

Address delivered by James P.B Hyndman, for station WHAP, New York City, January 2, 1928, (Monday), on Americanism.

Subject: THE MONROE DOCTRINE

On December 2, 1823, James Monroe, President of the United States of America, gave forth to the world, practically in one short sentence, reinforced by a few correlative clauses, a pronouncement that because of the mighty weight of its inherent authority has ever since been known as a DOCTRINE – and has been given the name, The Monroe Doctrine. The immediate and imperative effect of this pronouncement of James Monroe that did not carry the force or authority of legislative enactment, was in the words of the Austrian Statesman Von Goetz:

The separation of America from Europe has been completed irrevocably.

The attitude of American statesmen, since the time of President Monroe to our own day, upon the meaning, interpretation, and authority of the Monroe Doctrine has determined, not only their place in American history as true Americans or otherwise, but as well, the policy of the American Federal Republic in its relation to the rest of the world.

I will preface my remarks on THE MONROE DOCTRINE, with a short quotation from the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy's words are:

I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God. (Miscellany, p. 282.).

These words were written in a letter to the Boston Globe, in August, 1903, in reply to a telegram from the editor of that paper, addressed to Mrs. Eddy, requesting an expression of sentiment from her on the occasion of the ending of the war between Russia and Japan, by the treaty of Portsmouth. Mrs. Eddy's sentiment, just quoted, appears on a beautiful Banner, which hangs on the facade of the home of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D. (Mrs. Eddy's student and my teacher) at No. 7 West 96th Street, New York City.

The two paragraphs in Presidents Monroe's Message of December 2, 1823, containing the pith of the Monroe Doctrine follow:

We owe it, therefore, to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers to declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety.

With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered and shall not interfere. But with the governments who

have declared their independence and maintained it, and whose independence we have, on great consideration and on just principles, acknowledged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States.

A correspondent of the New York Times states, that the story is told that an English schoolboy, when asked to define the Monroe Doctrine, replied, "It is the religion of America." The Monroe Doctrine establishes, under the mandate of Christ, the western hemisphere as the beginning of the new era of heaven on earth – that pearl of great price, which Christ came once, and now comes again, to give to men the spiritual freedom of man in the image of GOD. This absolute freedom of conscience, under the dominion of Christ, was planted on the shores of the Western Hemisphere by the Pilgrim Fathers; and their mighty adventure, and their great spiritual pronouncement, struck the keynote of the spiritual, mental atmosphere of all the Americas, from the Arctic to the Western South Seas, and prepared this Hemisphere for the second appearing of Christ, whose reign shall be absolute and eternal.

In considering the Monroe Doctrine – the most potent national pronouncement ever proclaimed on earth – we find two outstanding features; namely, the "irrevocable" separation of the Western Hemisphere from the Eastern Hemisphere, and the setting forth of the supremacy, in the Western Hemisphere, of a "system" the direct opposite of the system which obtains and governs in the Eastern Hemisphere.

I have quoted the words of Mary Baker Eddy in regard to the Monroe Doctrine. My teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., Mrs. Eddy's student, has proclaimed for many months through the press, and is now through the medium of radio proclaiming freely to the world that the second coming of Christ on earth has its fulfillment in Mary Baker Eddy. This is in strict accord with the prophecy of John the Revelator, that Christ's second appearing would be in the form of a "woman clothed with the sun;" that is, endowed with full spiritual understanding and power, which endowment is the exclusive inheritance of the Christ who himself prophesied to his disciples, after the resurrection, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," (Matthew 8:18.). I, therefore, again quote Mrs. Eddy's words on the Monroe Doctrine:

I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God. (Miscellany, p. 282.).

The inherent sacredness and spiritual authority of the Monroe Doctrine is thus recognized, set forth, and established, by Christ; and Mrs. Eddy's words are proof, that the Monroe Doctrine, which seemed to have been written by man, was indited under the direct inspiration of Christ, the ever-present and eternal Son of God.

First, we will consider the effect of the Monroe Doctrine as separating the two Hemispheres. I have already quoted Von Goetz, the Austrian statesman, who said, "The separation of America from Europe has been completed irrevocably." The pronouncement of Monroe loosened the hold of Europe in America. Two outstanding demonstrations of the operation of this principle were the expulsion of the French from Mexico at the time of Maximilian's short-lived reign, and the end of British supremacy in the Western Hemisphere in connection with the Venezuelan boundary dispute. I quote from Professor Albert Bushnell Hart's "The Monroe Doctrine; An Interpretation." Professor Hart says:

The Monroe Doctrine (is) a state of mind. It seems to have the sight of the Ten Commandments, which are not questioned or limited or construed but obeyed. The powerful sentences of James Monroe actually gave pause to European governments. Seward's dispatches with their rising confidence that the French could not wish to remain in Mexico, compelled Napoleon to give the order for the withdrawal of his troops. Olney's rhetoric was more cogent than all the logic of Lord Salisbury.

Professor Hart quotes a German sage as saying, "There is a special Providence for little children and the United States."

We now come to the consideration of the second principle of the Monroe Doctrine; that is, the antipodal character of the "systems" of America and Europe. A single sentence uttered apparently in the spontaneity of a routine Annual Message, yet having the force of holy commandment, must have had its inception and birth in the vital truth of the ages. The incident of Colonel Lindberg and his series of air flights to the Central and South American Republics and Mexico is a point of focus at this time for the American people, not only on the entire American problem, the miracle of the Western Hemisphere, but on the meaning and authority of the Monroe Doctrine.

A short rescue of the history of the spiritual development of the spiritual people of the earth – the Children of Israel – will give light upon the origin of the Western Hemisphere and its peculiar spiritual preparation for the second appearing of Christ and his reign on earth. Up to the beginning of the 16th century the Americas were virtually virgin soil. The civilizations on the Western continents before the coming of the Spaniards were the fruits of thousands of years of development; and there are many evidences here of a high degrees of intellectual and spiritual life that exactly correlates itself with the Israelitish national life in Egypt and in Palestine. Mexico and Peru abound in remains of old structures, including the pyramid, the Calendar Stone, the Signs of the Zodiac, and numberless symbolical ruined structures, all indicating a close relationship to Israelitish civilization. The civilization is known to have extended back for three thousand years. The worship of God was in spirit, if not wholly in form, similar to the Israelitish

conception of God. The great Aztec Empire under Montezuma that Cortez, the Spanish conqueror of Mexico, found in that region in the early part of the 16th century, and which he ruthlessly destroyed in the name of the pope of Rome, was, in its simplicity, homogeneity, power and wealth, much like the Kingdom of Israel under David, the prototype of Christ. The blight of Roman paganism, which, amalgamating the apostate Judaism, resisted Christ at his first coming and crucified Jesus of Nazareth, had not touched the Western Hemisphere. Hence, in the fulness of time, or at the beginning of the second century after Christ's first appearing; that is, in the year 1000, Christ directed Leif Ericson, the young Norseman, (Icelander) to discover America, and to reveal the virgin hemisphere in preparation for his second appearing. This was the first open sign of the final clash between the old "system" that governed in Europe and in the old or eastern hemisphere, and that as John says, received a deadly wound at Christ's first coming; and the new system of the final revelation of Christ's Christianity that should find a responsive soil in the virgin Western Hemisphere.

The European system of papal supremacy, whose agent was Spain, followed the coming of the Norseman, by sending their representative, the usurper Christopher Columbus, to "discover" what had already been discovered – the American hemisphere. Columbus spent some time in the year 1477 in Iceland, studying the Norse records of the voyages of the Norseman to America to help him to make his "discovery." A few years later the first of the Spanish conquerors came to Mexico and Peru to wrest from the Aztecs and Incas their fabulous wealth, and to plant the papal flag on the western continent. This was accomplished by the sword, the Inquisition, and the slavery of the Indians in the mines, so that, in the 300 years of Spanish rule in America, 50 millions of Indians were sacrificed to Spanish inhumanity.

Some of the events that preceded the issuing of the pronouncement of Monroe, both in Europe, and in America, are of interest.

The prime motives that actuated the Spaniards to come to America in the 16th century were to gain wealth and to establish the papal system in the Western Hemisphere. After 300 years of servitude, the Spanish colonies in Mexico and in South America, practically at the same moment, rose in their might and threw off the yoke of the oppressor. General Simon Bolivar and General San Martin were the liberators of South America, and the native priest Hidalgo began the revolution of Mexico and paid for his patriotism with his life; but his work was brought to a successful issue about a decade later when General Iturbide expelled the Spaniards from Mexico in 1821. A movement was at once begun in Europe to regain the Spanish colonies for Spain. A document was drawn up at Paris on September 25, 1815, and on November 20, 1815, a treaty was signed by England, Prussia, Russia and Austria that became the basis of the politico-religious combination known as the Holy Alliance. According to Dr. William T. Hull, Professor of History at Swarthmore College, this compact had two themes; namely, a religious (ecclesiastical) basis of government and mutual political insurance.

A preliminary Congress was held at Vienna that was attended by Lord Castlereagh as the English plenipotentiary, who promised Prince Metternich, chancellor and prime minister of Austria that he would participate in the Congress of Verona in the year 1823. However, on his way to the congress that was to be held for the purpose of forming the Holy Alliance, he passed out by his own hand; and Byron wrote an ode in which he accused him of selling his country. George Canning then assumed the premiership of England, and he instructed the Duke of Wellington, whom he chose to be England's representative, to take no part in the proceedings because the purpose of the Alliance was the overthrow of democratic government and the establishment of the princes and ecclesiastics. The Holy Alliance, therefore, was formed between Prussia, Russia and Austria that lasted only 35 years – a period of terrible oppression for Europe, says our own Henry Cabot Lodge. Canning, who favored constitutional government, and, by his attitude greatly strengthened the position of the United States and of the South American Republics and Mexico, obtained from the French ambassador, the Prince de Polignac, a signed memorandum declaring that France, like England, should regard the recovery of the colonies by Spain as hopeless, and that she would not assist Spain in their recovery. This paper struck at the very taproot of the motive of the Holy Alliance.

On this side of the water, the entire question of national independence and integrity was a lively topic, our own Revolution having sounded a new note of universal political and religious liberty throughout the world. The principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States was a part of the political thinking of every American statesman from the time of the Revolution. Jefferson had most frequently stated it. It was applied by Monroe, in collaboration with John Quincy Adams his Secretary of State, and his other advisers to the situation arising in 1823 in connection with the Holy Alliance and the Spanish American colonies.

Thus, the great Anglo-Saxon Christian principle of freedom of conscience was confirmed as applying to "every portion of this hemisphere," having been first established on the western continents by Christ, when he directed the discovery of America by Leif Ericson, himself a primitive Christian, untainted by the papal system of Europe. Further, the complete and "irrevocable" separation of America from Europe was accomplished by this mighty pronouncement of Monroe. The system of Europe, or the Eastern Hemisphere, is the doctrine of the divine right of kings, with the entire caste system that this doctrine entails, and the supremacy of ecclesiastical domination. These principles were the foundation of the Holy Alliance in its two themes: religious (or ecclesiastical) basis of government, and the combined political defense of the princes for their own preservation. These two objects are abjured and renounced by our system of spiritual freedom that recognizes the authority of no earthly king, and establishes universal freedom of conscience by rejecting all ecclesiastical control. Our Constitution, which Mrs. Eddy also recognizes as divine, establishes this spiritual freedom of conscience by forbidding Congress in any way to recognize or establish any sectarian form of ecclesiasticism.

The system of the Eastern Hemisphere, having its root in Europe, is the dragon of John's Revelation that is at war with Christ. It is mental slavery to sin, disease and death; the smothering yoke of priestcraft that Jesus denounced; the rod of mental oppression and fear wielded by the hands of despots such as those who "crucified the Lord of glory, and put him to an open shame." This oppressive system that has its root in Europe is not indigenous to America, but it is a foreign importation; and Christ will expel it from his continents, of the Western Hemisphere. The Monroe Doctrine so pronounces. This is why the first appearing of Christ's Christianity must first be recognized and established in America, and indeed it has already been established.

The system of America is the free course of the pure teaching of Christ in the hearts of men. While it is true that the Gospel of Christ is free to all the world, and the love of God is universal, yet this Gospel is not yet received by all men, nor is the love of God reflected by all peoples. There were localities, even in Palestine where Christ came first, in which it is recorded that Christ Jesus could not do his mighty works because of their unbelief. It is not possible to gain response to the Gospel of Christ and his absolute reign of harmony in the heart from men whose minds are controlled by their allegiance to earthly kings, princes, priests or tyrants. Our divine institutions and documents that include our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, and our Monroe Doctrine that forbid the establishment of the European system in "any portion of this hemisphere" prohibit this, or any other foreign allegiance.

The legitimate fruit of the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, is the demonstration of harmony of body and mind and estate. This is the proof of Jesus' teaching, and he demonstrated the truth and power of his teaching in his own experience, even to the complete conquest of death. Scholastic theology, which is the daughter of papal paganism, gives no proof of the spiritual vitality of Christ's Christianity by healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, or raising the dead as Jesus commanded. It is really part of the system of Europe, which is prohibited on the soil of the Western Hemisphere by our Monroe Doctrine.

On the border between Chile and Argentina, in the Andes mountains, there stands a colossal statue of Christ with the inscription, "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." (Eph. 2:14). In the Harbor of New York, there stands a mighty statue of a woman, presented to the American nation by France. This statue is symbolically known as "Liberty," but it is really the symbol of the second appearing of Christ, as "a woman clothed with the sun" of righteousness. It is significant that this beautiful symbol that now bears an ever-illuminated torch in her right hand, was placed in our harbor in 1886, the year that Mrs. Eddy sent Mrs. Stetson to New York City to "establish the Christianity of Christian Science."

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The people of all the Americas are arising in spiritual awakening, to shake off scholastic theology and papal control, for the doom of the dragon is sealed, and his end is come. All power belongs to Christ, on earth and in heaven; and his recognized reign must begin in America, prepared for centuries for this event. The Monroe Doctrine is indeed the "religion" of America, because it prohibits all allegiance to any other power but Christ, who alone is King.

I close with an extract from *Science and Health*, by Mary Baker Eddy:

The Supreme Bench decides in favor of intelligence, that no law outside of divine Mind can punish or reward Mortal Man. Your personal jurors in the Court of Error are myths. Your attorney, False Belief, is an impostor, persuading Mortal Minds to return a verdict contrary to law and gospel. The plaintiff, Personal Sense, is recorded in our Book of books as a liar. Our great Teacher of mental jurisprudence speaks of him also as "a murderer from the beginning." We have no trials for sickness before the tribunal of divine Spirit. There, Man is adjudged innocent of transgressing physical laws, because there are no such laws. Our statute is spiritual, our Government is divine. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (S&H 441:25-4).

The spiritual Declaration of Independence of America is based upon the first chapter of Genesis, which records the Christianly scientific fact, according to Christian Science, that God made man in His own image, the image of Spirit, eternal Life and Love, our Father-Mother; therefore man is spiritual and immortal. The opposite of this spiritual Declaration of Independence is the second chapter of Genesis, which is the foundation of scholastic theology, or the European system that has no place in America. The commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me (Spirit, Mind, Soul, Principle, God.)"

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Subject: THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

The Pan-American Conference will meet at Havana, Cuba, on Monday, January 16. The twenty-one republics of the Western Hemisphere will be represented at this Conference. President Coolidge will attend.

The history of the twenty-one Republics of the Western Hemisphere, with the United States of America, the American Federal Republic in the lead, forms the most significant, potent, and spiritual record in the history of the world.

Yesterday, (Sunday) while I was walking on the street, there lay on the sidewalk in front of me, a beautiful calendar. Glancing at it, I noticed that it was a picture of the Liberty Bell in gold and black. I picked it up, and read the inscription: "The Cradle of Liberty." It was slightly soiled with rain and mud. I took it home and carefully washed it, pressed it out, and hung it on the wall of my study.

The Western Hemisphere was ordained by the all-knowing Mind, the omnipotent God, to be the home of Liberty. Americans! Do not your hearts burn within you at every mention of the name of our beloved America; every thought of the incomparable sacrifices and the inevitable corresponding mighty conquests of the fathers of our nation, and those of our sister republics at the lispings of the names of the immortal Washington and the lovable Lincoln, whose greatness, like the morning rays of the sun, will increase until the perfect day of liberty on the earth shall appear in its full glory.

The first effective note of liberty sounded upon this planet was struck by Christ Jesus when he said: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Not perceiving the value of the gift that the great Teacher had offered them, his hearers replied: "We are sons of Abraham, and have never been in bondage to any man. How sayest thou then, ye shall be free?"

In 1776, these words were formulated, written down, and signed with the very life blood of Christian patriots:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed. (The Declaration of Independence).

The inherent spirit of Liberty is an unquenchable fire in the breast of every true American. I quote the Sibyl Wilbur's Life of Mary Baker Eddy:

It is still remembered in that community (New Hampshire) how the Tiltons held an informal social gathering and everybody of consequence in the town attended. It appears to have been a semi-political reception, and on this occasion the Baker sisters disagreed before their guests. Mrs. Glover (later Mrs. Eddy) had come into the parlors to assist her sister. She was a notable figure because of grace and beauty though wasted in health, and her large eyes burned as she listened to the expressions of political opinion around her, called forth by the presidential campaign.

“And what does Mrs. Glover have to say to all this?” said a gentleman who had observed her repressed emotion while listening and taking no part in the conversation. All eyes turned toward her. Those who had not dared to venture an adverse opinion in the great house of the town hushed the lighter-minded around them. It was a moment of suspense such as only occasionally thrills a social gathering.

“I say,” said Mrs. Glover, (afterwards Mrs. Eddy) “that the South as well as the North suffers from the continuance of slavery and its spread to other states; that the election of Franklin Pierce will but involve us in larger disputes; that emancipation is written on the wall.”

The gathering had received its thrill that went down the backs of the several guests like baptismal currents of lightening.

“Mary,” cried her sister, “Do you dare to say that in my house?”

“I dare to speak what I believe in any house,” responded Mrs. Glover quietly.

I quote further from Mrs. Eddy: an extract from her Address to the Concord Church, February, 1899. Mrs. Eddy wrote:

My Beloved Brethren: — In the annals of our denomination this church becomes historic, having completed its organization February 22 — Washington's birthday. Memorable date, all unthought of till the day had passed! Then we beheld the omen, — religious liberty, — the Father of the universe and the father of our nation in concurrence. (Miscellany p. 148.).

I once more quote Mrs. Eddy on the subject of Liberty. She writes in an Address on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of The Mother Church, in Boston, in 1894:

The Church, more than any other institution, at present is the cement of society, and it should be the bulwark of civil and religious liberty. But the time cometh when the religious element, or Church of Christ, shall exist alone in the affections, and need no organization to express it. (Miscellaneous Writings p. 144.).

There can be but one potential and essential motive for any conference of the republics of the Western Hemisphere, at any time. That motive is the complete attainment of civil and religious liberty, which, in its highest form, is spiritual freedom, the "liberty of the sons of God." The ceaseless turmoils in the Central and South American countries have no other theme, no other actuating reason or basis, than this struggle for religious and moral freedom. It is the one theme of the entire hemisphere, from the arctic regions to the southernmost seas. And why is this so? Because the Western Hemisphere belongs peculiarly to Christ; it was discovered by the Norseman at Christ's command, and was colonized, by the Pilgrim Fathers, and established by the patriots of 1776, in preparation for the second appearing of Christ. A Pan-American Conference could no more meet without contemplating the work of Washington, Juarez, Bolivar and San Martin – the mighty patriots who freed the Western Hemisphere from political and ecclesiastical tyranny – than could a class in mathematics assemble and not study mathematics. The spirit of civil and religious liberty permeates every portion of this hemisphere, and lives as an unquenchable spiritual flame in the soul of every American. The Declaration of Independence, based on the immortal Compact of the Pilgrim Fathers, sounded the key-note of universal freedom, that the Monroe Doctrine guaranteed to every portion of this hemisphere – the mental emancipation from priestcraft and kingcraft which is essential to prepare the hearts and consciences of men for the second appearing of Christ and his mighty gospel of freedom.

Freedom from what? Freedom from the hypnotic pagan belief of materiality, the second chapter of Genesis on which ecclesiasticism, scholastic theology, human despotism, sin, sickness, death and hell is based. Freedom for what? Freedom to know and to understand that we are all sons of God, and possess certain unalienable rights – that among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness including the spiritual freedom to worship God as He should and must be worshipped – in spirit and in truth, not in matter and error. Thus we see that the American System is the custodian, under God and His Christ, of the life, liberty, and happiness of those who come under its jurisdiction; and that the opposing system, that our Monroe Doctrine forbids in any portion of this hemisphere, as being dangerous to our peace and safety, must be, and is, the vehicle or embodiment of death, slavery, and sorrow. The two systems are now in final conflict in this hemisphere, from Hudson Bay to the Argentine, with telltale eruptions in Mexico and Nicaragua, and the smouldering fires of religious conflict in the United States. But Christ has decreed that the Western Hemisphere shall be free, and he has given us a written document to this effect – our "cherished Monroe Doctrine," as one writer put it – and of which Mrs. Eddy writes:

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Subject: LIFE

I quote from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, (p.468) by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science:

Question. — What is Life?

Answer. — Life is divine Principle, Mind, Soul, Spirit. Life is without beginning and without end. Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of Life, and time is no part of eternity. One ceases in proportion as the other is recognized. Time is finite; eternity is forever infinite. Life is neither in nor of matter. What is termed matter is unknown to Spirit, which includes in itself all substance and is Life eternal. Matter is a human concept. Life is divine Mind. Life is not limited. Death and finiteness are unknown to Life. If Life ever had a beginning, it would also have an ending.

Christ Jesus said, "I came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (Jn. 10:10.). He also said to Martha, at the grave of Lazarus whom he afterwards raised for the dead, "I am the resurrection and the life . . . he that liveth and believeth in me shall never die." (Jn. 11:25, 26.).

Christ Jesus was crucified because he declared himself the Son of God – that is, he declared for the Allness of God, who is Life, and his own immortality as the Son of God, or as the Pharisees paraphrased their charge against him, "he made himself equal with God." This charge was relatively true, for Christ Jesus acknowledged only God as his Father, and himself co-existent with God, having his life from God. So powerful was this conviction of the great Teacher that his thought spontaneously compassed the past and the future, and he gave expression to this thought as one who actually lived in the experiences he related. Because he always consistently regarded himself the Son of God – who is Life – his speech was predicated upon this eternal premise. His speech, therefore, always expressed life eternal. In his verbal clash with the Jews on one occasion when he endeavored to lift their thought out of human fatherhood, and up to God as the only Father of man, he said:

I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. . .

Then said they to him, we be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.

Jesus said unto them, if God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

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Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word. . .

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad.

Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. (John 8.).

Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., Mrs. Eddy's student and our teacher at Station WHAP, has declared for the Allness of Life, God, and of God's manifestation, man in His image and likeness. This teaching was given to Mrs. Stetson over a long period of years by her Teacher and Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, whom Mrs. Stetson designates as the second appearing of Christ. Mrs. Stetson has published during the past few months several articles on Life, declaring in the very words of Mary Baker Eddy, her Leader, "There is No Death." One of the earliest of these articles was on the occasion of the celebration of the anniversary of the death of Thomas Jefferson, against which Mrs. Stetson protested. In this marvellously strong and inspired article, Mrs. Stetson taught the unreality of death. Mrs. Stetson declared that the founders of the Republic, Washington, Jefferson, and Monroe and their compatriots, live, and obviously maintain in this Nation against the onslaughts of the dragon, or flesh man, their divine principles upon which, under the inspiration of Christ, they founded and established the American Federal Republic. This spiritual fact or phenomenon is discerned by those who have spiritual sight and understanding, and through them obedience to its divine demands is enforced upon the Nation in order that the purpose for which the American Federal Republic was formed, namely, to reveal the Kingdom of God "on earth as it is in heaven," shall be accomplished.

There are seemingly two systems in America, one that teaches the inevitability of death and the other the Allness of Life, God. There should be but one system – the one system, is foretold by Mary Baker Eddy the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy writes:

It is undoubtedly true that Christian Science is destined to become the one and the only religion and therapeutics on this planet. (Miscellany, p. 267.).

Christ Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Quoting Jesus' words, Mrs. Eddy thus exhorts her followers: "Jesus' faith in Truth must not exceed that of Christian Scientists who prove its power to be immortal. (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 111.).

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system of divine metaphysics taught by Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, which our teacher, Mrs. Stetson proclaims from Station WHAP four times a week. This divine system proclaims life eternal and the Allness of Life, and the nothingness of its opposite, so-called death which is the wages of sin. That there will be eventually only

Station WHAP has this season proclaimed itself as a healing center. Guided in our study and demonstration of Christian Science as proclaimed by Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy – guided in this study by our inspired teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., we, at Station WHAP have waged a continuous warfare with so-called forces of evil, the qualities that embody themselves in sin, disease, and death, and we have, through this warfare, discerned their unreality, their powerlessness, and the Allness, the omnipotence of God, eternal Life and Love, the only Creator of man and the universe.

I have spoken of two systems in this Nation. We, as Christian Scientists, acknowledge but one – that system of divine Science, or the understanding of God and His Christ that Christ Jesus taught and which Mary Baker Eddy has given to the world in the fulness of its letter and the power of the spirit. Any hypothesis, theory, or premise, that doubts or denies the Allness, the omnipotence of God, Who is Spirit, eternal Life and Love, the only Creator, is not Science, and the Science of Christ will destroy it. The second chapter of Genesis is the basis of the false system of scholastic theology and materia medica, which go hand in hand to deceive men and women and seemingly to hide the pure sunlight of the omnipotence of infinite Mind, God, Spirit, Life and Love, to sustain His own creation, including Man. Mrs. Eddy writes, in her preface to Science and Health:

The question, What is Truth, is answered by demonstration, — by healing both disease and sin; and this demonstration shows that Christian healing confers the most health and makes the best men. On this basis Christian Science will have a fair fight. Sickness has been combated for centuries by doctors using material remedies; but the question arises, is there less sickness because of these practitioners? A vigorous "No" is the response deducible from two connate facts, — the reputed longevity of the Antediluvians, and the rapid multiplication and increased violence of diseases since the flood. (Science and Health, p. viii).

The foundation of the system of materia medica that acts in conjunction with scholastic theology, is the assumed reality of disease. This premise is utterly false. The foundation of scholastic theology is the creation of man from dust or from flesh, and the embodiment of the universe in matter. This premise is likewise utterly false. As well might one attempt to teach mathematics by assuming a premise antagonistic to its science, or music by admitting discord as in consonance with its principle of harmony, as to explain the universe, and man whom God created in His own image, from a basis the very opposite of God and His creation. The judgment and condemnation of the

false system of scholastic theology and materia medica are within itself and it must fall by its own weight of materiality.

The premise of Christian Science is the Allness of God, and man and the universe as His reflection. This premise forever excludes the possibility, as Mrs. Eddy writes, of the defilement of God's creation or its destructibility, since infinite Mind cannot be defiled or destroyed. On this premise, the demonstration of eternal and harmonious life is made, and the spiritual structure of immortal and harmonious being reared stone by stone. The logic of Christian Science is irrefutable, and its premise is correct. Hence, the demonstration of Christian Science is certain, if its premise is adhered to, its logic maintained, and its rules practised.

Mrs. Eddy states the divine premise of Christian Science, thus:

The fundamental propositions of divine metaphysics are summarized in the four following, to me, *self-evident* propositions. Even if reversed, these propositions will be found to agree in statement and proof, showing mathematically their exact relation to Truth. De Quincey says mathematics has not a foot to stand upon which is not purely metaphysical.

1. God is All-in-all.
2. God is good. Good is Mind.
3. God, Spirit, being all, nothing is matter.
4. Life, God, omnipotent good, deny death, evil, sin, disease. — Disease, sin, evil, death, deny good, omnipotent God, Life.

Which of the denials in proposition four is true? Both are not, cannot be, true. According to the Scripture, I find that God is true, "but every [mortal] man a liar."

The divine metaphysics of Christian Science, like the method in mathematics, proves the rule by inversion. For example: There is no pain in Truth, and no truth in pain; no nerve in Mind, and no mind in nerve; no matter in Mind, and no mind in matter; no matter in Life, and no life in matter; no matter in good, and no good in matter. (Science and Health, p. 113.).

The divine metaphysics of Christian Science – and by metaphysics is meant that which is above, beyond, or outside the so-called realm of physics – is wholly adequate, not only to reveal the "new heaven and new earth," wherein sin, disease and death have no part, but to maintain this vision until it becomes a living reality to all who cling to Christ, the Son of God, who dwells forever in this spiritual realm. This is why our

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teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., has steadfastly clung to the spiritual individuality and immortality of her Teacher and Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, who throughout all her writings declared for the Allness of Life, and the nothingness of death. Mrs. Stetson has through precept and through her marvellous example, held not only her students by the entire world in the undeniable fact that God is Life, and God is All, and “There is No Death.” In this age, the work of Mary Baker Eddy, in giving to humanity this mighty Truth, has been a pioneer endeavor and this spiritual Leader met the opposition that all pioneers encounter. Mrs. Eddy writes:

That one should have ventured on such unfamiliar ground, and, self-forgetful, should have gone on to establish this mighty system of metaphysical healing, called Christian Science, against such odds, — even the entire current of mortality, — is matter of grave wonderment to profound thinkers. That, in addition to this, she has made some progress, has seen far into the spiritual facts of being which constitute physical and mental perfection, in the midst of an age so sunken in sin and sensuality, seems to them still more inconceivable. Miscellaneous Writings, p. 234.).

As we look out upon this beautiful morning — for I am concluding the writing of this paper on the Monday morning in the proximity of our beautiful Central Park — how do we view the universe? The first chapter of Genesis states, in definite and certain language, that God made the universe including man in His own image and likeness and that he declared it very good, or in truth, God. Then we ask, can we behold God’s universe and God’s man, made in His own likeness, through any but an immortal lens? Can we reverse God’s fiat when He declared, “God saw everything that He had made and behold it was very good”? Since divine Science — that cannot be doubted or denied — declares that all is Mind and Mind’s reflection, that Life is God, and God is omnipotent and All-in-all, can the opposite assertion that the tree, the flower, the animal, or man, expresses discord and death, be true? Certainly not! Then, what is this so-called dictum, which sets itself up arrogantly against God and His work? It is what Mrs. Eddy names it, mortal mind, and which under the incisive operation of Christian Science and its divine logic, she reduces to its native nothingness.

We, at Station WHAP, guided by the divine example and demonstration of our teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., as she herself receives constant inspiration from her Teacher and Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, -- we declare for the Allness of Life, God, Spirit, Whose reflection, man — spiritual man — is. We constantly affirm that God’s universe — including His tree, His flower, His animal, and His man — is immortal, and that so-called death has no part in it. This affirmation, going out into the ends of the earth as a constant benediction, will eventually in the words of the prophet, “cover the earth as the waters cover the sea,” and Life and its sweet concords will be all that will be known, since they are all that can be known. When we look upon a tree, we see it in true aspect. And what is that aspect? It is the aspect of infinite Mind and we behold the

tree in its beauty as a mental manifestation of infinite Mind. In this aspect, we discern the beauty of form and outline and affirm the reality of Life; and as we maintain this affirmation in the understanding of spiritual Science, the Science of Christ, we uphold, in holy thought, the inviolability of God's universe and think God's thoughts after Him. So, we declare, the real flower is a mental emanation from infinite Mind, Spirit, eternal Life and Love, the only Creator of the universe, including man; and to this spiritual sense, God's flowers are supernal and eternal and always exhale the aroma of infinite Spirit. And what shall we say of God's animals? Seen through the lens of Spirit, they are not only harmless but abound in beauty, adroitness, agility, grace, and strength, and they constantly express that love which is both an attribute of God and is God Himself. The fatal error of seeing God's animals through a so-called material lens, seems to transform them into expressions of ferocity, fear, and death. How vivid a lesson is that of Daniel and his opponents. Daniel constantly maintained his consciousness in a state of high spiritual exaltation by communing with God three times a day. When he was cast into the den of lions, his pure spiritual consciousness knowing and understanding that God is the only Creator of man and of animals, perceived the real lion in all its spiritual power and beauty and love as God's reflection. This strong spiritual attitude, based upon the premise of omnipotent Mind, not only rendered the seeming ferocity of the lions null and void but revealed the lions as God's ideas, reflecting Life and Love; and Daniel was both safe and happy in their company and he emerged from the den with greater realization of the omnipotence of Life and Love, and manifested this realization by rising to the highest position in the kingdom, next to the king himself. His opponents, who through a so-called mortal concept, discerned nothing but materiality, were destroyed by their own fear of the lions.

From the first chapter of Genesis, on which Mrs. Stetson is now constantly and continually laying so great emphasis, I quote the following statement as to the creation of man:

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.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Genesis 1:26, 27.).

Thus, we discern, that the responsibility of revealing the harmonious and eternal universe of God – in the words of Genesis, “everything that he created” – rests upon man, the highest manifestation of God, the full mental reflection of His eternal being and power. This work is wholly mental, wholly spiritual, as Mrs. Eddy clearly intimated to her student, our teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., when she wrote:

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When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher, — to enlarge their phylacteries and demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent, — they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other, and proportionably estimate their success and glory of achievement only as they build upon the rock of Christ, the spiritual foundation. This will open the way, widely and impartially, to their never-ending success, — to salvation and eternal Christian Science.

Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*. "There is no matter" is not only the axiom of true Christian Science, but it is the only basis upon which this Science can be demonstrated. (Miscellany, p. 357.).

We, as Christian Scientists, followers of Christ, Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, who is the same Christ, and students of Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., have steadfastly set our faces to the "bright and morning star" of divine revelation as in Christian Science. We place upon the entire universe — the tree, the flower, the animal, man, yes, even the sun, moon and stars, "the work of Thy (God's) hands," — we place upon it the spiritual concept, and discern the harmony and immortality of all as the spiritual reflection of God, infinite Mind, omnipotent Life, Truth and Love. Thus we deny matter that is a false concept only, and its ghastly yet unreal consequent, so-called death. In the words of Isaiah we reiterate the declaration of God, omnipotent Mind:

I am God, and there is none else. There is no god (power) beside Me, (omnipotent Mind, Life, Truth and Love). (Isaiah 45:5).

We are building wholly spiritually," as our Leader gave us the word. This "wholly spiritual" building is, and must be predicated upon the Allness of Spirit, the Allness of Life and the essential immortality of both man and the universe as the reflection of God. This we admit, proclaim, and affirm; and in proportion to our understanding, we demonstrate its power, both individually and for the world.

I close with the words of Mary Baker Eddy:

God is Life; and as there is but one God, there can be but one Life . . .

Because God is ever-present, no boundary of time can separate us from Him and the heaven of His presence; and because God is Life, all Life is eternal. (Unity of Good, p. 37).

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Subject: GOD' ANIMALS -- (Preface)

This essay was originally written last summer at the direction and under the inspiration of my teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D. Its standpoint is, one Creator, God, Spirit, and one creation, the universe, including man and the animals, all perfect and immortal, in God's image and likeness, as recorded in the first chapter of Genesis.

It is the office of Christ, the spiritual head of the spiritual body, or universe, to create, that is, to reveal the real universe of God, Spirit, which, being God's reflection, is wholly spiritual, perfect, indestructible, and immortal. This work is stupendous.

At his first appearing, Christ, through Jesus, unfolded the fatherhood of God, Spirit, and man's spiritual sonship with God. At the second appearing of Christ through Mary Baker Eddy, Christ unfolded the motherhood of God thus fulfilling the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and setting the Seal of Christ on the entire creation of God, as spiritual, perfect, harmonious, indestructible, immortal.

This final revelation uncovers evil and matter, with their consequent so-called death, not as an attribute of God's creation, or any portion of it, but as a false mental concept, seemingly placed like a cover over God's creation, a mist that for a brief time seems to hide His handiwork.

All evil – sin, sickness, and death – is a false mental concept, projected by so-called mortal mind through so-called mortal man. It has nothing to do with creation, that is, with God and His universe and man in His image; it is a hypnotic suggestion, and has not reality or basis in fact. The true spiritual concept, through which Christ Jesus discerned God's universe and man as perfect and immortal, has been amplified in Christian Science, as discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy, and reduced to a demonstrable Science.

Thus true Christian Scientists discern, not only the wickedness, but the futility of all death, for they clearly perceive that all that dies is a false concept, since neither God nor His creation dies. For a so-called mortal to kill an animal, is to implant within his own consciousness the reality of that which is unreal – death; and he will, sooner or later, reap the result of his own error in his own experience. Paul, a great Apostle, and metaphysician, wrote: "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Corinthians 15:22.). This may be paraphrased in the language of Christian Science: For as the Adam, mortal, or fleshly material sense of man in mortal mind, see the universe, including man and animals, trees and flowers, as continually and universally under the bondage of so-called death, which is a lie, and not Truth, so Christ, or the spiritual sense of man in the image and likeness of God, sees the universe and man, animals, trees and flowers, in their true aspect, that is, forever deathless, immortal, which is Truth or Science. The process is wholly mental, spiritual.

Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., is holding aloft before the world, this marvellous spiritual banner, this standard of Christ, until Christ shall appear the second time, in fulness of power and glory, having conquered, the second time – and this, the last – the illusion of death, revealing the immortality of man and the universe in the image and likeness of God.