for people to be delivered from fear of evil of every sort. This occurs only as spiritual ideas replace human, material beliefs. Then divine understanding takes away the brooding sense of catastrophe. Then every human step towards freedom is taken under the shelter of supreme good and leads to blessings for mankind. Finally it will be learned that not one particle of good has ever been destroyed and not one iota of evil has ever been real, because good is forever infinite.

The perfect state of God’s universe is intact and governed by divine Mind. Mind has never included in its creation any destructive elements, injurious laws, dangerous forces, or uncontrollable developments. From the infinitesimal to the whole of reality, all is unfoldment of God’s holy self-containment.

Mrs. Eddy asks of her followers in *Miscellaneous Writing*: “But what of ourselves, and our times and obligations? Are we duly aware of our own great opportunities and responsibilities? Are we prepared to meet and improve them, to act up to the acme of divine energy wherewith we are armored?” Because we are armored with the understanding of the mighty infinitesimals of spiritual power, we can help to break the mesmerism of fear that claims to bind mankind.

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