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ON  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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## FIRST INTRODUCTION

In compiling these articles by Mary Baker Eddy as contained in this book, and preserving them for posterity, the writer felt an impulse so insistent that he had to obey it. There seemed to be no alternative. While this step might be criticized from the standpoint of human wisdom, yet he would prefer to brave the wrath of man than that of God.

The ultimate of this initial step can be revealed only through further guidance and instruction that bears unmistakably the seal of God's wisdom.

It might be considered an assumption for the writer to claim that he was guided from on high, but our beloved Leader has stated unequivocally that obedience in Christian Science is living up to our highest idea of God and His leadings. On page 117 of *Miscellaneous Writings*, she writes: "The student of Christian Science must first separate the tares from the wheat; discern between the thought, motive, and act superinduced by the wrong motive or the true — the God-given intent and volition — arrest the former, and obey the latter. Be sure that God *directs* your way; then, hasten to follow under every

circumstance.” This the writer is humbly striving to do.

The first step in gaining the direct and unerring guidance of the divine Mind is to show one’s willingness to follow any leadings that come, when one is convinced that they have their origin in the divine Mind. This obedience will inevitably fit one for the reception of true divine guidance, and no harm will ensue from previous honest efforts to obey God, where one was mistaken in his interpretation of the divine will.

The effort not to be influenced by any other mind than the divine Mind — even though one may mistake its promptings for a period — is the only process that will finally bring true divine guidance. One must demonstrate trustworthiness before a revelation from God is placed in his hands.

It was Abraham’s conviction that God’s voice was commanding him to sacrifice his son, Isaac, the heir of the promise. Nevertheless, those who understand the nature of God as infinite Love, must believe that Abraham mistook the divine impulse in this instance. Yet his unquestioning acceptance of what he believed to be a divine command and his willingness even to commit murder if he thought his heavenly Father directed it, illustrated an attitude of mind that made him worthy to perceive aright the heavenly purpose, and it was “imputed unto him for righteousness.” In other words, he took the mental step, obedience to which he believed was the divine demand — a step which is always necessary as a preliminary to one’s gaining true divine guidance from God in daily affairs.

Therefore, even if one mistakes the voice of God, thinking that it is directing him to the performance of some work like compiling a book, still the spiritual integrity of one’s effort to reflect God would require him to take the step if he believed in his heart that God directed it, until further spiritual light proved that he had mistaken the voice of God in the first instance, and so he would be required to retrace his steps according to the real revelation.

It is recorded that Mrs. Eddy once said, “Is a leader any less a leader because she changes her mind?” At one time she gave permission to have a marble statue of a woman kneeling to be sculptured for the extension of The Mother Church. Further spiritual light led her to refuse to let the statue be placed in the spot designed for it, while she paid the bill in full. This incident illustrated Mrs. Eddy’s complete submission to the divine will, an obedience to divine direction that was without the fear that would rob her of the blessing of divine guidance by a continual suggestion, “Don’t do it. It may be wrong. Think of the consequences of going ahead with a mistaken sense of God’s will!”

On page 281 of *Miscellaneous Writings*, Mrs. Eddy writes: “Admiral Coligny, in the time of the French Huguenots, was converted to Protestantism through a stray copy of the Scriptures that fell into his hands. He replied to his

wife, who urged him to come out and confess his faith, 'It is wise to count the cost of becoming a true Christian.' She answered him, 'It is wiser to count the cost of not becoming a true Christian.' "The sequel is that when fear prompts us to count the human cost of making a mistake in our effort to obey God, we should count the spiritual loss of not obeying the divine prompting, even though, at the time, we may be hearing the divine direction incorrectly. Only the latter attitude of thought prepares the way for the unerring guidance of divine Mind.

Since the writer has felt the urge to acquire manuscripts which might be of vital importance to future generations in an effort to trace the footsteps Mrs. Eddy took in attaining her final demonstration of spiritual supremacy, such items have been pouring in continuously from every direction over a period of many years. It would seem as though nearly everyone on earth in possession of unpublished articles by our Leader, or historical records concerning her, had been inspired to share these precious documents with him.

In the *Christian Science Sentinel* for December 2, 1933, will be found an article from the Christian Science Board of Directors relative to the article *Money Thought*. It is evident to a student of Christian Science that this document, together with its companion piece *Supply*, might become the basis for controversy, since they both contain statements that on the surface do not harmonize with Mrs. Eddy's authorized and correct pronouncements of the doctrine of Christian Science; yet who but the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science had the spiritual understanding and authority to make such stirring and revolutionary statements?

It is possible that a higher standpoint of spiritual growth on the part of students will reveal the fact that every statement in these two articles is the expression of inspiration from God and has a scientific basis, even though the mode of expression may not coincide with the scientific terminology that further divine revelation indicated to Mrs. Eddy the most suitable form in which to present the teachings of Truth to a waiting world.

It is true that, separated from the context, many statements would be questionable if offered as specimens of correct metaphysical teaching. For instance, who would credit Mrs. Eddy with having written the statement, "I am sensing money coming to me in quantities from everywhere; I can see it just pouring in"? Yet, what Christian Scientist could quarrel with it when it is linked up to context which includes the unfoldment that "real money is our God-thought, that is, it is one of Mind's ideas? Real money is one of the ideas in which Mind expresses substance, and money is only one of the infinite symbols in which Mind does express substance." Certainly it is scientific to see divine Mind as ideas just pouring in. But the context makes it plain that in the above statement she did not refer to money as matter.

This explanation brings up the interesting point that the danger in circulating unauthorized material by our Leader does not lie so much in the supposition or doubt whether it be scientific, as in the fact that it is formulated in phraseology that renders it subject to abuse, either by mistakes creeping in through much copying, or else sentences being given out separated from their context. One remarkable characteristic of the published works of Mary Baker Eddy is that they are stated in such a way that the danger of abuse is reduced to a minimum. That makes it safe to put them into the hands of beginners with the assurance that they will profit by such exalted teachings and yet will not be able to abuse them through misuse.

On the other hand, unpublished material from Mrs. Eddy's pen may furnish a certain help to advanced metaphysicians in providing them with a scientific problem which will greatly aid them in bringing forth a spiritually perceptive faculty which in its last analysis is man's God-given ability to reflect the divine Mind. It is a fact that as one approximates the spiritual growth which our Leader gained, he will be able to determine unerringly whether certain articles put forth as having been written by her, came from her pen. Whereas Mrs. Eddy's published works bring the student an understanding of Christian Science, her unpublished articles serve to develop this understanding. But the student must beware lest, all too lightly, he reject certain things as not being by her. As a sequel, he may find that he is called to humble himself through further spiritual growth and acknowledge that it was his own blindness that hid from his eyes the scientific basis of the very article he rejected. What Mrs. Eddy wrote on Christian Science came through divine inspiration from God. Shall we offend God by ascribing the reflection of His wisdom as it came through our Leader to the depraved human mind merely because of our own lack of spiritual growth?

Few of the articles in this book can be verified through human processes as being from our Leader's pen. *Unity* was copied directly from a reproduction of the original manuscript in the handwriting of Calvin Frye, her faithful secretary for so many years. In the minutes of the meetings of the Christian Science Board of Directors, is a notation to the effect that the publishing of the article, *Sunday Recreations*, was contemplated at one time. There is also a record that the essay, *False and True*, was read to the Board by one of its members at the regular meeting of August 4, 1915, and was made part of the minutes. It seems possible that Mrs. Eddy was prompted to write this latter article by a footnote in the *Christian Science Journal* for February, 1896, on page 446.

The title to the article *Man anal Woman* was copyrighted. On file in the Library of Congress, in Washington, D. C., is the following interesting letter which resulted in a copy-right being issued Dec. 19, 1900, No. 30623.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.  
Dec. 17, 1900

Librarian of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir :

Please issue a copyright for title and contents of a book entitled *Man and Woman* by Mary Baker G. Eddy who is a resident of the United States of America. Said copyright to be issued in her name as author. All rights to be reserved by her.

Yours truly,  
Calvin A. Frye

Mrs. Eddy's reason for writing this article may be deduced from a notation in Calvin Frye's diary under the date of Dec. 7, 1900, that states that Judge Clarkson dined with Mrs. Eddy and tried to convince her again that the cause was going to ruin, and the men were essential to take the lead of the Cause of Christian Science and to assert their rights without her dictation.

The article *The War* gives evidence of being included in the archives of The Mother Church by the following notations at the top of the typewritten sheet: From volume 6 of *Articles* by Mary Baker Eddy, Document 10265, pages 217-224. The article *Rules for Severe Attacks* was copied directly from Mrs. Eddy's original manuscript which is owned by the writer.

These essays give unmistakable proof of having been written at widely separated periods in Mrs. Eddy's career. Some of them bear definite internal evidence that identifies the period. For instance, the article *Prophecy*, as well as *Money Thought and Supply*, are obviously very early productions. The use of Wisdom as a synonym for God dates back to the first few years after her discovery of Christian Science. In contradistinction to these are the articles *Temptation to the Advanced Individual* and *Reversal*, both of which must be productions of her most advanced period. *Reversal* carries the definite date of May 15, 1910.

The date of *Lines from Mrs. Eddy* can be approximately determined from the fact that it contains portions of the article *Ways that are Vain* which appeared in the *Christian Science Journal* during the year 1887. *Lines from Mrs. Eddy* is interesting because it is copied from a small yellow-covered leaflet that was printed at least forty or fifty years ago. This leaflet bears no date, no clue as to the one who printed it and is extremely scarce. Only one copy has ever come to light through the agency of Andrew McCance in Boston, who has been a dealer in Christian Science rarities for thirty years or more.

The article *The Second Advent* was copied directly from a reproduction of

the original manuscript in Mrs. Eddy's handwriting as well as that of Laura Sargent. The original draft is exceedingly difficult to decipher, but contains much that is helpful and instructive. It was evidently written at the time when one of her students was claiming an immaculate conception and many students were calling it the third appearing of the Christ.

In the Christmas Sermon, *For unto us a Child is Born*, is a court trial that seems to be a rather harsh portrayal of the judges and lawyers who so conscientiously perform the necessary functions of rendering justice in our land. But the advanced metaphysician understands that Mrs. Eddy perceived the true nature of whatever proceeds from the human mind even in its highest degree of development. While she took great care never to offend sincere and earnest people, nevertheless she knew the ignorance and pride that well up from mortal mind in all its phases. In the inner recesses of his heart the true disciple of divine Mind pays no respect to mortal mind. Wisdom, however, demands that he live an outward life that will not offend his brother man, since, what the Christian Scientist does not respect is not man, but the mortal mind that man expresses.

It is necessary to state that in compiling this book we have taken certain liberties with punctuation and capitalization in an effort to make it conform to Mrs. Eddy's latest writings.

The article *Consistency* appeared in the *Christian Science Sentinel* for December 5, 1908, under the name of Archibald McClellan. Adelaide Still, who was Mrs. Eddy's personal maid during the last three years of her life on earth, testified that she was present when Mrs. Eddy dictated this essay to Mr. McClellan and told him to sign his name to it. Evidently she had a divine purpose in concealing her authorship.

One interesting point brought out by these essays is Mrs. Eddy's statement found in the Bible lesson, "Do not say you can heal; say you can try." How can this be reconciled with the following paragraph from Lyman P. Powell's book, *Mary Baker Eddy, A Life Size Portrait*, page 227? "Another tells how she 'scared him almost out of his wits' when, in reply to her inquiry, 'Are you doing your work he answered, 'I am trying to do it'; and she came back at him with this quietus for his irresoluteness: 'Don't try, do it.'"

No doubt the explanation for this is that when man's thought is balanced on the side of mortal mind, to say "I can," is an insult to the divine Mind, since it acknowledges power to accomplish through the medium of that which is unreal and powerless, according to divine Science.

On the other hand, when man begins to reflect deific power, to say, "I will try," an effort to exercise the law of God, is likewise an insult to the divine Mind whose power is so infinite that to decree a thing means to have it established.

In closing, the writer includes the following helpful statement by Mrs. Eddy:



“Self-depreciation is not humility but the meanest kind of pride because it admits a sense of self apart from God.”

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## SECOND INTRODUCTION

In *Miscellany*, on page 237, Mrs. Eddy writes: “What I wrote on Christian Science some twenty-five years ago I do not consider a precedent for a present student of this Science. The best mathematician has not attained the full understanding of the principle thereof, in his earliest studies or discoveries. Hence, it were wise to accept only my teachings that I know to be correct and adapted to the present demand.”

How does this statement affect our attitude toward the many articles gathered together in this book ?

The latest editions of Mrs. Eddy’s writings furnish the student with the last word on Christian Science. She put that forth as unchangeable, complete, and so simplified that any earnest student who desires to understand may, with the aid of that finished production, gain a demonstrating scientific thought.

Mrs. Eddy’s writings may be divided into two parts. Her authorized works provide the student with tools to work with and use in demonstration, together with the instruction in their use. On the other hand, her unpublished material, if given out to advanced students, offers them something on which to practice in using these tools. Her unpublished works may have doubtful value as a source of information, but as ground in which to use their tools, students will find that they have much value. These articles encourage students to dig into them to discover their true and scientific meaning, thus providing an aid to the developing of spiritual sense. Mrs. Eddy’s unpublished writings are valuable to the student who has come to realize that knowledge itself has less importance than the process whereby knowledge can be gained, namely, the repudiation of material sense processes that leads to the reflection of divine Mind.

Is the goal of Christian Science to accept the spiritual revelation of our Leader and simply put it into operation? Or is the student endeavoring to attain the same goal that Mrs. Eddy did? Was Mrs. Eddy developing her own thinking to the point where she was able to give us the unadulterated truth? Or did she take her spiritual footsteps in order to reflect more purely, more truthfully and more unadulteratedly, the spirit of God? Surely the latter. Then each of us must go and do likewise. Hence, her footsteps become an absolute necessity to every student of her revelation.

In taking her forward steps, Mrs. Eddy did not have the end or goal to help her. That is why the pioneer must have a more or less natural spiritual ability. On the other hand, because today we have the end or ultimate, that does not make it any less imperative that we follow in the same steps. It is an erroneous supposition that man is going to be saved by knowledge. The spiritual development which the effort to obtain knowledge brings to man is the important thing, just as cause is always more important than effect. Every individual possesses what might be called a dormant spiritual ego that must be resurrected, and there is only one way to do it. Mrs. Eddy marked out this process. It makes little difference whether twenty-five years before the writing of the above statement she had or had not attained a full realization of Truth and a full ability to reflect God. The steps she took leading up to a full reflection are just as important to the beginner as are her later steps to the more advanced student.

If you have steps to climb, the value of another's having gone ahead is an encouragement and assures you that your present steps are leading in the right direction. But the work of the pioneer is to enable you to climb the steps and not to furnish a vicarious salvation.

Every pioneer takes experimental steps that must be retraced, because it is found that they have no direct bearing on the ultimate goal. Yet, if one with a serene and established determination and desire can be temporarily thrown off the track, or take false steps that must be retraced, how can a follower hope to escape such similar experiences?

There is no part of Mrs. Eddy's life that is not important to students, and there is no fruit of her pen that is not helpful at some period in the student's experience. If nothing else, her early steps prove that her determination, her love for humanity, her spiritual intent from early life, were not sufficient to bring her to the successful demonstration of what she desired. She had to take that spiritual desire and demonstrate the spirit of God. Then she had to take that spirit of God and go down and investigate the subtleties of error that would interfere with the spiritual demonstration of the most sanctified thought on earth.

There have been students of spiritual matters who, functioning without the opposition of animal magnetism, have expressed much that was spiritually fruitful and good, a healing ability and a love for humanity that anyone might envy. Yet, that does not prove the spiritual status of that individual. All that beauty of life and successful demonstration is liable to be interfered with the moment that student comes under the opposition of the claim of animal magnetism. What the student can accomplish under fire alone represents his status as a Christian Scientist.

History makes plain that what one possesses of natural goodness, or

acquires through right study, is not sufficient to enable him to win his salvation. He must delve down and discover all there is to know about evil and surmount it before he is found capable of protecting his demonstration, so that his spiritual intent may be made manifest in results that are not reversed by animal magnetism.

Hence, to interpret the above statement in *Miscellany* as a rule that forbids students who have thoroughly assimilated Mrs. Eddy's final revelation from investigating her earlier footsteps, is to commit the same mistake that rendered the teachings of the Master abortive so soon after the crucifixion, because it leaves Mrs. Eddy on her throne but takes away the ladder that she used in climbing up.

This point may be understood by considering a postman who walks many miles each day in delivering letters. If the one who appointed him to the position had in mind the training he would gain that would furnish him with the ability to run in some great contest, would not that purpose be rendered abortive if the postman settled down to the notion that the primary function of his work was to deliver letters; instead of realizing that the delivery of the letters furnished the right occasion for the muscular exercise?

This explanation makes it possible to state that what Mrs. Eddy discovered has not the importance of the process whereby the discovery was made. Yet, we need her discovery to convince us that her method was scientifically correct because her results were right. Hence, her first blind steps at that time has proven to be right are just as important for the beginner as is the last step she took, since the effort to understand them will aid in bringing forth into activity his latent spiritual faculties.

Mrs. Eddy's authorized and final revelation is something to be studied and assimilated, but only that man may develop his own spiritual sense. When this objective is once recognized, then the student will joyously welcome every opportunity that comes as a means of putting spiritual sense into operation whether the opportunity comes through the services of the church, the business meetings, the church activities, sickness, lack, the effort to understand the spiritual meaning of the Bible or Mrs. Eddy's earlier footsteps.

Hence, these essays ascribed to Mrs. Eddy, while they do not constitute a standard to be given to the neophyte, do offer many moot points the effort to understand which from a spiritual standpoint will aid in the resurrection of spiritual sense. And since it is only through spiritual sense that man will ever gain the evidence that he is now in the kingdom of heaven, the importance of utilizing such opportunities may be recognized.

Can a student develop spiritual thought without making experimental sorties that are not correct, any more than Thomas Edison could discover the

proper substance for the incandescent lamp without experimenting with over twelve hundred different materials? Do not their very mistakes only drive students to a closer walk with God? Why be afraid of mistakes that follow honest effort? They have their definite value in the spiritual scheme of development.

Many a father who has become successful through the school of hard knocks ruins his son by removing from his path the obstacles that brought forth in the father the needed growth. Mrs. Eddy once said, "God provides for a *testing* of us which we shall realize sharply if we progress spiritually fast. The more rapidly we progress, the more sharply we shall be tested. I was almost destitute of the bare necessities of life during the first four years of my practice in Christian Science. God provided the testing that I then needed." Isaiah says, ". . . and with his stripes we are healed."

Every experimental mistake only provides an opportunity and possibility for further spiritual growth. It is the spiritual integrity and honesty of motive and purpose that we must establish. Then growth is inevitable.

We must all walk in Mrs. Eddy's footsteps. Her teachings will show us what steps to avoid. Yet, once a spiritual desire and love for mankind is established, all mistakes, if not wrongly regarded, not used for self-depreciation and self-condemnation, can be used as a means to a higher and more spiritual standpoint.

The old theological conception of living down past mistakes is a terrible error in Christian Science, where at every higher mental level we are given a new chance. If a man was climbing a mountain and became settled on a flat place a few hundred feet up, what a benefit would be any sort of insects or wild animals that forced him to vacate that level and go higher! So the deduction is that the serpent at the heel of the woman — if viewed scientifically — can be called her best friend because it never permits her to stagnate in her journey. She must forever press onward. This brings up the profound deduction that the only devil to fear on one's spiritual journey is human harmony and stagnation that offers no incentive to any further spiritual progress.

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Essays on Christian Science  
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MATERIAL CHURCH ACTIVITY

Are you a Christian Scientist? Oh, yes. Let us examine. Do you believe in the existence of mortal mind, or a mind disintegrated from the one Mind, God, and its conceptions of law, justice, mercy, and Truth as valid and important to your own well-being and the welfare of the race, and the methods of immortal Mind as opposed to the methods of mortal mind? Oh, no. Let us examine.

Do you exercise more faith in God's feeding you, clothing you or making you a place in the world such as you desire? Have you any more faith in God peopling the universe with man and giving you the objects of your affection than you ever had before? Have you any more faith in obtaining money to build a church, in maintaining your means and God's power to hold this money secure to the ends whereof it is obtained? Have you any more faith in sustaining His church without organization and personal combinations in thought and effort, ways and means, to maintain this church in spiritual organization and through thought consecrated to good, to Love, and to the might and supremacy of Mind to do all things in order? Oh, yes. Let us examine.

If you really do believe there is no mortal or erring mind, then as a rational being you would suppress the manifestation of this falsity; you would hold in abeyance its sensation, emotion, volition; you would say to its every impulse, "Get thee behind me, Satan, for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of man," that are of mortal mind and proceed not from immortal Truth and Love.

If this is not your mental attitude relative to this question and its answer, then you do believe in another mind other than God, believe in its actuality, necessity, rights and modes of action. Believing thus, you will cater to the law of mortal mind, its civil, social and religious codes of law; you will adhere to these and you will have one master, for you cannot have two masters; you will search the occasion for these laws; you will insist that they shall be adhered to and demand this adherence from others; you will piously believe and declare that this is rendering to Caesar the things that are his — and so it is. The Christian Scientist has one Master, even Christ, Truth, the unerring Mind and spiritual Ruler of the universe. This Mind so governs his affections, faith and allegiance that he reflects Christ, and this gives him dominion over the earth. This dominion

is through Mind, not matter. It is the true sense of things and not the false — the abiding sense of supply, safety, and success, even the justice, mercy, and faith that is the substance of all he hopes for and can attain. This Scientist becomes a ruler over all things, for God, good, has made him this. He has no more occasion to doubt the result of his position, for he is working out the purposes of God, good, in the way of His appointing, than he has reason for disputing the supremacy of right and the helplessness of wrong, or to doubt the superior efficacy of Truth over error in healing the sick — the superior power of Mind over inanimate drugs, unintelligent hygienic laws, and faith in matter being superior to faith in God. He is benefiting himself and the world almost involuntarily. This moral power is as superior for success in business as in healing the sick, destroying disease, its cause and effect, antecedent and subsequent. Which do you prefer for your master, a smart man or a smart God?

If you spiritually take less thought of what appetite craves or desires, about what you eat or drink, then you will drink water instead of coffee, tea or stimulants, and save much expense in cooking and groceries. Your clothing will abide instead of pass away. Your thought will so replenish yourself with wearing apparel that your clothing will be like the widow's oil, rather than the fashionable ladies' wardrobe from Parisian models, and much time saved for usefulness instead of being expended on shopping, selecting and fitting garments.

You will desire that place in society and the world which removes you furthest from them. The fate of ambition is its snare, its only rationality is madness. We should yearn and aspire to rise above the world, its sorrows or its favor, with as great earnestness as to triumph over sickness, sin and death, for worldly ambition leads in the paths of these conditions which are forbidden and forsaken in Christian Science. Man is not more nor less. Men and women have never multiplied. There was never a birth nor a death of man, since man is the idea inseparable from his divine Principle which exists and coexists with God. Our only Father and Mother is God — therefore, the offspring of the flesh, born of a woman, is no more real, scientific or eternal, than a tumor, which the Christian Scientist labors to destroy and so heal the sick.

What should be the objects of the Scientist's affections, the things of sense or these of Soul? Certainly the latter. His affections will not cleave to corporeal personality which is error. He will not fall in love with error, but fall out with it, and depart from it and cleave to good, Truth, the impersonal good. The objects of his affections are spiritual, not material; his modes of action, success and happiness are removed from the shallows of matter into the grooves of God.

The currency of government which furnishes you the means of building a church, is faith in God, obedience to God and the understanding of God. This

established circulation in thought is as superior to monetary means to obtain success in church formations and the building of church edifices as these qualities of Mind are superior to drugging and drilling for health, and as Christ is beyond catnip. In the true exercise of the power of Mind, you hold in your hands the means, the methods and achievement of all that is good that conspires to benefit man and to honor God. You are His faithful trustee, and to every heir and assign of this mental condition is transmitted your wealth of wisdom and power which builds upon a rock against which the gates of hell shall not prevail.

No church edifice, no building fund, no money in banks will stand or is secure without the power back of the earthly thrones which is enthroned upon God. Mortals are mutable; you cannot trust them because they cannot trust themselves. There is no basis for either trust. Therefore, as trustees they must be environed and imbued with simplicity, meekness, purity, or else, sooner or later, they must be caught and fall into the meshes of their own error and the snare of the fowler.

The smartest business man is not scientifically a safe business man. He is not as smart as God, while he thinks himself smarter and is quite unconscious of this thought.

If you have more faith in establishing Christ's church by material organization than upon the spiritual rock of Christ, then you build upon matter instead of Spirit — build upon sand. Personal combinations, human thought and effort, material ways and means whereby to establish and maintain the church of Christ are weak, vacillating, temporal, subject to divisions, factions, feuds, and all the *etcetera* of mortal and material phenomena.

The church created, founded and erected on the rock against which the winds and waves prevail not, is the church triumphant, the indwelling temple of God; it is the mind that has consecrated its affections, its aims, ambitions, hopes, joys and fruition in Spirit, whose methods and means, plans and successes are secure; they cannot be separated from success. God is their Principle and is supreme. He doeth His own will; none can stay His hand; and His methods manifest will all be sound, square, legal, honest, decent and in order.

This model Christian Scientist is the sharpest, the surest, the most successful business man or business woman that this earth can afford. Christian Scientists — what is your model? What is your model business man — he who begins with political economy, human plans, legal speculations, and ends with them, dust to dust, or the real Scientist who plants in Mind, God, who sows in Mind and reaps in Mind?

## ZECHARIAH THREE and FOUR

The third and fourth chapters of Zechariah seem to describe the divine method of progress for Christian Scientists out of the maze of human beliefs and limitations in which the hidden hand of mental manipulation would enslave them.

Although the personal Zechariah declared the word of God to the sons of Judah in the fifth century B.C., his words are understood and heeded by those of any age who see that the kaleidoscopic sense impression and material experiences are but human history repeating itself until the unrest of life in matter causes the gaze to rest upon the ever-present and unfailing realities of Spirit.

Prophecy is simply history written in advance, and to the awakened thought of today, no less than to the inspired seers of former ages, comes the impersonal right to declare the visions of their uplifted thought in those mighty words which have echoed down the centuries: "Thus saith the Lord." When the immaculate Jesus had so awakened the thought of his three most receptive students — Peter, James, and John — their consciousness arose out of material sense and ascended to the experience known as the transfiguration. Then it was shown to their startled vision, as it is ready to be shown to us of this hour, that the "beloved son," the expression of the one Father, is only complete when it includes the tri-unity of the law, the spirit of prophecy, and their fulfillment, as this spiritual phenomena appeared to the startled gaze of the awakened disciples.

## THE WAR

Pending the action between two nations — one in a state of semi-barbarism, the other in that of the most advanced civilization of any nation on earth — hangs the discussion, war or no war. On the second year after the Civil War was waged between North and South in the United States, I addressed a letter to Gen. B. F. Butler begging him in behalf of God's behests to our nation of its people and the women in New Hampshire, to take a firm step toward liberating the slaves in our land as a sure protest for stopping the war, its devastation, demoralization and bloodshed. Through his aide-de-camp, he replied complimentarily and encouragingly. The measures he adopted were accomplished, the end proposed, and the war terminated.

Now is another issue before our nation, and I again foresee that the injustice and oppression of class legislation in the United States, if allowed, will ultimate in another moral law broken, and another divine demand to free the oppressed, and the law of God will not abate one jot of this demand till it be



obeyed. And the divine Love that leads impersonally will not spare the rod; that rod that blesses the nation and the people while it breaks the will of nations whose codes or creeds withhold by any means human rights, the rights of conscience, of self-government, of freedom to serve God and to bless mankind in the manner that accords with divine law, and by its fruits is proven to sustain this relation to eternal justice. When an evil of such vast proportions as unjust legislation is permitted to govern in our midst, then we know that in the sentiment of our great Jefferson, we should tremble for prosperity and expect the reward of iniquity to follow in obedience to inevitable irresistible right.

We as a people have a right under the laws of our nation to worship God according to the demand of Christ, heal the sick, cast out evils — and according to the demands of our own conscience disciplined and elevated, to worship God as divine Love, not a partial tyrant force — ordaining a few of the creatures of His creating to escape from His wrath and find salvation, while others may not, cannot, however much they strive to do it, or even are permitted by His irrevocable decree to struggle for salvation. Today the persecutive arm of the church and the medical law would have a God, that foreordains man to sin, to be sick, diseased, and to die; otherwise He is not their God and we shall have none other than theirs. Our forefathers purchased through their blood the life of this nation. Shall it be bartered for a false religion or a proscriptive inane system of medicine. The old dose of poison, the lance to spill one's blood, and the lice to be eaten, has partly succumbed to the civilization of homeopathy. But has the spirit of bloodshed and brutal media of scenes kept pace with the acting before footlights, or is it a mere masquerade of civilization? If this is thus, then God will turn His lens on the hour, and Mind will remand till the spirit of justice and mercy come forth and the mask drops and the brow of manhood and womanhood is seen clean and high above the animal by reasons outside of ignorance or vice.

## CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 9:6

“For unto us a child is born . . .”

OVER eighteen centuries ago, the advent of a babe stamped a new impress on history.

Little dreamed the Emperor, enthroned in his gorgeous palace upon the Capitoline Hill, that a babe slumbering in a manger in the obscure hamlet of Bethlehem, a remote province of Assyria, was to establish an empire before which the power of the Caesars must dwindle into insignificance. When the child

Jesus was born, all the nations known of that period were in subjection to the government of Rome. Around the Mediterranean shores were clustered the thronged provinces and majestic cities that gave Rome the palm of dynasties. The Atlantic Ocean was an unexplored sea. The Indies had but a fabulous existence. Rome was then the world, and Caesar was the governor of Rome. He could do what he pleased with the property, the liberty and lives of over three hundred millions of people comprising the Roman Empire.

Such power no mortal ever swayed before; such power no mortal will ever sway again. "FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN"

1st. Let us consider what gave this declaration its especial interest.

2nd. What was the star they saw in the east that went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was? Millions of children were born before the babe of Bethlehem, but they were not heralded by angels or tokens in the the heavens. Even the material history of Jesus furnishes this fact, that the meek Nazarene was the most conspicuous character that ever trod the globe. Uneducated, he put to shame the arrogant Rabbis, overthrew the proudest systems of philosophy, ancient and modern; yea, warrior, king and philosopher went down before him, and his teachings and demonstrations are destined to take Christianity back to its primitive definitions.

But, turn we from the material to the spiritual history of the babe, whose infant wailings blent with the bleating of the goat and lowing of the kine, briefly to trace that history to its hour of gloom and glory.

The prophet Isaiah sang — for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. And did not the Hebrew Melodist discern just cause for clapping hands, when a mighty Truth welling up from the infinite presented itself to mortal sense, and that sense kissed it and called it a babe?

And did not that wise seer forecast the destiny of Truth when he said, the government shall be upon its shoulder, it shall be a marvelous instructor, an omnipotent power, an imperishable Principle? But remember, the Hebrew bard in his grand epic referred not to that little bunch of flesh, phosphate and linen lying in a crib — but to the advent of a spiritual idea, the idea of Life evolved from Spirit, man begotten of the Principle of all being; perfect Mind reflecting perfect Mind, and mind never starting from or resulting in matter; Soul not cribbing with beasts; Deity never blending with dust; Spirit untouched by evil passions and mortality. Retaining conscious spiritual existence and entity, the mind of Jesus retained its native domain of mind instead of matter. Hence, the control Jesus exercised over material beliefs, and the error called mortal man.

The existence of Jesus was identical with Truth, and the Life that is God.

He demonstrated Spirit free from matter, and the divine Soul, the substance of man, and body but its accompanying shadow, and this eternal substance never in its body or shadow. He knew that even as good and evil are opposites, so are the spiritual and material sense of things opposites.

The material senses declare matter substance and Spirit shadow, while the spiritual sense of things reverses this statement, and finds the only permanent and eternal side of things, the thoughts that beget them.

To understand this great fact in metaphysics, it is necessary to be born again; born of the Spirit and not of the flesh; and this was the birth referred to in those words of the prophet Isaiah, "For unto us a child is born and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful."

Great epochs begin with the birth of new ideas, the development of an unseen Principle — unseen only to the material senses. When we enlarge our idea of God, it becomes more divine and less human, and this more spiritual conception of being has birth in higher individuality. But the highest finite sense of goodness is a feeble conception of infinite Love. In fine, it is but a babe born meekly because of its surroundings, clothed with worldliness, sin and self, as when Columbus gave birth to his conceptions of this globe. Whoever utters an impregnable Principle, turns the fortunes of the race gradually into a higher channel by the mild pressure of Truth.

It is the great conceptions of meek and noiseless birth, not the roaring effervescence, that change the existing state of things, and gently force onward. The silent light drawing artists' pictures, cheering the cot, gilding the palace, glinting upon the couch of woe, glancing into the dungeon, melting the iceberg, brightening the flower, blessing the world, is unpretentious, but the loud whirlwind, that sign and product of disunion and weakness, passes on and is forgotten. The most notable period of the ages was that when a Galilean peasant uttered by the way-side and in humble homes, to artless listeners, dull disciples, and to wondering ears his simple sense of Truth, of how it healed the sick, saved the sinner and robbed the grave of its victory. He trusted those words to the providence of God, but in no fact seems the man of Galilee greater than in his serene sense of the immortality of those words.

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"; what a calm confidence was that in the superior permanence of mind over matter. The late Starr King wrote, "If we study life aright, we shall never sneer at abstractions as visionary or unreal — for if they are false, they are unsubstantial as the coruscations in the northern sky; but if true, they are permanent, impregnable as Principle; resistless as right."

In Mary's meek conception of man created by God, the Judean shepherds

saw the Immanuel, for to their thought Deity took the form of flesh and blood; but the Virgin Mother knew her own idea conceived of God, and it was more spiritual, and so she gave it birth and named it Jesus. Here the vision of Mary rose above the maternal instinct giving place to prophecy, and mutely she pondered the fate of her son. Even a mother's pride and fondness were not blind to the necessities of history when the divine meets the human and the human struggles with the divine; but conscious of the power of Truth, and the supremacy of Spirit over matter, she early made demands upon her idea of God to present this proof, saying to her son at the marriage feast, "They have no wine," and he replied, "Mine hour is not yet come." But the persistent mother had a clearer sense that God gives dominion to man, and she urged the exhibition of this power and the demonstration that her idea was begotten of Truth, namely that Mind is creative, causal, and must present its own ideals. Therefore, she said unto the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you do it"; and Jesus turned the water into wine, and for this simple fact the Scriptures declare that by this he manifested forth his glory; and because of it his disciples (in the original texts, his students) believed on him; in other words, they understood measurably how he performed that so-called miracle. The world was at war then, as now, with the metaphysics of Jesus, because in every instance he made matter the servant of mind. The all-engrossing care for the body; the absorbing desire for material dependencies; the craving for amusement and superficial show; yea, the sensualism entrenched behind every form of society, betray the fact that with us matter is first in all things and mortal mind has little faith in the power of immortal Mind; that wrong has little faith in right, in greatness or goodness, yea, in the power of Truth to destroy error. We ought to weary of that self that cannot fulfill more the powers of a higher destiny; when we try to subdue a perverse nature, to spiritualize thought, to elevate our aims, or to exalt and consecrate the affections, and prove them rebellious and trampling on the silken fetters imposed by a guardian conscience. But when we succeed in making Love and Life one in the vocabulary of our affections, we do well. Every right that is wrought out, however simple or grand, is a step toward harmony, the ultimate of being; yea, it is the birth of some higher idea of God, and unto us a child is born. It was a pure thought, a virgin conception that laid the foundations and outlined the character of Jesus. Mary's spiritual idea of man and creation, was crowned by birthright, and her sorrowing son never sold his inheritance for a mess of pottage — to forego the frowns, or to purchase the flatteries of the world; but, animated by a divine sense of Life and its high behests, Jesus overcame the world. The purity of his origin was embodied and reflected in the character of Jesus. Science had in him a fit representative at the court of heaven; wisdom was justified of her child, and philosophy had to admit

that the power of man is his moral strength and spiritual status; that animal courage, brute force, or serpentine art, never constituted strength or manliness; they are a shame to a man, they belittle his true origin — belie his nature and betray the Truth that must redeem him. The lowest animal propensities never produced a man; and a debased thought or a debased action was never made by law a high thought or a pure act, and the offspring of the thought or act betrays its parentage. When Spirit shall beget man, God will have created him, and he will be a man; and it will require no great sagacity to distinguish the entire man from a beast.

The word son had a broad signification originally. In the Hebrew, an arrow was called the son of a bow, a month the son of a year, etc. Jesus was the son of God in the Hebrew sense, only as a month was the son of a year; a month being a tiny representative of time. Jesus was in part, the representative of God, of Life, Truth and Love — he represented Life and its continuance when he healed the sick and raised the dead; he represented Love by self-abnegation, purity and mercy; he represented Truth, when with Truth he destroyed error. From the parable of the husbandman we learn how the ages have received the Truth presented by Jesus; how vanity holds guard at the threshold of history to shut the door on the angel visitant that hath not on an old time garment, saying, “This is the heir; come let us kill him and the inheritance shall be ours;” let us stop the advancing steps of others, when we are unwilling to take those steps ourselves; and let the inheritance be ours whatsoever the cost; by killing the heir to a higher inheritance none may learn what are his rare possessions, or question the superior value of ours. We regret to say, the fires of ancient proscription, superstition, bigotry and envy, burn not dimly upon the altars of this age.

Have the hoary centuries declared or the thunders of Sinai uttered their voices, that a man must graduate at a university before he can do good to his fellow man, heal the sick or reform the sinner?

Strange as it may sound in the nineteenth century, and in America, where the statue of our Lincoln is represented blessing the oppressed, that a majority of the states in our union have by law precluded healing the sick unless a man is authorized by a board of censors to do this, and how to do it. Is it civil or religious despotism, yea, is it not both that enact laws prohibiting the rights of conscience, and vainly essaying to annul divine decrees?

Our Master said, “And these signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

Shall human law make war on divine law and prophecy? Shall state statutes prevent Christianity and trample underfoot the reward of honest toil? Shall vain man presume to mock God, to hold back progress, to stop that which

is uplifting mankind, and only because the new is better than the old, and they fear this will be found out? Man must inevitably leave the beaten path to pioneer the way still on, and thus achieve some higher good for man. God hath said it, and, methinks I hear it re-echo along the dim aisles of the past — or to eternity — that every succeeding age should have a higher and purer Christianity, and when we have it we shall all know it; the tree will be known by its fruit, and Truth layeth the axe at the root of the tree and cuts down all that bringeth not forth good fruit. Truth must heal both sickness and sin before it bringeth immortality to light. Our legislative enactments recall the vision of the Revelator, wherein no man should buy or sell save he that had the mark of the beast. Is that which the Evangelist foresaw, upon us? Is it indeed church and state? Are we prohibited by law the freedom of the sons of God? Hath Plymouth Rock no reminiscence? And may not all this rouse the spirit of the past, as when men and women scorning to be slaves, consecrated this land to liberty and shook the depths of the desert gloom with anthems of the free? Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelor, that the children of the Puritans have desecrated their holy heritage and profaned their father's shrine. But let us see to it that the halo of history departs not from their resting places. Let woman's fearless eye, lit by her deep love's truth, still look upon the land of civil and religious liberty, and her children leave unstained what there they found, *freedom* to worship God. Did Jesus teach us it was an institution of learning, or the gifts of the Spirit, yea, the understanding of Truth that endows man with the power to heal the sick, that arms and equips him as the *Lord* directs?

Commissioned by our Father, shall man take away our commission? If a man uses the talent God hath given him and the use thereof heals the sick, rescues the subjugated reason, elevates mankind and meekly plants his footsteps in the path of divine Science, shall law annul the claims of the gospel and call that science which never did this, and think to make a nasty nostrum better than a clean thought to purify the blood? And do this by literally starving out every high claim to healing, affording man no protection by law to either his person, his property, or his conscience?

Such a law is unconstitutional. It would abrogate the inalienable rights of the individual to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Is the alternative placed before us, to disobey the commands of our Maker, to silence the dictates of conscience, or to accept starvation? Then let us accept the latter, and trust to the ravens, and God's providence; for I have faith in right, and can have no faith in wrong. But if a woman that had no moral taint, but to have resorted to the highest resources of being, namely, to Mind instead of matter, to heal the sick, was assaulted in the open street, knocked down and robbed of her pocketbook, and she were to appeal to the honorable bench at Salem, she need fear nothing

more than the following cross examination and unique judgment: First inquiry "Have you ever written a book?" "Yes, sir." "Show it"; the judge takes the book passed to him by the lawyer, while this blot upon the bar, made grandiloquent with whiskey, holding the book like a cocked pistol drawn upon the plaintiff, proceeds with a leer: "Your Honor, this book is mere bosh; it talks of nothing but God, and how to heal the sick, and how to be rid of sin, and all such nonsense as this." The judge scowls and lays down the book. The lank lawyer nearly substanceless from the use of tobacco, and the disuse of Mind, with ears working ominously, commences again. "What is your business? Ain't you a doctor? How do you treat the sick?" "Through Mind," is the proud response. "What do you do with Mind?" squeals the long-eared gentleman. "Heal the body," is the reply. "Yes, oh! yes, fill the body with mind, eh; how do you do that?" "I said *heal* the body, sir." "Yes you did, did you? What's the essence of God?" The plaintiff replies slowly, "I know of nothing higher than God." "Then you dare to deny there is any Almighty do you?" "No sir, I believe in God." "You do, do you; then why don't you say it?" "I thought I did," replied the plaintiff. "Answer the lawyer's question," thundered the judge. Plaintiff replies firmly, "I know there is a supreme being." "Then why don't you use medicine," starts up the scholarly lawyer, "why don't you give rhubarb or physic instead of giving folks metaphysics, when the Bible says you must use physic when you have dyspepsia? *Answer my question.*" "I never read any such command in the Scriptures." "Now do you dare tell me the Bible ain't true; you raise the dead don't you?" "No sir." "Yes, you acknowledged you raised the dead, but you can't heal a fool cause he haint no mind, eh?" The plaintiff began by saying, "I understand all men have some mind." "Stop, I will not have this evasion," put in the court and down came the gentlemanly heel. "Answer the question directly." "Yes, O! yes," whines the lank lawyer to the judge, "'tis so wearisome; Madam, you're dishonest, you're the wickedest person on the face of all the earth, and you don't give any squills, and you know it, and you can walk on the water as far as egg-rock, eh?" The discouraged plaintiff began, "I never said —" "Silence!" roared the gentlemanly judge. "You must confine yourself to the question, but if he stole your pocketbook he shall pay for it." There was a stir — the magnanimous judge was going to do right for it was already proven that he had stolen the pocketbook. But the lawyer was too much for him. "Your Honor," he began, "the woman is perjured, she denies there is a God, she has said she raises the dead, she has said she walks on the water, she would make it appear, to, that she never agreed to pay the gentleman for stealing her pocketbook. But your Honor, here is the agreement (showing something that referred to a will); you see she made a will once in which she bequeathed her whole property to the aforesaid gentleman; and now it is proven beyond a doubt that when he

stole her pocketbook he took but a small amount of her personal property. Such is law and evidence in the case, and I further contend that unless he should assault her more effectually next time that the plaintiff may live to change her will, in which case, my injured client will be defrauded out of his just claims.”

“Enough!” vociferated the indignant judge, “such in all human probability may be the case.” The court adjourned — one — two — three months elapsed and no judgment was awarded, but when a second assault of the law upon the defenceless woman was premeditated, and it was feared lest the public should be aroused, the important judgment must come out. It came at last, and such a mockery of justice, may it never again occur!

The Court, concluding that the people had forgotten he had openly said the defendant must pay the plaintiff if he had used her money, awarded the following judgment:

The aggravating circumstances which led to the assault, wherein it appears that the plaintiff had cured the defendant of consumption but without using a single drug, renders it plain, that according to Blackstone, her services are without consideration, also, that she has no protection under the law for either her person or her property. The defendant who stole her pocketbook is rightful possession thereof, and the plaintiff shall be put under heavy bonds for good behavior.

When a doctor carries plenty of poison in his pocket, he can present his bill, even if it be for killing a man, get a plump payment and walk off under protection of law, arrogant of his right to do this in the name of the almighty diploma. But the metaphysicians, why! if they heal the sick it must be without thanks or a nickel. These are the footsteps of the ages, but they are not the footsteps of progress, not the spirit with which Paul stood on the Areopagus at Athens carrying Christianity into Europe — not that which gives us God’s presence and providence, His fatherly love and the brotherhood of man. Paul stood where Socrates had stood four hundred years before, defending himself against the charge of atheism; where Demosthenes had pleaded in immortal strains of elegance for religious freedom. What is a desolate diploma but a golden calf, a mere sheepskin inscription to an unknown God whom therefore ye ignorantly worship? The power of Truth to destroy error; the superiority of Mind over matter to eradicate sin and sickness, compare but for a moment with a helpless, inanimate drug, and then declare ye, if God be God, and there is none like Him. When ye ask that charity cover with her white veil our human laws, and thus cover a multitude of sins, are ye willing that the divine law shall be exalted even when ye pray, “Thy kingdom come”?

According to Dean Stanley and our most learned compliers of the Bible,



Christian healing continued over a period of three centuries after the crucifixion of our Master. I love to contemplate that period, though it be dim with the mist of remoteness and the light hath faded on the mount of revelation. Over the track of time, swept clean by the winds of centuries, methinks I behold the untiring zeal, the struggling hope, and the pure faith of the Christian martyrs, and I see the right hand of their blessed fellowship take hold of this hour — healing the palsied palm, cleansing the leper's conscience, plucking the feathers from the plume of vanity, and Christian charity once more brooding with white wing over the churches, saying unto them, "Thou that killest the prophets and stonest them, how oft would I have gathered thee under my wings as a hen doth her chickens, but ye would not. Behold your house is left unto you desolate"; in other words — the Spirit that healeth hath fled. Well might the prophet say — for Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. When I remember thee, O Zion, with healing in thy wings; thy walls were salvation and thy gates praise. We ought to have a new lexicon and a new life with the new tongue, we ought to set our light upon a hill that others, seeing our good works, may be led to Christ, Truth, the fount of all healing.

And lo! the star which they saw in the east went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was. The star watched by the wisemen of the Orient, symbolized Science; those watching, willing, working sages guided by divine Science knew whence came the more spiritual idea of creation, and unto them a child was born of their faithfulness and love, the womanhood of God.

The Chaldeans' faith in the stars, proverbial and prophetic, clothed those guardians of night with a beauty and mystery; they saw the fate of men and empire in a star; no higher revelation hung out upon empyrean where the rain hath a father who hath begotten the drops of the dew. Unlike the Orient, the Occident precipitates fate and divines it not, likening fame, fortune or power to a star, a scintillation in the sky of destiny. But today the face of the sky, replete with hoary intelligence, blushes at the dawn, for the star that once rose in the heavens has gone down to earth; the God

of our day was the more befitting symbol of Science, because Science rests upon the very altar of Deity. The sun, governing its system of worlds, symbolizes the government of God, and it was Science that rescued this sun from the definition of superstition, and enthroned it in the stellar universe; then was there the birth of a new idea, Galilee was its victim, and Science traversed night, it waded through gloom, till it came and stood over where the young child was, where the new idea had birth that took astronomy out of the hands of superstition. Almost nineteen centuries ago—Science, symbolized by a star,

appeared to Zion's watchmen in the night of that age, a period darkened by the reign of the debauched Herod, and it guided them to the birth of a more spiritual idea, even to the Virgin Mother's spiritual thought, and true conception of man's real being, which thought that wonderful Mother made palpable, presented to others, and to their belief it became flesh and dwelt among us in the form of a babe at first, — and according to their belief her spiritual conception of man brought forth a material man and was a miraculous conception (but it was not) and they called the babe Jesus. The prophet, however, gave this idea of Mary's a more appropriate term — he called it, Wonderful, a Counsellor, a Prince of Peace. That spiritual idea of God, by man's material thought changed to a belief of life, substance and intelligence in matter, was not changed from its spiritual basis to Mary or to her son, and was this right understanding of creation by which that son afterwards changed the water into wine by a purely mental process and through the understanding that form is evolved by and from Spirit instead of matter, and that we can gain no likeness of the Father of eternal Spirit from a material basis. Mary's conception was the counterpart of God's creation, of a scientific metaphysical creation, without a single material element, whereby to create, as when Spirit first said, "Let there be light and there was light" and "let us make man." This great metaphysical fact by which we learn that Mind evolves all outline, form and color, that the universe and man are created spiritually, of the increase of His government there shall be no end. When unto us this child is born, the age lays it again in a manger, binds it in swaddling clothes, nurses it in obscurity and decrees its death, and yet we behold now, as of old, the power of Truth in meekness as in might.

I said, we ought to have a new lexicon as well as newness of Life in Christ Jesus, and I will add here are a few definitions I would place upon its pages.

God is omnipotent, therefore there is no power nor intelligence besides Him. Sin, sickness and death are impotent because God is omnipotent. Drugs are anti-Christian, being employed instead of God to heal the sick; matter used in the place of Spirit is anti-Science. Drugs relieve a difficulty for the time being by permanently fastening on the patient the conditions that call for the drug.

Allopathy teaches that disease is properly cured by producing another and a greater difficulty. Homeopathy teaches the part is greater than the whole.

Christian Science, casting out error and healing the sick, teaches that all things are possible to God. Do you believe this and how can you doubt it if you believe the Bible? Like the star of night the gentle presence of Truth comes to us in the darkness, when earth hath half-starved our angel appetites and we are an hungered; and it comes to cheer, to guide and bless — to point to heaven and lead the way.

Christian Scientists, on this anniversary of the nativity of our Master, we

question thee. Has the light of divine Science gone before you a star in the heavens of Soul till it came and stood over where the young child was, to break the solemn night? Was it a divine hope, springing exultant on triumphant wing, sovereign o'er sin, the victor over sickness yielding glad fruition, a sublime understanding whose upward tendency told you it was a child of heaven born not of the flesh, but of the Spirit clothed with white winged charity and on the door of heaven and face radiant with goodbye (God be with you) ?

## INGRATITUDE

I need not say to those who have experienced it, that ingratitude is “sharper than a two-edged sword to the dividing asunder” of both the human and the divine ties, which bind in fetters of freedom and love the noble soul, the true-hearted child, and the self-sacrificing, faithful, loving mother. After piercing the heart of a mother till it bleeds the affections into stillness, leaves scars thereof, and the true being is overwhelmed in the false seeming. The mother who is giving birth to her babe and is told by her physician that she must die or endure an operation that would take the life of her child, and this mother replies, “I cannot sacrifice my child, God will have mercy on me,” is tested and tried as to her true motherhood and self-sacrificing love. The child that is born of such love, but knows not the suffering and returns no gratitude in her hours of great need, has yet to learn the great lesson of life, “As ye would that others should do unto you, do ye.”

## THE BIBLE TEACHES US HOW TO HEAL THE SICK

### Our Subject Embraces the Spiritual Signification of the Scripture

Friends, the Bible is the book of books — the foundation Truth of all things, yea, it is the only revelator of what God is and what God does.

But for this Bible, our days had withered as the grass seventeen years ago.

The Book of Genesis has an importance to which no other document pretends. It is not only the oldest book that is trustworthy history, but the only one that contains the clear concise statement of the supremacy of Spirit over matter as when the eternal Us said, “let Us make man and let Us make him the image and likeness of Spirit”(not matter). The spiritual origin and support of the

universe and man is their only real origin, subsistence and ultimate. Therefore, the entity or ego of man is Spirit, and man is but the idea of himself, and himself is God of which man is the reflex shadow. Not that man is God, but that man is the image and likeness of God, and should have no other mind but the divine Mind to govern and control this image and likeness or manifestation of God.

The spiritual origin and existence of man and the universe are the truth of man and the universe. A material origin and existence of the universe and man are mythology in which matter is supposed to include Spirit which is the error or misstatement of being. One of the proofs that man is idea and not matter, is that man must disappear materially to reappear spiritually or as idea — that spiritual representative of eternal Life or God. Every hour is a partial fulfilment of this statement of being and final spiritualization of all things. For every material hour is mortal and hasteth to its end, even eternity, the final dissolution of all material computation of hours, and the destruction of all organic structure.

Do you say I have taken away your Lord and you know not where he is laid — that I have marred or erased man and the universe by such transcendentalism? Then you do not apprehend our meaning. A picture in mind cannot be marred or blotted out so long as the mind that contains it is symmetrical and eternal.

Now I mean that man is one of the pictures of God's mind and this picture is a product and not a producer; it is an image and reflection; the intelligence thereof is the Mind that produced it, and not that man is a separate mind from God, for then man would be a sinner and sin would render man mortal. The only possible way for man to be immortal is to have no separate mind from God, for then man is governed by an unerring Mind and this produces an undying body forever undisturbed by matter. Rather does the material lack confirm the spiritual presence. We cannot have both, as Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." When prying into profane history for cause and effect, we are not drawing from the spiritual origin of all, our only premises and conclusions of God and man — and this is our only safe starting-point. Matter is a mortal instructor, Spirit our immortal teacher; which then, should interpret to us the lessons that benefit and sustain man?

Material history and philosophy are only useful when their material reckonings give place to spiritual research into the primitive Principle that governs all and which alone can explain all. Speculative theories based on material phenomena are the fugitive opinions of mortal mind that change and disappear, but spiritual formula based on the constituent qualities and powers of mind is latent Truth springing into present action and eternal harmony. How immeasurably inferior is the one to the other. The Genesis of the Scripture, unlike the Vedas, is not a collection of hymns more or less sublime, or like the

Zendavesta, a speculation on the origin of all things, or like the Yihking (Eking) an unintelligible blunder. The five books of the Pentateuch form a consecutive whole whose central points are: First, the history of spiritual creation and being, which is the Truth of creation and Life; secondly, the history of material creation, or life in matter, which is the error of suppositional existence; and thirdly, the law from Sinai, those spiritual rules and moral cardinal of Christian Science. The Ten Commandments are a perfect digest of wisdom whereby to regulate the routine of life; without those commands the Science of Life had not been expressed. The Ten Commandments carried out are indispensable to health, happiness and immortality. They are central figures in the group of metaphysical healing — ingrafted into every one of its conditions, and the test of them all.

Every member of our Association of Christian Scientists is bound by a solemn oath to obey these commandments on penalty of being expelled and his name made public.

I say it on the strength of my own experience and the authority of the Scripture, that I could never have discovered the great Principle of Christian healing had I lived apart from the spirit and letter of those commandments. God pities our mortal stint and supplies relief out of our earnest cry for help and honest aim to do right. Of old the complaint went forth: he is a glutton who was the least eater of the age; he casteth out devils, error, through the prince of devils, who gave the highest demonstration of God. But that public scoff helped humility on the one hand and was the result of ignorance on the other. It could never harm the history of our blessed Master when that history was understood. The great spiritual advancement by which our divine Master led on the centuries to God was the foundation of his ability to heal both body and mind. Also it caused the antagonism between him and the age. The Jewish Rabbis ruled spirituality out of their synagogues and out of their lives. Jesus never taught that our bodily senses should govern man and make him a creature fed on amusements whose happiness is obtained from the gratification of the five personal senses. The animal's life rises no higher than that, but man, the likeness of God, is not possessed of animality, else he has lost that likeness! And can never regain it so long as his happiness consists in the amusements of this silly world's occupation, namely, to eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die. When the ambitious mother presented her two sons, asking that one should sit on the right and the other on the left hand of God, the reply of Jesus was — ye know not what ye ask; are you able to drink of my cup? The cup of the man of sorrows he made the condition of that fitness, and why? Because it separated man from the vain and empty lie of life in matter, uniting him to the joys of Soul, and those joys satisfied the immortal cravings; purity and Truth are the only sure foundations of bliss; without these all is lost, for none but the pure in heart shall

see God. In other words, can understand the divine economy of being that hath for its demonstration casting out error and healing.

'Tis greatly wise to talk with our departing hours and ask them what report they bear to heaven and how they might have borne more welcome news. We are journeying on to that bourne whence no traveler returns, where happiness must come from Soul instead of sense, or there can be no happiness but outer darkness; but weeping over misspent hours never recalls them. They only are wise who put oil into their lamps, furnish themselves with the light of the divine Life to illumine their path and insure their welcome home. The sweetest rhythm of the Psalm of Life is this — “she hath done what she could.”

## MARRIAGE AND PROGENY

Why do the lower animals suffer less than the human species from propagation? It must be because the sin of this false generation is less in the lower than in the higher species.

Is not suffering from error the penalty for error? Then is not that person farther from salvation who can sin and not suffer, than he who suffers from sin? We read in Gen. 3:16, “Unto the woman he (God) said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children.”

We learn from Scripture that God made all that was made and He made it good. Therefore He made all that is real and eternal. Then nothing really exists that is unlike God and is not the reflection of positive good unmixed with evil.

Is it more impossible for good to make evil than for Spirit to make its opposite called matter?

Does Spirit fraternize with the flesh? Is man a creator? Is lust divine? Is life, substance, and intelligence in matter? If regeneration signifies spiritual resurrection from the flesh, one cannot be led to the bridal altar with the expectation of surrendering to the flesh and sincerely pray, “lead us not into temptation.” We read in the Scripture, “Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage.” Luke XX: 34, 35.

Parents who understand spiritually the law of Truth, through disobedience thereto, cannot improve the human race and propagate a generation more exempt from error. Is not sin exceedingly sinful in proportion to the light that is sinned against, and might not the offspring of such mental conditions be the wickedest generation since Adam and have to pay the heaviest debt of posterity?

Our Master taught his followers explicitly to “call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven.” Matt. XXIII: 9.

The Hebrew Psalmist, David, when awakened to the scientific sense of being, as the Scripture declares, “did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord” and he lamented his material origin saying: “Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me,” Psalms LI:5. Job, that Scriptural type of whom it was written “that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil,” Job opened his lips and said, “Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.” Job III: 3.

Dear Reader: These momentous questions and considerations I cannot answer or settle for you. God alone can and will do this and enlighten your understanding as to the true Scriptural import. The Bible and Science will some time solve for each and every mortal this earthly problem of *Marriage and Progeny*.

Of this I am at present certain, that if marriage does increase a temptation to depart from Christ’s teachings, it is not the union which Jesus sanctioned when he said, “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” Matt. XIX:6. In other words, our Master assured us that they whom Spirit unites spiritually, — for Spirit cannot unite materially, — cannot be separated.

## SUNDAY RECREATIONS

The specific observance of our Sabbath day is largely, learnedly, and sacredly defined in the Scriptures. Herein I have not the space to specify all therein, nor the ability to designate its infinite demands; but I do enjoin on that day and on every day, whatever promotes health, harmony, holiness, or makes manifest the ideal man.

Beyond the shadow of a doubt, on that day the higher hope of nations points directly to closing liquor saloons and maintaining the rights of religious privileges and freedom. My humble opinion is that all games — golf, baseball, football, bowling, theatricals, indoor or outdoor sport — should be discarded on that day. Only give to mankind sufficient good to do which rests instead of wearies, and they will love the day and what it represents, and thereby be recreated and refreshed. Ordinarily, people have more leisure on the Sabbath whereby to benefit themselves and others with unselfed pleasure, sermons in churches, sermons in nature, sober second thoughts and sacred contemplation. The Hebrew Decalogue required keeping the Sabbath day holy. Our great

Master said it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day, but he left no authority for recreation on that day.

Time is a treasure; it should not be squandered nor wasted in vain wishes; each moment calls for account. To be and to do, to reckon on life's uses, not its abuses, and to be great only as good, appeal mightily to mortals. The seventh day of the week should be practically six days' convictions converted into conduct; it should be the dawn that ripens into day to him who gropes in darkness; it should be the resurrection from sense to Soul, and it is this proportionably as man seeks God and finds rest in the labor of love. Who so walks and works seven days with divine Love, will "run, and not be weary," — he has all the exercise, diversion, and rest required for health, happiness, holiness, heaven here. He is clothed, not alone with cassock or surplice, but with the word of life-giving Truth. From the porch of the sanctuary of sorrow, he has entered the temple of Love where the wanderer or wayward finds welcome; where mad wants are stilled, poor endeavors comforted, and the divine depths of a day with God disclosed — a day wherein dwell man's infinite possessions — the spiritually indispensable, the divinely natural, even man in God's image and likeness. In the words of Scripture, that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years."

## THE PERSONALITY OF GOD

### JOHN 14:6

Truth is not an abstract quality but an entity; not an attribute but an entity. What the Latin church expressed by the word personal the Greek church expressed by the word hypostasis. Most of our best commentaries agree in this, that it was not absolutely certain what the exact theological meaning of the word person was at the time it was first employed.

The Greek word hypostasis means a basis or substance, and is intended to express the idea that God and the word are not mere attributes, but the subject of attributes.

While the Scriptures declare the divine Trinity, they also declare the divine unity, Life, Truth, and Love; they can neither be confounded nor divided. Distinct as essentials, they necessarily form but one whole; thus understood the subject forms no conflicting elements of thought.

Love and Truth are not mere qualities of the divine substance. They are the divine substance itself. The thought or idea is in the mind and yet it is expressed. The mind gives birth to the design it holds in mind, some work of art, a vast edifice; here the idea is the offspring of the mind, the child of the



affections.

## PLACE

The place you seek is seeking you. The place you need, needs you. Divine Principle brings need and supply together for mutual good. He wisely, and intelligently and lovingly controls, guides, protects, prospers, and blesses this union of His idea (man) and this normal joyous activity (work). It does not take time for you to build up your place — or your work, for it is impossible for there to be an idea without its place, and the place is fully developed as is the idea that fills it. The place must meet all needs of the idea if it is provided by Principle. All you need to do is to see to it that your consciousness is fully prepared, enlarged, uplifted, joyous, expectant of infinite good, so that no sense of limitation may hinder the full manifestation of God's will for His idea, and you know that God's will for His idea is perfection, nothing less. All we need to change is our sense of discord to the consciousness of harmony, divine government.

Who says, I have finished my work here and must seek another place? God outlines, directs. You do not know whether it is right to stay here or go excepting as the steps are put before you day by day. Even if our desires are in line with progress, we must surrender all human will and planning before we can take the step aright. There is no human will, no personal sense, no material planning in divine Mind; therefore you have not the power or the inclination to express such falsehoods. All is patient, calm obedience, because God is All-in-all, and is everywhere. All is quiet, loving, scientific harmony. God is right where you are. Stand still and lift up your vision.

There is no human tyrant, no cruelty, no temper, lust, greed, injustice, self-righteousness anywhere to personify themselves. They have no expression in your environment. There are no such claims to distress, oppress, or hold you down. "God's being is infinity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss" (*Science and Health*), and you reflect God. So work for a consciousness of harmonious activity, and clear out all sense of person, either good or bad, and know that you serve the Lord Christ, and know that nothing can hinder, delay or limit this God-directed, God-protected, and God-placed activity.

You cannot change environment. We can only change our sense of environment, and we never do this in any way but through elevation of our own thought above things. God is the only environment. We have to clear our own vision, sweep away the rubbish of fear, impatience, and of a false estimate of our fellow man and *know that the one Mind shines through all and governs all.*

You do not have to plan, to think how, or when, or where; that is God's business; your business is to carefully reflect, listen to, and obey when this call comes. The divine will is clearly and always calling to us all the time and telling us of the will of the Father, but we are so bent on having our own way and "doing things" instead of knowing that they are already done, that half the time we do not hear what God is saying. God's will will be intelligently expressed, and will intelligently meet your need by destroying your sense of fear. You really have no need, for you are already complete in God. God is thinking and you reflect God's thoughts. God is working and nothing else can. God is outlining, directing, "and no one can stay His hand or say unto Him, what doest Thou?" God will tell you what to do about your work. He will unfold each step, so don't get worried, or anxious, or impatient. He has infinite good in store for you; just work to know you are receptive to it. We need to know that malpractice cannot argue disintegration of churches, families, friendships. We need to know that the divine Mind builds up, and unifies, and holds together and prospers. The divine and perfect law of adjustment operating through the ever-present law of attraction is bringing to you all that belongs to you. (My highest sense indicates to me that Mrs. Eddy was not the author of this article. I find its metaphysics lame. Gilbert C. Carpenter).

## UNITY

The mathematics of metaphysics are undeniable and demonstrable. Ethically and hygienically they are Yea and Amen. Neither conservatism, sin, nor a single error can enter them and they remain metaphysics or Christian Science. Their etymology differs from that of material numbers or arithmetic, in this — there is no division of numbers — all its numerals are one. It does not count thus — one, two, three, four, five — but it does numerate as follows: one once, one twice, one thrice, one four times, and so on.

Here the eternal, universal, and forever one is seen and understood in the order of Science. Any departure from oneness is leaving Science and accepting the evidence and testimony of the senses in direct opposition of Science.

Now the student perceives readily this mathematical rule of metaphysics as applied to healing the sick. He sticks tenaciously to the fact of man's inseparability from God, good — the eternal coincidence of divine Principle and divine idea being carried out in a healthy God and a healthy man — and his adherence to this unerring rule of being demonstrates the statement, Truth, for it heals the sick, and this sequence proves the premise, Science, an unchanging

order of God.

But does the student see the rule of moral and spiritual mathematics as imperative, yea, *more imperative*, a stronger demand upon the example that works out the great problem of Life in its harmony, grandeur, perpetual goodness, and immortality?

## TEMPTATION TO THE ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL

The Christ is the manifestation of Truth, and this Truth came not to destroy but to fulfill the law of Life and to perfectly realize all of its manifestations.

Christ, Truth, healed the sick of the palsy, and when healed, the patient walked. Christ did not come to remove the individual from human sight, for, as the Scriptures say: — “He, Truth, came to the flesh to restore all things.”

The following will illustrate this thought: Let us suppose that a certain individual has come nearer to the understanding of God and man than any other human being. Let us suppose that this individual could, without fear or hindrance, pass through the human phase of living, up to the divine Life, which has no beginning and no ending.

This human being, however, is confronted with evil that says, “Believe in me.” Then lust, envy and hatred work to hinder the harmonious passage of this advanced individual from material sense to spiritual sense and soul. It chooses the very time and circumstance that favors the design of evil. It says, “I will nail you to the cross of old age. I, and all my emissaries, will endeavor to make you believe that you cannot demonstrate harmonious being. We will discourage you on the ground of your own statement, namely, ‘There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter.’ We will insist that you cannot eat, you cannot sleep. We will argue that no functions of the system can act harmoniously.”

Then this most advanced individual, having much to meet, is tempted to listen to the argument of fear. But the voice of Christ, Truth, is heard saying, “*Be not afraid!* Action cannot stop, it is eternal. From your own standpoint, whether it be the blade or the ear, in order to make it become the full corn in the ear — the fully ripe and spiritual state of being — ‘the full corn’ — it must not be a blighted blade, nor a blighted ear; therefore I, Christ, Truth, begin with your present needs and restore harmonious action to the bodily functions. I declare you are not afraid. I say, ‘Peace be still’ to your fears. Then I restore action in its proper stage of harmony, and the functions of the body are performed naturally as in health. I declare that you eat, relish and digest your food. I declare that the secretions, excretions, and discharges from the body are in a normal, healthy

state, which is natural to this stage of your progress. I affirm that adherence to these declarations, with the full faith and with the understanding that it is the divine Science requisite to carry out the result of emerging gently into Spirit — will demonstrate all the phenomena of health. I say that the moral status being present with you and fully equalling the physical harmony, that you are ready to take the next step, — namely, the absolute spiritual existence.”

It is reported that Jesus said on one occasion, “These things ought you to have done and not to leave the others undone.” The healer in Christian Science carries two lines of thought, first, the approximation to the truth, and second, the final truth. He argues for all the manifestations of health of body. At the same time, he argues that man is God’s own image and likeness. In the words of St. John, “*Now are we the sons of God.*” The healer does not discourage the thought by trying to make that appear first, which is not the beginning but the end of the desired result. The full consummation of Life, Truth, and Love is not reached at once but through the footsteps, as did the apostle. When we have reached divine understanding through these footsteps, we shall then know “the Way, the Truth and the Life.” Then we shall find ourselves the image and likeness of divine Love — the child of God, the offspring of Spirit — never born of the flesh nor of the will of man, but coexistent with the eternal and infinite God.

## LOW AMBITION

The question, who shall be greatest, when allowed to take root in thought and purpose, is a poison the virus whereof is more deadly and more defiant to spiritual growth and the life of the soul than the sting of the moccasin is to the body. This subtle thought entertained possesses the very nature of that serpent which watches his victim and stings him only when he sleepeth; for the poison thus communicated (induced) is believed to spread itself over the entire system before the sleeper is sufficiently awake to help himself or to call for aid.

## THE MILLENNIUM

Is here and now, even as the kingdom of heaven is here and everywhere. God is infinite and God is good, therefore good is infinite, filling all space, time and eternity. There is but one God and there is none besides God, therefore there is no presence, no power apart from God, infinite good. The millennium is

not waiting for March, 1899. The glory of God is eternal harmony, and this is the millennial glory, and it is appearing eternally brighter, and its advent in the human sense of this heaven or harmony on earth has long since appeared. And it will continue to appear in proportion to the human acceptance of the spiritual idea of God, man and His universe. The Jewish Sabbaths and new moons have hitherto helped hide the day-star of the eternal dawn. The Christian era ushered it into clearer view, and the Science of Christianity is bringing its full-orbed light, even the day that is not followed by night but liveth in light everlasting; and no night is there, for no matter is there to obscure the light, for Spirit is All and in its own allness, for if Spirit is God and is infinity, there is no matter wherein or whereby Spirit can be hidden or obscured.

Let us give up Jewish traditions, legends and old wives fables, ceremonies, rites and dogmas, and learn the light of Science, the Mind of God, and allow no human hypotheses to attempt to scale the heights of holiness, the secret of the most High, of the divine Principle that is light, Life, Truth, Love.

Christmas merriment is but the tinge of an eclipse, the relic of a tradition, for Christ was never born; the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are one in essence and in office. The Father, the divine Principle of being, the Son, the spiritual idea of this Principle, and the Holy Ghost, is Christian Science, the Comforter, leading into all Truth. These three are the triune God, ever-present, infinite, All. This is the monotheism of Christian Science. Let us adhere to it, abide by it, and let it abide in us in the spirit of eternal Truth. Then shall it make us free indeed, unchained to sense, attached to Soul and immortal.

## WOMAN'S HOUR

True history is the record of the development in the human consciousness of a truer idea of God and man. This development has expressed itself affirmatively throughout the ages in every department of human endeavor. Its true meaning and intent is interpreted in the search of the human heart for freedom. Freedom is an abstract thing, even an ideal in the divine Mind, which is God. Its ultimate goal brings "the liberty of the sons of God." Its message has come to the awakened thought of toiling, striving humanity in every age as the star of Bethlehem came to the awakened thought of the Wisemen of that day. Its human expression has assumed different forms as the world has step by step risen above one form of limitation and bondage after another. The warfare between science and superstition, between Christianity and the dogmatic religions of human creeds, between democracy and the divine right of kings, yea, between a higher freedom for humanity touching the hem of the garment of

divinity, and the limitations of selfishness and greed in all their forms, challenges the awakening thought of this age.

And God — the divine ever-present Love — made man in His own image and likeness. But the man of this world's conception has passed by in his daily tasks oblivious to the fact that Love has always been more truly expressed by woman than by the masculine representative of manhood. But now has come woman's hour. The deliverer of humanity must be the mother-love. It broods over the children of earth, though they, unconscious of its power, may term it weakness.

But the armed legion of progress shall hurl back the forces of reaction and bondage. The doctrine of blood and iron shall fail, and the world shall be made "safe for democracy." Then shall come earth's great period of reconstruction — the balancing of accounts through reason, love, and revelation, not through brute instinct, hate, and tradition. In this world-wide "war of the Revolution," manhood shall be softened by the qualities of true womanhood, and womanhood shall be strengthened by the courage and assurance of manhood, and they two together shall reveal the true sense of Godhood.

The messages to the human heart in this hour are stronger than creeds, broader than races, more potent than patriotism. They are the prophetic whispering of angels.

Prophecy is but history written in advance. The beloved disciple of Jesus on the Island of Patmos, from the spiritual heights of revelation, foresaw human history and recorded the events of these "latter days." He did not leave the ages comfortless. He saw the final readjustment of all things, and in this vision he saw symbolically the crown of power and revelation placed upon the head of womanhood.

May not America's greatest gift to the world be the gift of God's Motherhood proclaimed and woman's equality demonstrated in the substance, essence, and science of true democracy, the broader fulfillment of the message, graven for universal humanity upon the Great Seal of the United States — "*Novus Ordo Seclorum*" — the "new order of the ages?"

## REFLECTION

Everything done to Jesus and to me which could in any way harm us was a conspiracy against the welfare of him who did it and against the human race. It darkened the light that otherwise would have been reflected and would have shone for all. The individual who did this injured himself more than he did the Master a million times, and will live to learn this and see just how it was done

and suffer until he destroys in himself the evil that caused him to do it. Even if it takes millions of corrections, it must be and will be accomplished. I have sometimes seen that eternity is scarcely too long for this consummation in certain minds; hence, the Scripture, "They shall go away into everlasting punishment prepared for the devil and his angels;" that is, the tenacious human will made manifest through lust, envy, revenge and hatred, and the messages these evils are constantly pouring into the false consciousness called mortal mind, will produce and reproduce itself in himself and in others until the fire it kindles of sin and suffering can be extinguished only when the earth is burned up — that is, not until all the mortal consciousness is utterly destroyed. The Scripture saith, "He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, etc." His salvation can come only through the slow processes of seeing every sin he ever committed and suffering for it, until he gladly escapes by repentance and reformation from the hell it brings. In this terrible struggle, his sins are found to be a hard master, and when he would reform, he cannot, for this old master having long had dominion over him, will not resign his power and release his captive without a desperate, prolong, fearful warfare, a struggle and despair which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the sense of a mortal to comprehend it, for it goes on with invisible pangs set much beyond the apprehension of this sense through any visible token, that it can never be told and never known only by him that has endured it.

Here is the love of God — that this divine Principle sends forth through the universe its divine idea, and some person will be found fit to reflect it to such an extent as to become the window for the world in every age and clime.

Through this window God pours in His light and blessings upon mankind.

But if they try to darken this window, to break it or to misrepresent it, and even to believe themselves that it is not the transparent medium through which the light shineth, and turn in their dungeon to the opaque wall of their dark mind to let in light, can you not see the consequence?

Or if their blows at this kind window of God should so mar it that the reflection it gave was deflected and the image it gave forth inverted or even its light shut wholly out, would this be cause for rejoicing? Would the perpetrator of this finale of sin — as when Jesus was crucified — go and hang himself and thus be rid of the awful penalty consequent? No! He could not thus easily escape, but must master his own relentless master, must overcome in himself the terrible sins that caused his evil deed. And how? In his dungeon with the rays extinguished that came so kindly to cheer it and show him the way out of it and on to enthroned bliss, would not he remember the awful mistake of putting out the light, the tender warning, the fervid remonstrance, the solemn assurance, yea, the light or the life of love that so long patiently struggled to

save him?

Yes, he would and more; he would have to repent of this sin which is designated in Scripture as never to be forgiven, the sin of striking down your best friend, your God-given guide, of sinning against the light — and how? He must repent in dust and ashes, in darkness and in nothingness. No light, no substance, no Soul rays, to yield one prop, to give one reflection of hope and help. Without hope and without God in the world, for he had sunken God's idea through which the divine Love could reach him, and inasmuch as he smote the person reflecting God's idea, he had done it to the divine Principle, and hidden from his understanding the Truth and Love that alone can save him. The window is gone, the reflection no longer shines for his guidance, the pillar and cloud pass not before him. He is alone in the desert, an alien to the commonwealth of Israel, and a stranger traveling, drifting he knows not whither.

Oh! What would he not give now for the light from the window, but how can he obtain it? What? Where? How? When? is all unanswered, for the spiritual idea is gone and his material beliefs are darker, harder, stronger than ever before. Why? Because with malicious hand ye have slain the Lord. (See Scripture.)

Does this poor sinner remember his boast: I have labored three years or perchance many more to change the superstitious views of the people as to this window for the ages, as to this person born among us whose mother was woman (see Scripture) and now I begin to see the effects of my work. I thought I saw a crack in the window and so had hoped to break it, but alas! I find it is of strange material. I can neither break nor destroy this window only to myself and to my own destruction. It will still be the true idea and I must come to it, and if I had not marred it in my own belief, it would have lighted me on as it does others. Mine is the mistake, mine the darkness. Oh! How can I retrace my steps and enter now? The door is shut, the oil is not in my lamp, and yet the bridegroom has come, the spiritual idea could have been wedded to me if only I had seen it, if only I had not tried to shut out the light from God's window and shade His reflection and deflect the true image and likeness.

What is so kind as reflection? It is not fraud, for it knows its light is crowned. It is not hypocritical, for it gives forth only the substance and idea of its substance and this is God. It is not unjust, for justice is its eternal objective state, and it cannot shadow forth what is unlike its original.

## MONEY THOUGHT

In working on the money thought, do you see you are working on the god



of the world thought, and that, therefore, it is the basis of belief of life in matter? Do you see that in order to do anything you must see the dollar perfectly dead? It does not exist. In other words, when a thing does not exist to us, we are become perfectly dead to all its claims. It cannot touch us. There we must learn to stand.

Money claims to give us substance; to be our very substance and life. "For without me," it says, "you must die." Science says, "With money as money, you die." Every material object has the Truth back of it. So money is the God thought, substance expressed, and we cannot do without it as such. But every thought regarding money must be purified and put in its God-given place. We talk and talk of unity, but how little we are bringing it out. Science requires manifestation, and if we cannot manifest what we say is true, we are not living up to our word. I possess nothing and nothing possesses me but God, and through Him I have all, but not in any but the true sense. If there is any unity (and there is) then everything is good and we must begin low down to bring this out. We strike too high and try to demonstrate there, when our place is in the valley with the world. If all is good, then we must not partake of any thought of the world as real. We must come in contact with it, however. If money is substance expressed, then we are substance expressed. We cannot separate money (as idea) from the God-mind. Once see that clearly from demonstration and it becomes clearer and clearer that body cannot be separated from Mind, and we will, through a step by step process, arrive at the point of demonstration over death.

Death is a claim that there is another substance than God, good, and by handling money we handle every human belief of disease. We trust upon intellect, money, friends, home, etc., and what is the result? Death. When we begin to see that money as money does not exist, but that it is the idea which supports, strengthens, cares for and sustains us in every way, we are beginning at the foundation.

Now sense says that man and woman are separate. Why? Because it says there is more than one substance. Man is woman and woman is man. We have been leaving so-called man out of the question more or less. We cannot do that. Man is to be redeemed through the woman thought and visibly expressed, else it is not Science. Everything means something. Keep that closely with you. We have perceived, brought out, woman somewhat, but where is man? Now man is woman in reality and I shall lift you up, man, just as far as in my consciousness I can bring my manhood to light. We must find our manhood and through this, man will be taught to find womanhood; they will be proven one. The way I do, is this. I look about me and see what I am calling man. What do I see? I see crippled, sick, sensual and low types. I see an atmosphere of tobacco and

liquor, all forms of pleasure. I say to myself, "This is what I have been accepting as man. "I find the same state more or less of my thought of woman. I cannot stand any longer on my pinnacle of "I am better than thou," but I must come into the valley and see what I have been calling my manhood and my womanhood; all this is my consciousness.

Then I begin to look up to Science and hear what it tells me man and woman are, and I go to work to purify myself from the wrong concept. I cut myself off from every person's thought in every way, never allowing myself a moment in their thought unless to help. But I go on purifying myself of a false human concept, and when help comes from me to another, it is because I have brought out my manhood and womanhood. I see what a dreadful mistake we have been making and thwarting our dearest desires by looking at things from a mortal standpoint. Jesus never did. He rebuked the Pharisees because they said, "This is good and that is evil. How awful it is. I would not do it." So they stood aside and would not let their thoughts touch it in any way on account of their great purity. Are we very different today? No, not even we Christian Scientists.

Now go back to the money thought and see if in any way we unite with money as money, we are uniting with matter as matter in every form and to sin in one point is to sin in all. If we unite with the money thought, we unite with the world thought of separate substance as man and woman. If I unite with that thought, I take the thought of mortality instead of spirituality and I stand aside making sin real and I say I cannot contaminate my purity. It is not purity, then. I cannot make anything a separate substance from God. Then how shall I meet the thought of sin but by keeping closely at home in my own thought and purifying every belief and then, when *manhood comes to me, I can truly live* because I see I am *one with him*.

Every sense of repulsion is making a reality of whatever it may be. Man cannot be separated from woman and we must visibly manifest it now, or we shall never reach the ultimate. Woman has to learn that she needs, and in reality has, her manhood and that is in Spirit. Then she must come down and carry the illumination of the star there and bring up her manhood.

Don't let us err in thinking that manhood is in matter. Whatever matter says is manhood is womanhood whenever we see it. It — the claim — is to be destroyed by seeing this as a claim and acknowledging the pure and true, the unselfish, even though clothed in disgusting form.

The great lesson I have learned of late, is to keep my thoughts away, cut off from every one. Let sense say what it pleases of you and me. It called Jesus a winebibber and a glutton and a friend of publicans and sinners. All is Spirit and Spirit's idea and we must bring it out *now*. There is so much saying, All is Spirit,

and *forgetting* it must be visibly manifested.

Keep all I write closely in your heart. Few understand it yet, and if placed in matter it is killed.

## SUPPLY

What is Life? Life is divine Mind. What is Mind? Mind is the element or substance that thinks. Mind is the only thinker. Nothing else thinks. There is nothing else to think. There is nothing either good or bad until something appears on the scene. Everything is “without form and void” until this something appears. Mind is the primal element. Thinking is the Mind’s activity. Therefore Mind and its thinking is all there is. Then we see that Mind and its thinking is the basis of life. Everything seen in the world today proceeds from thinking.

Visible money, whether in gold, silver, or paper denomination, like the human body and all other visible objects, is merely thought objectified, manifestation. It is man in the general sense; money is man in the general sense, man-i-festation. (The compound idea named man is un-in-telligent; it is a lifeless image and reflection of Principle or Soul, which is the Life, Intelligence and Substance of this idea. *Science and Health*, 1st edition, page 222). The human body is man (objectified), money is man (objectified); therefore, that which is objective or man, could not be the basis of anything. That which is unintelligent, mindless and lifeless, could not be the basis of actual life. So it can readily be seen that money is the god of this world thought (wrong thought). Why? Because man is the god of the world thought. Man is the Christian Science church Scientist’s god. He has no other god for the church Scientist believes that he is man. Therefore, this belief is just as unintelligent, mindless, lifeless as the heathen’s god or the belief of any one outside the common sense method of truth as taught in the first edition of *Science and Health*. That is why so many church Scientists are lacking supply today, because they are on the same basis of belief as the man who has no actual knowledge of Christian Science at all. All who believe that they are men rather than God’s image cannot think supply. All this is just the reason why they do not have nor experience supply. That which is unintelligent, mindless, lifeless, cannot think supply or anything else.

This is a very simple thing to understand. Mind is money. Mind is All. There could not be Mind *and* money, for then Mind would not be All. Money is not your supply. Mind is your supply, and you have just as much money as you can think. You have a cold because you are constantly thinking (sensing) a cold, and you are persistent in this sort of thinking. We know that you do not have a cold by

persistently knowing that you are perfect. We constantly think and hold the opposite sense. Money can be sensed the same way. For money comes from intelligence, not unintelligence.

Now it is the claim of the world that money is its basis, and from this belief springs the old saying “money talks.” It claims everything. It says, “Without me you must die; you cannot pay your bills; you cannot eat; you cannot even clothe yourself; you cannot employ a doctor or practitioner; you cannot even employ a Christian Science teacher; you cannot obtain an education; you cannot even dare to die, for without me you cannot buy a shroud, a casket; you cannot even have a funeral.” These are some of the beliefs that the false belief regarding money puts forth. In order to become dead to all the claims — not subject to these claims — you must see money in the right sense or right light. Money is dead just the same as the human body. Money is unintelligent, mindless, lifeless; it exists only as an objectified thing or expressed thought.

In treating we become dead or lost to the false sense of body and then we say we have a healing. The body does not exist as a living thing. It is merely objective, and the same with money. The dollar — it does not exist. Only in seeing it in this way can you ever become dead to its false claims, for just as the human body seems to be life, so also money seems to be life. That is, we believe we do not have sufficient of it, that we will starve to death, and that the body as life actually depends upon money.

Declare persistently that you have money, just as you declare the thought over and over again that you have health; that you are perfectly well and you know it; and that the world’s false sense of money will not touch you, and you will have all you need at all times. If you feel fear regarding money or your supply of it, then you will experience or sense this fear of not having sufficient. It will objectify one way or the other according to your thoughts. Use persistent thought in the direction in which you want the experience to objectify. Then you must learn to stand. This persistent and insistent thought is requisite regarding money, or any kind of supply, just the same as persistent treatment to heal disease. The man who has not sufficient to meet all human needs is diseased, and I suspect that most of us have experienced this very thing.

Money in its spiritual sense is a very high thought, for it seems to lead in the expression of spiritual substance expressed to us, although it is not higher than any other idea, because if we have the truth about all things, we can objectify money as easily as anything else. But right here fear enters in and we make more of a reality of the false belief that we have insufficient, than we have sufficient; and as we think one way or the other, that is the way objectification follows. At the present moment we can no more do without money as substance than we can do without eating or clothing ourselves properly.

Every material object has a true idea back of it. This means that every true thing in the objective has the right idea back of it. Even material belief regarding any object. Hence the existence of spirituality or spiritual reality. So you see that money is the same as body, is a spiritual reality and that we have as much as we think. Real money is our God-thought, that is, it is one of Mind's ideas. Real money is one of the ideas in which Mind expresses substance, and money is only one of the infinite symbols in which Mind does express substance. We cannot do without any idea that is expressed to us as substance. The present human body is a combination of both understanding and belief.

The average man, and even church Scientists, believe that man and money are living in matter. That is, they believe that the individual mentality is man, rather than God. Hence, in this unintelligent condition, or belief mentality, all the substance of human thought that attends this false belief is just as fleeting and as hard to grasp and as hard to hold as supply, as is the wrong belief that they are men rather than God's reflection. Whenever you put your life out in matter, or belief of it, then you put all ideas and all the symbols of supply out there also, so it is mighty hard to obtain the whole thing regarding money and the belief of supply as summed up in this proposition, in the belief that you are man rather than God's good manifestation.

One can never unfold until he takes the position through actual understanding, that he is God's image. You cannot unfold from the "man viewpoint." Neither can supply unfold to you as spiritual — the money as well as everything else — and all other ideas cannot be purified and put into their God-given place, ideas or symbols of Spirit, unless every thought regarding money is understood from the standpoint of Spirit. Money, the same as any idea, must be seen as the product of Spirit; then there is unity. So if we are Spirit, then also is our money Spirit, for all is Spirit. Just as sure as we have Life, or are Life, just that sure we have money.

Spirit and substance are one and the same thing, and all the symbols of substance are real. One is no harder to obtain than the other. You have the spirit of Mind, the real substance of Spirit. Mind is thinking, so through persistent right thinking you may have all the money you need. It is our fear that contradicts this great fact in Spirit regarding money or any other form or symbol of substance. Read 1st. Tim. 6:10. We know that love is a feeling and the opposite sense of love is fear. Now the fear that we do not have and cannot have all the money that we need is the cause of all evil. Just think of it! Paul says, "Money is the cause of all evil." No, he does not say money is the cause of all evil, but he says the fear of it or regarding it is the cause of all evil. By handling the human fear or belief about money we handle every human belief of disease.

We must constantly declare that Mind is money (matter is not money). If

you have Mind, or are Mind, then you have money and are money.

Read Genesis 1:16. "God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night." There are two lights; the greater light is spiritual understanding, the lesser light is human intellect. The sun rules the day, the moon rules the darkness, ignorance, etc. It is darkness, fear, belief, false science, etc. We are the sons of righteousness; we rule the day, the light of understanding. The human mind lusts upon human intellect, has the wrong idea of supply; lusts upon friends, has the wrong idea about persons, believing that the individual is man rather than God; lusts upon home, has not the true concept of home. Home is heaven. Heaven is harmony. Harmony is mental ease. Through all this lack of understanding what is the result? Death, of course, because humans kill; it is a false form of lust, knows not the truth about anything. Now we see money in the right light, in the greater light, not in the lesser light; human intellect does not get you money. Money is idea and the right idea always supports, strengthens, cares for, and sustains in every way. This understanding is your foundation.

I possess nothing in matter, for to me all is Spirit. Nothing in matter possesses me. The belief then that money is material cannot possess me to cause me to fear lack. I possess only good because I am God, good, and through this knowledge of Spirit I have all money, and since we are spiritual — spirit-ual — we can have all the money we can think. Now we see from this standpoint that everything is unity between Spirit and its symbols.

Everything is God. That is, everything is good. We must bring out this great truth regarding every idea. Get right down into the depth of human nature. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me," say the Scriptures. The very least idea. The trouble is that we neglect the least things and try to demonstrate the higher before we have finished the smaller things.

Fear must be eradicated. Use conviction, say 15 minutes three times a day. "I can never fear lack or poverty again because I know there is no such thing." The power of right thought is the thinking of that thought. I have perfect confidence in my right thought for I know it can do everything for me. (A person can hold a thought not longer than three seconds; therefore we must repeat.)

Your supply is mental, as is everything else. The more money you can think you have, the more money you can make by thinking. I do not believe in poverty any more. I know there is no such thing. I know that my Mind is unlimited and I insist that this be manifested at once. I shall be damned if I think limitation any more. I am sensing money coming to me in quantities from everywhere. I can see it just pouring in. Visualize it, mean it.

Realize for yourself daily more than once that the fields are already white

with harvest. That "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." The need of work as well as any other. That there is plenty of work for all; that yours belongs to you and to no one else and it comes to you direct. Come to it. The supply is abundant; know all the time that this is so. Never let the sense of lack of anything stay a moment with you. It is a rank error and breeds all sorts of diseases.

Inasmuch as I am a child of God, spiritual and not material I must be perfect. I am whole, I am free, I have all I need. I have no fear; I have no care; I have no anxiety for I live in Spirit, not in matter. I am in no danger; no one can deprive me of any good. I am without pain, disease or suffering for I am the perfect reflection of Life, Truth and Love. No condition of the body or the presence of anyone's personality is essential to my happiness, for God and God alone is the spring of all my joy. I am never grieved nor disappointed. The harmony of my being is never broken, because I live in the infinite.

## FALSE AND TRUE

Christian Science has come to stay! Yes, but on what terms or conditions? I will name a few of those terms: "He that would be master, let him be your servant." "He that is least among you shall be greatest." "Except ye leave all for me ye cannot be my disciple."

But you say that Christian Science has come to stay on the present existing condition: Who shall be greatest? I will serve for money and popularity, but when it comes to taking up the cross I will desert. I will leave a portion of the false claims of the senses but I will retain other portions, for I cannot get on without this half-way obedience.

Your conclusion that Christian Science has come to stay on your conditions instead of the terms that Christ has demanded, is like a student standing before the blackboard working problems contrary to the principle and rule, and declaring that because these are correct the right result has come to stay, and so work on contentedly in a wrong direction as the prophet declared, "Crying peace, peace; when there is no peace."

The disciples of old disobeyed the directions of their Master, deserted him in his hour of need, and after his departure from them because of this, saw their mistake, tried to recover their lost opportunity because Christ's Christianity was Truth and had come to stay; but they failed on this ground and Christianity according to Science was lost sight of, and they wakened through the door of death from their false dream, and the world went on to say, "Christianity has come to stay," when the fact was, it was only their false sense of Christianity that

stayed, and nineteen hundred years have not yet recovered it in the genuineness of the Master's teaching and demonstration.

Are the Christian Scientists of today making the mistake of the disciples of yesterday, while satisfied that Christian Science has come to stay, although they are trying to work out the problem of being contrary to its divine Principle and given rules? Let them look into their own heart and turn upon themselves the magnifying lens of Truth that brings to light their errors and then answer, "Are you solving the problem of your being according to the First Commandment, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me?' Have you not the gods of popularity and ease to serve, whereas Jesus was the despised and rejected of men and bore the cross, resigning all human claims of need or pleasure?"

Jesus said, "Fear ye not them that destroy the body, etc." Do Christian Scientists watch the inroads that evil in its new and aggravated means is making on their lives, their conscious sense of right and wrong, their proper sense of individuals, as closely as they would watch its ravages upon their health and life? If they are not, they are disobeying Jesus' command and I perceive that they are not as sensible of the demoralizing effects of psychic malpractice as they are of its physical effects. Hence, the answer that Christian Science has not come to stay with them on these conditions, and although it is eternal and ever-present, it will never be cognized and demonstrated until the First Commandment in the law and the Golden Rule in the gospel are obeyed in the spirit of self-abnegation, meekness and might, on the very cross-bearing and world-hating basis that Jesus demanded.

## MESSIANIC REINCARNATION AN IMPOSSIBILITY

Jesus' mission on earth was to show, by demonstration, that there is no corporeal personality, no sickness, no sin, no death.

According to Christian Science the word *person* means divinity, and not humanity. This Science teaches that there is absolutely no such thing as physical maturity. The incarnation (or fleshly environment) of Jesus was intended to illustrate the process by which physicality (or so-called material personality) is diminished — that proportionately as mortal mind is spiritualized, physical personality decreases, until it finally disappears, as Jesus vanished in the ascension.

Jesus' work was individual, and can never be repeated. His reappearing must be impersonal. His second coming must be as an idea, not as corporeality. He must present, not mind as incarnated in matter, or soul as circled in the flesh,



but a realization of Life, Truth, and Love in their spiritual signification, as set forth in the Scriptures and in *Science and Health*.

The mother who believes she gives, or can give, birth to a babe whose career will be an improvement upon that of Jesus — or will even reproduce his individuality — labors under a greater delusion than is found in the widely diffused doctrine concerning the second advent of Christ; because this implies that the infinite can be embodied in the finite, and that there can be a material reappearance of what Saint Paul called “the man Christ Jesus”; whereas the Saviour proved that his growth was a progress upward out of corporeality, into Spirit, not a retrogression downward, into the flesh.

No mortal man or woman ever will, or can, take Jesus’ place, or again fulfill his earthly mission. His work is already accomplished, and needs no duplication. What will be developed through Christian Science, and is now unfolding itself, is the purer idea and spiritual manifestation of the Christ character, in word and deed. The personal appearance of the Master was but once, and for all time.

The spiritually scientific phenomenon of individual being is the final outcome or result of that life more abundant which the Saviour gave to the world, in his demonstration of the unreality of what is called material personality, and his witness that the belief of any possible life, substance, and intelligence in or of matter is an illusion. He is simply mad who avers that a mortal and material man or woman is Deity, the divine Principle, or can be the divine idea. Such a blasphemous allegation, such a materialistic conjecture, such a misdirected imagination is, anthropomorphic, and leads to downright atheism.

As the Psalmist declared: “The fool hath said in his heart. There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”

## A SCARECROW

A scarecrow formulated and presented who has defined Mrs. Eddy’s discovery and understanding of Christian Science is unable to spare the public mind or to crow over the consequence of such a deft design. Mrs. Eddy’s ancestors and immediate family are time-crowned with the laurels of history. Mrs. Eddy herself is the monarch of all she surveys; she offers to the public the simple self-evidence of her discovery of Christian Science; she risks it unhesitatingly to the barbarous ordeals of the unscrupulous press, the envious trusted tyrant of public opinion, uninformed and prejudiced, without a faltering step, a single fear or a favor begged. She asks only fair play and the opportunity and time which uncovers all that is true or false, to test fairly and squarely what

she simply and unostentatiously avers, avows, and proves in simple language, public demonstration, and fair statement, that no living human or inhuman being, no dead and buried individuality, can dispute and obliterate her sayings, her doings, and her demonstration of divine Science, never before uttered or condemned, and today is accepted and proved.

She wastes no time on nothings, gives little opportunity to the public to judge of her honesty except through her own works, which defend and define her life work and its glorious results upon the health, morals, and life of every man and woman which inhabits the globe. This scarecrow of sickness, sin and death, gotten up by fear, malice, and revenge, and hurled by these potentees upon the innocent, the industrious, the vigorous and unfrightened devotee of Christian Science, are mere quills, the breath of hell hurled upon the honest, industrious, faithful, and successful actor on earth and pioneer to heaven.

Take courage, thou moral hero; the strife is not thine; the sinner is already beaten; the good man or good woman possesses the field, governs the earth, points out the path to heaven and walks steadily on unwearied; unpaired, unworn by strife, having more health, happiness, and holiness than one million of centuries in the freshness and morn of creation.

## PERSON Its Uses and Abuses

“God manifest in the flesh, believed on in Spirit and afterwards received up into glory.”

My subject is the last-named fruit of the Spirit, as St. Paul classifies it. The world of mortal mind is the unreal realm. Its method, its modes, its moods are the forms and different phases and manifestations of error. My purpose is to uncover error to show the method of its madness and the utter evil of its ultimatum. Also, that good is real, and evil, being the opposite of good, is unreal.

First, we will name a few of the methods of error. It reasons falsely *a priori* from effect to cause, from matter to Spirit, from the false to the true, from evil to good, from evidences of the false sense which is the natural sense to the evidences of the true sense, which is the spiritual sense of things, of cause and effect. This wrong method obtains in what is termed natural science, human religion, philosophy, *materia medica*, material anatomy, physiology, therapeutics. Then the method of error changes in degree; but this new degree which tends toward its final destruction is even a higher and more potent degree of error, and its chief distinguishment is intemperance, excess, extremes.

The fundamental error or cause (if cause there may be) attached to error,

when error is but illusion, is the false human sense of God as both cause and effect.

First: The personality of God is misconceived and misstated. It is finite and human instead of infinite and divine.

Second: The worship of a misconceived God is a misguided worship, and this misdirection takes the thought farther away from God, away from good at every conclusion and epoch in human history.

Third: The worship of personality is but another form of heathen idolatry, and a religion built on love for the personal Jesus, is limited, sectarian, bigoted, dogmatical. The character of God, alias the essence of good, its nature and tendency, is all that should be worshipped or loved in man or God. By this true worship, we approximate and appropriate and assimilate the qualities of good in ourselves, and its quantity is increased within us, and we impart involuntarily this quality even as animals subdivide and multiply, and light radiates in reflection.

The true line of thought and action is the intermediate one between two evils, as mortal mind rises in its own scale of human thought up to the point of its own dissolution where the immortal Mind is and was and ever will be the only Mind, the only Truth, Life and Love.

What is this choice and what are its myriad occasions? This is one of its occasions. When you pray not to include in your expression more than you desire, and thus be satisfied that you have talked truth without a willingness to practice it; for in such a case, be still and let meekness direct temperance; then your mind will melt before the need you feel of a true affection of good, and you will take the intermediate action in which the mind cries out, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This attitude of mind brings you into a higher altitude and more heavenly latitude than any other could at this time. But there is no sin and consequently no sinner in Science. True, there is not; but of two evils this is the least when working out the problem of suppositional error, to condemn sin as a claim in order to destroy this false claim. To condemn it, you must see its claim, acknowledge it and loathe it. This action of mortal mind brings the next step, that you will find yourself loving Truth and good in the proportion that you have hated the claims of error and evil, and thus obtained some victory over them.

Another occasion is this: When a person appears upon the stage of human life, acting a higher part in its drama than other actors have performed, impersonating good beyond others, interpreting it clearer and illustrating this interpretation by its effect in uplifting the human thought and standard morally, spiritually and physically, then take a temperate, honest and just estimate of that personality into your own consciousness, and bring it out in word and action lest you smother it with pride and thus sink, instead of rise, from the touch of Truth.

What is the temperate view of personality by which you choose between

two evils in human consciousness, that of under-rating, or of over-rating personal character? It is to take into consideration and adoption the character of this person as your model and object of worship and leave out the personality; but avoid especially holding in thought the impersonalization of good, for then you form your own model, whereas good should form it or it never will be good and like its model in character. What is the honest view essential to the assimilation of goodness? It is to be true thyself. In order to be this, you cannot steal this character without knowing it, and you cannot know that you are stealing and do it, else you forfeit honesty to yourself and therefore to another. You cannot appropriate the drama this actor has conceived, spoken and acted, either by writing it as your own, speaking it as your own, or acting it as your own, because it is not and you know it, and must be honest to yourself and others before you can impersonate the character which is honest. You must "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," ascribe to personality that which belongs to it, that which it has impersonated, brought to the eyes and ears and understanding of the world whether it be good or evil, before you can render to God, to good, your own affections, and thus impersonate good by reflection and the influence of your own goodness upon others.

You must be just to another person or you cannot be just to your own person; if you understand justice, you will be just to yourself and others. If you deny the rights which belong to another, would curtail these rights or deprive him of them, you have made it impossible for yourself to gain his position which you would destroy. O selfish mortal, look at this, and remember the fable of the dog who lost the bone in his own mouth on seeing a reflection in the water of a dog with a bone, and opening his mouth to rob his fellow, lost his bone.

The two evils in personality are these: First, there is no finite personality of good. Second, temperate views of personality. Which of these evils is the least? For the present choice, the last is the least, namely, a temperate view of impersonalized goodness, and this view to continue until it dissolves into the ultimate incorporeal good, which stands out character, the *bas-relief* of infinite personality, where wrong cannot enter to disturb individual rights which banish into spectral forms the wrong doer.

The least evil of personality is the proper use of personality, and the greatest evil is the abuse of personality. Let us briefly consider these separately.

The proper use of personality is unselfish friendship towards all mankind; in common parlance, human affection simulating divine Love — the friendship that never faileth, that bears all things and is still friendly, that never faileth in charity, forbearance, patience, meekness, prayer, hope and faith in a person.

But this friendship is least understood of all created things, of all sentiments that stir the human heart, and is the most capable of abuse. The

sordid sensual mind puts it down for either a pretense, a sort of love-sickness, or worse still, sensuality. The fact remains, however, that it is not one of these, but that what it is none can tell exactly, only that it is the last link in corporeal and the first link in the spiritual affections, which bind us to God and humanity. Perverted this sacred sense may be and through intemperance. It may be selfish and thus detract from its own and others rights, privileges and joys; its very watchfulness can and may become full of fear and apprehension, which beget the very ills it dreads, for those it most tenderly cherishes. It defeats its own motives and troubles the sea of friendship that it would calm, and, walking over the waves of human strife as it comes nearer and nearer to you to help you or save you from sinking, it only frightens you, takes away your self-poise, you lose courage, your self-confidence gives way and all you can do, or what you first do, is to stretch out your hand and cry "save or I perish."

## ONE TALENT

### II CORINTHIANS 4TH CHAPTER MATTHEW 25TH CHAPTER

The voices of Spring come to us sad or joyful even as our hearts may be, restoring unforgotten harmonies or wakening memories too tender to touch. Beneath some patriarchal tree we dream pleasant dreams when the new leaves clap their little hands in one continuous applaud to nature, and the blithe breeze freer than eagle pinions gives man a stronger sense of freedom, and he longs to go forth into the fields to worship God.

Bright and glorious are the revelations written all over this world of ours — God's thought that mortal mind strangely translates into things material. Aspirations caricatured by mountains, tender wishes portrayed in blossoms that come at eve. Old ocean sets us meekly at the feet of omnipotence. The shadows chasing each other over the mountain tops tell of earthly hopes fleeing before us as we pursue the shadows. The beauteous morn with breath all perfume and cheek all bloom caricatures youth. His lines are written on the green earth and glorious firmament in one continuous page of nature's bright and breathing characters.

It was an ancient religious rite to have a vestal virgin whose office it was to tend a lamp and see the blaze was never extinguished day or night. Priestess office commenced at the early age of eight years and continued thirty years. Upon a departure from her vow, she was punished with tortures and death as we term it. Hence the metaphor of the ten virgins.

“Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.”

“The kingdom of heaven was likened to a man travelling in a far country.”

It was at Ephesus that John wrote the gospel that bears his name.

“Thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many. But from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.”

Apollo was the god of medicine and the sender of disease; both were originally the same trade and still continue to be.

Pliny said it was a question whether the name alone should be punished without any other crime.

As they who, for slight infirmities, take drugs to repair their health and thereby impair it, so they who, for every trifle vindicate themselves or notice every wrong done them, encourage insolence and ill humor.

He hath achieved true greatness who does what deserves to be read and renders the world better for having lived in it.

Friends, we are all the offspring of one common Father, the children of the divine Love to whom this Love hath given not less than one talent; whose tender care is forever near. Have we buried this talent? Are we lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God?

God is Love, and we shall reflect much or little of Love according as we bury our affections in matter, in earthly things, or give them the wings of Spirit to mount upward. Life hath high demands; let us obey them like the royal eagle; let us soar and stoop not to the arts by which the serpent wins its spellbound prey. Let us be just amid lawlessness, loving amidst hatred, calmly and resolutely pushing on to heaven and taking all with us we can carry in the arms of Love or call with the voice of Truth. O! fear not in an hour like this. And thou shalt know ere long how sublime a thing it is to suffer and be strong.

## HOW CHRISTIANITY LOST ITS ELEMENT OF HEALING.

History repeats itself; tomorrow grows out of today. But heaven's favors are formidable, they are calls to higher duties — not discharge from care; and whoso builds on less than an immortal basis, builds on sand. We have asked in our selfishness to wait until the age advances to a more practical and spiritual Christianity before proclaiming the modus of Christian healing; but our answer is, then there were no cross to be taken up, and less need of publishing the *good news*. A classic has said at thirty man suspects himself a fool; *knows* it at forty, and reforms his plan; at fifty chides his infamous delay, and pushes his prudent purpose to resolve. The difference in religions is: that one religion has a

more spiritual base and tendency than another, and the religion nearest right is that one. The genius of Christianity is works more than words, a calm and steadfast communion with God — a tumult on earth, religious factions and prejudices arrayed against it, the synagogues as of old closed upon it — while it tabernacles with the most High, reasons with the storm, hurls the thunderbolt of Truth, stills the tempest of error; scourged and condemned at every footstep it advances calm and grand, afterwards to be pardoned and adopted, but never seen amid the smoke of battle. Every Christian needs to be a hero; for centuries to come he will go from the world's battlefield weary of earth and ready for heaven. The Christianity that shall bring back its own essential and lost element of healing is founded on a Principle and not a person, and is known by its fruits.

Over eighteen centuries, ago the advent of a babe stamped a new impress on history. Mother, clasp thy nestling tenderly, rear thine offspring wisely, for thou knowest not when the mantle of Christ's presence shall fall upon thine own dear one. When the child Jesus was born, all the nations of the earth known at that period were in subjection to the government of Rome. The Atlantic Ocean was an unexplored sea; the Indies had but a fabulous existence. The Mediterranean Sea, then the largest body of water known upon the globe, was but a Roman lake. Around the Mediterranean shores were clustered the thronged provinces, and majestic cities, that gave Rome the palm of dynasties. This Empire of the Caesars was invested with power and fame that no modern republic, empire, or kingdom, has ever eclipsed. A few years prior to the birth of Jesus, Julius Caesar perished in the senate chamber at Rome, pierced by the dagger of Brutus. At the time Jesus history commenced, Octavius Caesar (surnamed Augustus, or the august because of his humanity) was monarch of the world, Rome was then the world, and Caesar was the governor of Rome; he could do what he pleased with the property, the liberty and the lives, of more than three hundred millions of people, comprising the Roman Empire. Such power no mortal ever swayed before; such power no mortal will ever sway again. In the main, Augustus Caesar was a good man (if goodness may be weighed in the balance of paganism). Little dreamed that Emperor, enthroned in his gorgeous palace on the Capitoline hill, that a babe slumbering in a manger at Bethlehem, an obscure hamlet in the province of Assyria, was more than his compeer; that a babe whose infant wailings blent with the bleating of the goat and the lowing of the kine was to establish an empire, before which the power of the Caesars must dwindle into insignificance. What a contrast between the power of Truth and Science, and the power of knowledge obtained from the senses, and from wealth and fame.

Jesus sought to bring to light the understanding of the kingdom of heaven, the reign of harmony that exists between God and man. He knew the dominion

of God had not been overthrown, that there was no monarch equal to this. He also knew that the kingdom of heaven is the empire of Spirit wherein matter cannot molest or make afraid; and the spirit of the simple prayer, let thy kingdom come on earth, and the understanding of the supremacy of Spirit, was his basis of healing. This spiritual element, that sought its own and healed the sick, uttered itself also in the Ten Commandments, and the Sermon on the Mount, those Beatitudes that read, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth; blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for so persecuted they the prophets." The power of Truth is seen in the power of Mind over matter, as when Jesus said, "Stretch forth thine hand and be whole, and he stretched it forth, and it became whole as the other." Unlike the government of the Caesars was this demonstration of Soul over sense; it annulled the law material with the higher law that is spiritual; this government is established by immortal Mind, by the unerring intelligence, Life, Truth and Love that we name God.

In the proportion that Science disappeared from Christianity, did its demonstration in healing the sick disappear; and Science was lost in proportion to the disappearing of the spiritual Principle of Christianity and the acceptance of a *person* in its stead; which person must forgive sin, whereas the Principle of Christianity destroys sin and leaves nothing to forgive. The empire Jesus strove to establish in the Christian era, rested on a spiritual basis. Caesar's government had a material foundation; it was based on human laws that were oppressive and unlike the divine law that requires us to "love thy neighbor as thyself" — hence that saying of Jesus, to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." In other words, never to blend spiritual law with what is termed material law. Because Caesar owned the coin that bore his inscription, Jesus said, "let him have it, it belongs to him." Thus it is that God owns the *man* that bears His image and likeness, and let God have him, he belongs to Spirit and not to matter. But Jesus never claimed for God, anatomy, physiology and hygiene; those belong to Caesar; they are man-made laws, that bear the stamp of mortal mind and the image of matter, and have not the inscription of Spirit; therefore they belong not to God. To blend the spiritual law with the material, to say that God requires a large proportion of our thoughts given to what we shall eat, to what we shall drink, and to what clothes we shall wear, and that God decides we shall be clad in flannel to prevent rheumatism, or in soft raiment to imitate royalty — is a mistake. Shall we adhere to Graham's dietetics sooner than to Paul's ethics? Paul said, "Eat what is set before you asking no questions for *conscience* sake." We shall go on to lose Science and the spiritual element that heals the sick so long as we admit there are two legitimate governments, so long as we say that God is the author of a law



requiring the muscles to move by degrees and gently in case of the belief of a lame wrist, or that the sick of fever must come up gradually from his weakness, or the consumptive must die, and so on, for these so-called laws of matter are in direct opposition to Jesus' example, and the law of Spirit. Caesar's government was overthrown, based as it was on physics and political economy, whose foundations are matter, even the beliefs of mortal mind. But the government that Jesus supported cannot be overthrown, based, as it is, on divine economy, on metaphysics or immortal Mind. Friends, which of these two governments do we acknowledge, and conform to? Is it the power of Mind over matter, or the power of matter over mind? Do we say that mind can digest a heavy meal, or that our food can master mind, can soporate a man, and gastric juice can suspend the mind's faculties and stupify a man?

The Science of Christianity presents an infinite field of inquiry. Ancient and modern, sacred and profane history have given their theories of life, making life dual, having a twofold nature, a composite of two opposite qualities, one of which is death; but Life contains naught that can produce death, and death never resulted in Life. Let us briefly consider the two opposite statements of Life, viz.: that Life is Spirit, inorganic and eternal. Second, that Life is organic and mortal.

There are certain self-evident propositions; this is one of them: that if two statements of Life are opposites and one of them is truth, the other one is error. We know it is true that Life is Spirit; then it is equally true that Life depends not on organization or matter. Jesus said, "I am the way, the Truth and Life;" the "I" referred to was Spirit and not matter, the way was Science, and Truth was gained by approximating to Spirit, and the demonstration of the power of Spirit over sin, sickness and death was Science. This demonstration is reached only through Science, for Life is a Principle and not a person; it is through Science alone that we arrive at the understanding of a Principle to demonstrate it.

The Scriptures inform us that "God is Spirit." We all can see that matter is the direct opposite of Spirit, both in substance, life and intelligence; therefore matter is the opposite of God. The ancient schools of philosophy admitted this, and were even nearer Science than our modern schools. Again, the Scripture saith, God is truth; therefore, as matter is the opposite of Spirit, God, it must be error; the Scripture also saith that God is Life; then if matter is the opposite of God, and hath no part with God, it cannot have Life. Through the microscope of Mind, matter even disappears; and those opposites of Spirit that by common consent belong to matter, namely, mortality, sickness, and sin, disappear with it. Life is Spirit, and Spirit is intelligence, and because Life is Spirit, it cannot be matter; and because Spirit is intelligence, it cannot dwell in non-intelligence or matter; the one corresponds with light, the other with darkness, and Jesus said,

what fellowship hath light with darkness or God with Belial?

Let us briefly examine history and see if the religion that has for its foundations material rites, creeds and a personal God on the one hand and anatomy, *materia medica*, physiology, etc., on the other, has produced the good results that Jesus and his followers demonstrated, healing the sick and casting out error. A religion that insists on a law of matter, that defies the law of Spirit and that God is the author of this law; that believes in a necessity for sin, and that God has sacrificed the innocent for the guilty to appease His own wrath; and to forgive sin that deserves to be punished, and which will never cease until self-destroyed through suffering. A religion that would have God the author of sin, sickness and death by being either the author of a man, or of a law, that has produced these discords, and then concludes that God can neither destroy the law nor the discord. A religion that has waded through the blood of Christians to sustain its creeds, that shut the door of the synagogue on Jesus and sought to silence his teachings by tortures and death, that supported its Pharasaism by rites and ceremonies, while omitting the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy. This religion of the Jewish church has persecuted every advanced step of Christianity that draws us nearer Christ, Truth, and farther from uncharitableness and the machinery of ecclesiastical forms and aristocracies. This religion, built on profession more than proof, quotes the words without imitating the deeds of prophet and apostle, and has shut out the spiritual element of Christian healing. In periods past it became a barbarism from which it began to emerge not until the reformation when the intrepid Luther burned the papal bull and the more gentle Melanchthon said: Old Adam is too strong for young Melanchthon. Religion will be reformed and purified in proportion to the spirit it achieves, for "the letter killeth but the spirit maketh alive." I thank God for the little leaven that is left, and hope it will leaven the whole lump, for the little we have of true Christianity is better than none, but I wish we had more of it. I thank the Church for all the good it has done, the household hymn, and family altar, for all the tender and true motives they have inspired. But more than they all, I love the gospel of Christ, and shall keep the faith committed unto me, and fight the good fight until I have finished my course.

Over the three years of the public ministry of our Master, the veil of centuries hath not fallen. His words, and more especially his deeds, live in our hearts and on the illumined pages of history. The ancient dynasties of Media, Assyria, and Babylon have had their histories, but their records are lost in remoteness; they are but dim spectres of the past. Thebes, Palmira, and Ninevah have perished from the pages of the present; their pride and opulence are no more; even their ruins have faded away; their rocky sepulchres are swept clean by the winds of centuries. The footfall of the antiquarian is not heard in

their deserted halls; their palatial mansions are desolate, and for their pristine grandeur or present decay who careth now? The history of Jesus is immortal, because of its Science, because of the Truth it bore to mankind, and the demonstration it left for our example.

The arrest, trial, and crucifixion of the meek Nazarene are too painful, too cruel and unjust in their material history, for us to retrace, and the spiritual sense of that history is too remote from mortal thought, to be urged upon it at present. The spirituality of Jesus' teachings and the materiality of the rabbinical doctrines, harmonized not. Jesus could not if he would, and would not if he could, cease to declare the whole Truth; his mission was to establish the reign of metaphysics over physics, to spiritualize thought, and thus to correct human action, yea, to lift the load of materiality from the age, that was crushing out humanity and making monsters instead of men. Hence his conflict with the age and the nature of that conflict; it was the spiritual at war with the material, and the material trying to kill the spiritual; it was mortal mind trying to kill immortal Mind through matter, and failing to do this. Jesus understood metaphysics better than to suppose mind dies; he knew that immortal Mind is not in mortality, and that Mind produces all the phenomena of life; hence his immortal saying, "though you destroy this body yet will I build it again."

Jesus had students, and these students casting out error and healing the sick emulated the example of their teacher. They also drank the cup he had presented them; they partook of his cup of sorrows that won immortal triumphs and they drank this cup well knowing their reward; thus in memory of their Master, they passed on, until from the stake, the scaffold or the cross, they passed to a crown. The missionary labors of Paul, the Roman orator, his fervid addresses in which he expounded to them the great Truth that Jesus demonstrated, casting out error and healing the sick, were fraught with peril, visited with the severest persecution, and yet Paul labored on, traversing the mountainous districts of Asia Minor, or tarrying at Ephesus to destroy the trade in idols, and so demolish the temple erected at the head of the harbor for the worship of the goddess Diana. His labors were not lost; today, over the track of centuries, they are yielding the proof metaphysical that Spirit is supreme, and we read today those immortal words that uttered his triumph, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" That Roman orator and Christian hero passed on to glory, but he passed not cheerlessly through the dark portals and shadow of death, but joyously through the understanding of Life; thus it was that prophet and apostle passed beyond the vision of their period and the senses lost sight of them in Soul.

The *Spirit* of Christianity casting out error and healing the sick, was fast waning at that period sixty-two years after the appearance of Jesus; its spiritual

element was becoming beclouded with materialism. The inventions of mortal and material mind were creating religions almost wholly material, and Rome was ravished by bloody Emperors; Nero, Dometian, Trajan, and Diocletian. Nero refusing to eat unless the shrieks of tortured Christians regaled his repast; but cringing in cowardice, he fled at last in the garb of a woman to thrust a dagger in his own breast. Dometian who ordered the Evangelist John to be thrown into a caldron of boiling oil, at length fell beneath the dagger of an assassin, after a career of crime and misery. Trajan who gave the pious Ignatius to beasts for the entertainment of his people, died in a state of extreme dejection, and so relieved the earth of his guilty presence. The Emperor Vespasion, by his humane deeds, lifted somewhat the pall from that period; one of his remarks is noteworthy; at the close of a day in which little opportunity had occurred for doing good, he exclaimed, "I have lost a day."

Among Rome's last conquests was the domain of Lenobia when the captive Queen, robed in the gorgeous attire of the Orient, followed on foot the triumphant car of Aurelius drawn by four stags. The history of pagan Rome down to the fifth century and on through the dark ages closed forever the glory of Rome. Of the different schools of philosophy, it may be said their teachings were in part based on Science, but never wholly; they blended good and evil, Spirit and matter, making God the remote cause of both good and evil.

Hearing of a Pythagorean who was a professor of ethics, Justin Martyr went to this man and informed him he wished to become one of his disciples. "Very well," he replied, "have you studied music, astronomy, and geometry, or do you think it possible to understand aught of that which leads to bliss, without having mastered the sciences that disengage the soul from sensible objects — rendering it a fit habitation for the intelligences?" What a material road to heaven, harmony of Spirit; what a divergence from Jesus' teachings, "except ye become as a little child, (i.e. divested of material dependence) ye shall in no wise enter into the spiritual kingdom!" On Justin Martyr's confessing he had not studied those branches, he was dismissed. Alas! for such material Christianity; of what avail is geometry to the poor inebriate struggling with temptation or the martyrdom of Jesus, to heal the sick?

Our philosophy and religion lack Science, or they would never support the theory that Spirit, that is infinite, is within the finite; therefore, that God is made subject to matter, and expect from such error of premises to destroy error. The ethics of religion that rests on aught but a demonstrable Principle that may be understood by all, and found to destroy sin and sickness, is not *proved* right, but only *believed* to be right; such theories teach lords many, and gods many; pre-supposing that God is fragmentary, that there is here and there a little of the infinite, as if the infinite could be a finite at times; they do teach one God, one

Spirit, and that one is the unerring, infinite and eternal intelligence that cannot enter finite man, but can and does govern all things from dust to Deity.

What we name matter are forms of mortal thought that appear just as the thought represents them, even as in our night dreams; these forms originate in mortal mind; they are classified, individualized, and are given their names by this mind. Immortal Mind or God made the tree a spiritual idea; mortal mind or material man believes the tree a product of matter. Spirit, God, creates all things spiritually and through immortal Mind. Material man materializes in thought God's creation, and produces a tree through his belief that matter does it instead of Spirit governing the result; he thinks that the seed produces the tree, but God knows that Mind produces all things; and whether through a belief that matter does it or the understanding that Spirit hath done it, Mind is the Parent of all. Let us remember that the spiritual creation is harmonious and immortal whereas the material is inharmonious and mortal: let us also remember that harmony is the reality of being and discord the unreal. There is an advantage in understanding this, for we get rid of the discord by so doing. This is our scientific discovery by which we learned that all error can be destroyed; denying it all prestige or power, reality or authority, from God, we get the better of error and it walks off, for error is a coward before Truth.

The beautiful ignorance and wisdom of Jesus, his ignorance of material theorems and understanding of the spiritual, has put to shame the proudest systems of ancient and modern ethics. The arrogant rabbi and devoted stoic failed to demonstrate spiritual life as taught and demonstrated by Jesus. Plato and Socrates afforded beautiful examples of pagan philosophy. Confucius was perhaps as near right as any one of them, but the Science of application or the metaphysical method whereby Jesus cast out error and healed the sick, was not really understood by any one of them. Christian healing was practiced for three centuries after the crucifixion of Jesus. Does the calculation astronomical, or the infinite after the method of the calculus, compare with the "peace be still" to the waves; that spiritual power that healed the leper and opened the eyes of the blind; that saith to matter thou art nothingness, and to Spirit thou art substance, Life and intelligence; that saith to the discords of matter, the discords of the senses, to pain and sin, thou art not the realities of existence for thou art not the Life that is Spirit and all Life is Spirit? The infinite Principle and its infinite idea harmonize and fill immensity, leaving no space for matter.

The Scriptures declare God is all and in all; then if God is all and God is Spirit, there is no matter. When referring to metaphysics Byron in a fit of humor wrote: Bishop Berkeley says what is mind? No matter, and what is matter? Never mind. Metaphysics are proved after the rule of mathematics in that the reversed statement of the rule proves the rule; for example: if four times five are

twenty, five times four are twenty; thus by the reversed rule of metaphysics we learn that if matter is not in Spirit, Spirit is not in matter. The learned Dr. Young of Edinburgh says God is the author of mind and of nothing else. In our researches into metaphysics, we have found neither evidence nor proof that Spirit creates matter, that good produces evil, that immortality produces mortality, yea, that God, Spirit, produces matter any more than that God produces sin. Mind is the generic term for all things. We classify Mind as the immortal Mind, or understanding, and mortal mind, or belief. The immortal Mind gives identity, outline, form and coloring to all that is real. The three kingdoms, mineral, vegetable and animal, comprise the different identities in Mind; that which Spirit evolves. What is termed mortal mind or belief hath its suppositional three kingdoms of error, and they are sin, sickness and death, each of which is a kingdom divided against itself that cannot stand and is finally self-destroyed. Matter has no sensation, matter cannot see, it cannot hear, it cannot feel. Only Mind hears, sees, feels, etc. Jesus proved this by multiplying the loaves and fishes without meal or monad; and he was not a mesmerist; the mesmerist works from the basis of mortal mind or error. Jesus worked from the basis of metaphysics, of immortal Mind and Truth.

That Mind is structural, or that it enters the objects it produces, is but a dream of mortal mind from which dream it is awakening hour by hour, day by day, and year by year. This dream is troubled, it being governed by mortal mind and is the same in the waking as in the sleeping hours; the only difference in our dream is, that the dream with unclosed eyes is more universal and lasts longer, than the dream with closed eyes. We learn from metaphysics that mortal or material life is a dream that goes on with both open and closed eyes; the dream with closed lids but illustrates the waking hours; both dreams are the history of thoughts and beliefs whose joys and sorrows are not the realities of existence. We no more see, hear, nor feel, through the agency of matter in our waking hours, than in the dreams of sleep. In the morning, it is familiar in memory that we shook the hand of a friend in our dream, or perhaps were sick and helpless, or perchance explored some far-off country, traveled wearily and sighed for home; or by another freak of belief, basked in the beauties of the tropics. Now had we not wakened from this dream, it would have remained to us the reality of existence, instead of a dream. Two dreams constitute what is termed material existence, or life and intelligence in matter; the longer dream we call the real existence — the shorter one — the unreal or dream; but one state is not more real than the other. The pain we feel in our night dream we say is in the body, and yet that body rests unconscious upon the bed, and we are far away from it perhaps in our dream and have our body with us and are saying, my body suffers. Now do you not perceive that the body material is but an embodiment of

mortal belief?

Friends, have any of you a dream that you are sick? Then let the dream pass, waken, and you will find your body not affected by it; even as the sleeper awakens to find his body on the bed unconscious of all he suffered. This divine ray from Science fell as a sunbeam thwart my path in a despairing moment, its light broke in upon my dream, and it awakened me to find my body unharmed. This great truth of meta-physics has for many years been my pillar of fire, lighting the gloom; it hath made the yoke easy, and the burden light. When weary and ready to faint it has said, "Awake thou who art wandering through the mazes of a troubled dream and walk forth whose feet are beautiful upon the mountains."

To this great question — what is mind, and where is it? — Professors Tindal, Darwin and Huxley have taken the extreme material view. While they are arguing with the eloquence of erudition and the support of scholarly attainments, that all is matter, we as a child at the feet of Truth have gamed the opposite evidence in metaphysics *that all is Mind*.

Mr. Darwin supports the theory that matter is self-created, that it evolves itself. Professor Agassiz brings forward the fact in natural history that one species cannot produce its opposite species, and any partial deviation from this rule is followed by a return to its original species; therefore, if man was once a monkey according to Mr. Darwin, he will again be a monkey according to Professor Agassiz. The theory of transmigration comforts the Chinese mother who gives her child the pleasant hope, that if he is a good boy he may in due time become a nice little bullock. But this reasoning, however fanciful, is not as logical, passing from effect to cause with as clear directness as the little girl's logic who, playing with her father, became noisy, and he said to her, "You are too noisy, you squeal like a little pig." This was an indignity to the little miss, and turning upon her father she archly asked, "Isn't the papa of a little pig an old hog?"

The Revelator on the Isle of Patmos, a privileged exile from the mass of mortal minds, beheld the seven seals of error opened, and the forms of mortal mind, corresponding to reptile and beast, pass in review before him. The hideous forms of malice, hatred and lies were unveiled in his presence, and the crowned beasts, the unbridled appetites and passions, and the seven-headed serpents of envy, hatred and lies; hypocrisy with the head of a dragon and face of a lamb; the Jerusalem that killed the prophets, the knowledge that suffocated Christian Science, yea, the materiality that killed spirituality and shut out Christian healing, all rose up out of the sea of mortal thought before the startled vision of the inspired seer. And they appeared and disappeared; whereby he learned rejoicingly the mortality and final destruction of all error; learned that

error disappeareth with matter and there is no more sea. Methinks none but the scientific John could well have borne that vision. One thing is certain, none but such as he could have reached it.

The loving Evangelist saw the spirit of Christianity, like an angel coming down from heaven — harmony; it was a sweet message from Soul that destroyed the error of sense, that healed the sick, that held in its right hand the interpretation of a little book that was sealed, its spiritual sense hidden from carnal mind. And that soft-winged whisper of Soul separated the tares from the wheat, the material from the spiritual, and cried, “Who is worthy to open the book?” Then appeared the scientific relation between Soul and body, God and man, Principle and its idea. And the beasts bowed before the lamb, sensuality and all error yielded to purity and Truth. The dragon was chained and cast into the bottomless pit; the belief that matter hath life and intelligence was fettered and forever destroyed. Then came down from heaven the new Jerusalem — the spiritualization of all things, the reign of harmony, the supremacy of Spirit; and there appeared the crystal river, the purity of being; and the tree of Life, the Science of being, the fruits whereof were for the healing of the nations. This spiritual sense and Science of being points to heaven and leads the way; giving us triumph over matter, ability to bear, strength to withstand, power over pleasure and pain, courage to follow our convictions, humility to meet menace and scorn, calm reliance in hours of darkness, and absolute dependence on the Parent of all good.

## NOTES FOR AN ARTICLE ON JESUS

Touch me not; for I have not yet ascended.

Those who were capable of understanding Jesus best, loved him most.

His soul sense was in conflict with the power of darkness, and he despised the shame; all the tints of human life threw their lights and shadows over his senses. He was grieved, he was angry, he was surprised, he marveled.

The design of Christian Science is to open the human heart to the direct influence of the divine nature.

That portion of natural law which regulates physical things is nearest to our knowledge, but is not the typical or universal.

Jesus is to us an individual power without form, a name of wonder without portraiture. I have a conventional head of Jesus which has come down to us through the schools of art.

The head of Christ as it comes to us from the Italian masters is to art what



the heart of Christ is to the human race.

Sometimes his disciples treated him as a companion. They expostulated and complained. They disputed his word and rebuked him. They looked on him with love, and fear. His teaching is indicated by sympathy, versatility, universality. It is neither ascetic nor stoic, Grecian philosophy, Judean religion, Buddhism, pantheism, agnosticism, theosophy, esoteric or exoteric. He touched the eyes of the blind, he put his finger in the ears of the deaf, he laid hands upon the sick. His nature was not unfluctuating: it had periods of overflow and of subsidence.

## REVERSAL

The only benefit derived from a lie is the truth that it denies. I have learned through long experience to trust God, good, and to distrust His opposite — hence, slander, vituperation, and revenge directed toward an individual calls my attention toward that individual and the result is, I acquaint myself with the facts which the lies have introduced which might not have occurred. The greatest sufferer on earth has the surest prospect of heaven, its joys and realities. The unreal introduces the real, and the real introduces the unreal and *vice versa*; hence, good is the procurer of evil and this evil is good when understood. “Behind a frowning providence He hides a shining face.” You look upon the trials of another person and call them trials, whereas this person is led to understand them as blessings. You call one sick, when he is well, and well, when he is sick. Now suppose we challenge the things that are seen with unreality, and the unseen with reality, and question severely our prosperity and question as severely our adversity — where would we find ourselves? In the hands of the unseen. Meet the question of right with the highest understanding of charity and love; meet the question of wrong with the highest understanding you have of its nothingness, its powerlessness to disturb or to destroy. Then, having done all, stand, having on the breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation.

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## PROPHECY

This reckoning between the material and spiritual to decide what is Truth and what is error, or what is out of matter in Science, or what is in matter which is belief — is just what today is agitating the globe, and that very controversy which Truth, through the man Jesus, held of old with the priest and doctors. The

Christ of theology is an official personality. From this error of belief first arose the creed of Romanism which instituted a pope to pardon sin, naturally supposing that if Jesus, who was a man, forgave sin, so might another man forgive sin also. Herein we see that the one fatal mistake which has destroyed the understanding of what *Christ* is, was a *matter idea* throughout, first with the Jews and ever thereafter with all religious sects, taking the letter instead of the spirit of the Word. Hence the ignorance of mythology, the crime of persecution, the darkness and doubt which have been the results of this error in the premise, which took the Science of God and cast lots for it, giving a part only of its beauty, holiness and harmony to each belief. . . . Had religion been taught in the Science of God, then it would not have been rent, as Truth, or Christ, prophesied that its garment would be, even after his teachings of Science and the final demonstration thereof. But error has parted the robe of righteousness and garment of Truth which healed the sick, and cast out devils, casting lots for its vesture.

The voice of wisdom, or God, speaks to the spiritual senses as in the case of numberless instances in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments, and down to the present time. . . .

But taking Truth away from Science and explaining it through belief, is to lose Principle from the understanding, and put your intelligence in matter. Then comes the endless error of chance, and change, and crime through all theories, which ought to convince us that we have wandered far from Science, for in the workings of Principle there are none of these. When the voice of wisdom, uttered to the spiritual senses, is taken, by belief, and given to some personality, such as a red man, or a white man, then have we left Science for belief and departed from the spirit of Truth, putting intelligence in matter, and what is the result? That error follows, in chance and change and loopholes for wrong to come through. Your communications now may be right, or they may be wrong. This is the error of material belief. The wisdom of spiritual truth (and all truth is spiritual) is never found in matter or personalities, but outside of matter in Principle which controls matter, and which Principle can only be learned in Truth when it is understood through Science.

The error of placing the belief of life in blood, has demanded the sacrifice of blood to sprinkle its altar ever since. . . .

The Jews thought that Christ, or Truth, was in matter when they crucified the body Jesus, and that they were at length rid of that troublesome Truth which healed the sick and cast out error, drawing multitudes to believe in it, even though they could not understand it; but because theirs was a belief instead of the understanding, while they called it of God, they interpreted it away from God, *i.e.*, allowed its Principle in Science to remain untouched, and explained it only

as what it seemed to them.

But even the malignant ones whose learning scorned a reproof, and who thought they had hid Truth in a sepulchre because they had buried the matter belief there, learned to the contrary, when this same Truth could reveal itself again in Science with a body like unto the former one, which Science understood how to make, but which matter could not create.

But to the personal senses, this Science was so obscure, they would not admit that Jesus was composed of flesh and bones as before, and called him a spirit, when there are in truth no spirits but the spirits of good and evil.

The obscure understandings of this age, those to whom Truth hath not revealed itself through Science, would not see as much of Christ, or Truth, as did even the rarefied belief of his disciples. Had those disciples understood Science as they did afterwards when Science or the Holy Ghost came to their spiritual senses, then would their belief of Truth have condensed out of a belief into understanding, and the body of Christ, or Truth, which they thought a spirit, and which is now thought a spiritual body, would have become to them the same body as before.

Man talks of nature's laws, when if by nature he means wisdom, or God, the Principle, it has nothing to do with such laws. Such laws as man calls appertaining to health are nowhere given in Science, or indeed needed in the Principle, wisdom. The right and wrong that man has given as the standard of morality and religion, is a *belief* of man. . . .

To understand this Science of wisdom or God, is to be able to control matter and its conditions.

But to believe in the so-called laws of nature, is to yield your control to matter, and thus to become the sad victims of this great error.

The spiritual requirements of Truth are not only imperative in their nature, but always bring a blessing in their obedience, and this blessing shows itself on our bodies in harmony and health — just as the science of mathematics shows itself upon the figures if they are controlled after a principle of truth, instead of being controlled according to a belief that cannot be understood through demonstration, but will result in error of some sort. This was the Principle, wisdom, or God, upon which Truth, or Christ, founded His church, or body, the liberty of the gospel — outside of the laws of matter which are belief — and in the Principle of Science never varying in its equitable fulfillment.

This was that which Truth taught over eighteen centuries ago which was able to heal the sick, walk upon the wave, cast out error, and live on with its body of truth above the error of death.

But this also was that very Truth which the world then, as now, made war upon, and that which being spiritual was rendered material by the

misinterpretation of man.

A material belief has ever demanded a material religion for the Soul, or Principle of man — and a material cure for the body sick through the error of man's belief.

A material worship was insisted upon by those who established religion by law, and burned at the stake those who would not admit their belief that the sacrament was holy, inasmuch as it was the very body and blood of Christ. These creeds and cardinals are the work of men's hands.

Hitherto the records of Science have not been traced in blood. But the time cometh when the material belief of man must yield to Science, and then will his spiritual self assert its superiority over matter, and the millennial peace have come.

I learn this parable of the fig tree, or budding premise of the nineteenth century: that when the wisdom of man is taken out of opinions and belief, and returns to a Principle of Science for its intelligence, the error of life will have given up its ghosts, and such a time as this hath not been from the beginning nor ever again will be. The first perception of the woe, the sin and suffering produced by material belief, by placing our intelligence in matter, may so ferment the passions of that age, that the violent reaction of credulity, after looking its first look upon the vagaries it has pursued, upon the phantom it has called reality, may baptize this monster error in the blood of its own believing, and the sun of its center be forever darkened in that great and notable day, which shall be the end of the world to opinion and belief and the new happiness and new understanding of Science.

That the approaching light of Science may come through sweeter footprints than were these, is the desire of my soul; yet, not my will but Thine, O Principle, Father, be done.

#### LINES FROM MRS.EDDY

The student is not yet where he can heal without the argument, or hold himself right. Malicious animal magnetism is at work to deprive loyal ones of this power, and mentally persuade them not to argue. Why? Because this *truth-telling* is a great neutralizer of its lies. Keep up your mental argument on the side of Truth more than ever before, and tell others to do this. Be watchful and every day ask Love to keep you from temptation and give you daily bread, grace to know and to do God's work.

Try to realize the omnipotence of Life and Love, the in-breathing of His

presence. Arouse yourself to a clear sense of God's power, the eternal and ever-conscious Mind, which knows only Life. Fear and death are powerless in even a faint perception of the meaning of these declarations of Truth. Animal magnetism, ignorant or malicious, you cannot deprive me of intelligence, Truth or Love. You cannot separate me from God; you cannot dim my spiritual perceptions; you cannot make a law that I cannot help myself or others.

God is my strength and my refuge, the only intelligence, the only power, the only Mind. You are not intelligence; you are not mind, or any of its attributes. You are not power. You are non-intelligence; you are non-existent and non-entity. You cannot argue to me, neither can I hear you argue. You cannot produce any belief of poison, either of arsenic or any other kind, for there is no poison, and if there were, it could not harm me, for we are told that we may handle serpents or drink any deadly thing and it cannot harm us. You cannot produce any new belief in me, or bring back any old ones, for there never was any belief or believing. Nor can you bring any belief in my family, patients, or students. "For I am persuaded, that neither death nor life, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

Animal magnetism cannot think, do or feel. It has no existence nor creation, never has been, nor ever will be. It cannot manifest itself in grades of error, called electricity, mediumship, spiritualism, theosophy, agnosticism, psychology, astrology, sooth-saying, hypnotism, or any other form of sin, sickness or death, for God is All, and the only creator of the only universe and man, and we are His children; realize the all-completion, the all-fullness, the omnipotence.

We know we do reflect Life, Truth and Love, and we are in His image and likeness; hence there is no inaction of mind, no lethargy, no insanity, no stagnation, no hypnotism; evil in none of its claims can penetrate and subtly take possession of the so-called unconscious mortal mind, for there is but one Mind, and that is all-conscious, all-acting, all-motion. Love is never ceasing in its protection, for God is All and there is none beside Him. There is no life, substance, or intelligence in animal magnetism. There is no power nor claims to power in hatred, envy, malice, jealousy, revenge, sympathy or fear to me or my friends, or patients through me, for God is Life, Love, Truth, substance, intelligence, Principle, Mind, Soul, Spirit, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, All-in-all.

There is no polarity, electricity; there are no earth currents, no nerve centres; there is no telegraph over the nerves of the body; no transference of one mortal mind thought to another. There is no mesmerism, ignorant or malicious.

Christian Scientists will find the effects of the attack and approach of mesmerism to be a sort of paralysis or inaction of mind which will be revealed upon the recovery of right condition of thought by the vitality and life that has conquered the numbness and fear. When such attacks seem to approach, by immediately uncovering the condition of mind and mentally inquiring of self, "Am I reflecting God, or am I absorbing evil?" and putting that thought into action by addressing the counteracting thought of Spirit to whatever seems to be attacking you from mortal mind, you will set yourself free from bondage.

Animal magnetism fosters suspicion and distrust where honor is due, fear where courage should be strongest, reliance where should be avoidance, a belief of safety where would be the most danger, and those miserable lies ground constantly into mind, fret and confuse it, spoiling that individual's disposition, and undermining his health, and sealing his doom, unless the cause of the mischief is found and destroyed. Other minds are dormant by it, with a mental haziness which admits of no intellectual culture or spiritual growth.

Another state induced by this secret evil, is a species of intoxication in which the victim is led to believe and do what he would never otherwise think or do voluntarily. This intricate method of animal magnetism is the essence of spirit of evil which makes man drunken.

The alcoholic habit is the use of higher powers of matter, wherewith to do evil; whereas, animal magnetism is the highest form of mentality, wherewith to complete the sum total of evil.

The malicious aim of animal magnetism, or perverted mind power, is to paralyze good, and give activity to evil. Watch your thoughts and see whether they lead you to God and into harmony with His true followers.

Do you find any difficulty in healing? If so, strive for the higher sense of the nothingness of matter, namely, the allness of God. Do not care to search into causation, for there is no cause or effect in matter. All is Mind, perfect and eternal. Whenever you treat a patient, include in your understanding of the case, that no ignorant or malicious mind can affect the case, then there is no relapse. Science tells us this in all it manifests.

Progress is the law of the infinite, and finite views are but the suppositions and beliefs. Now, realize this and be a law to every case. When you commence treating, know there is but one Mind, and this one governs your patient. There are no minds to interfere; error is not mind and has no power over you or your patient.

These are the rules for you to work out every hour of your life. Realize constantly that no malicious mind can affect you, or make you believe you cannot cure your patient. Begin this way.

Oh! may you feel the touch of mother's hand, of the spiritual idea, that is the light in your path. God gives you daily supplies, never ask for tomorrow. It is enough that love is ever-present help, and if you trust, never doubting, you will have all you need every moment.

What a glorious inheritance is given to us through the understanding of omnipotent Love. More, we cannot ask, more we do not want; this sweet assurance is the "Peace be still" to all human fear and suffering.

#### WORDS BY MRS. EDDY

I cannot suffer except I sin. I will not sin; therefore I cannot suffer. Animal magnetism is a lie of belief without a believer. I know what you claim, but I am not afraid of you or any suggestion that you offer. You are neither person, place, nor thing. You have no power, presence, nor personality. You cannot reach me nor influence me through envy, hate, fear or error of any name or nature. The deceiving power of the universal thought, or law, is rendered null and void by the law of divine intelligence which is absolutely the only law and power.

Animal magnetism cannot present itself to me in the guise of contagion, lack of time, lack of friends, or any other lack, materially or spiritually, for God is the source of all supply, and this supply is *never* limited. I am not bound by any deceiving personality. I am not restricted in thought, capability, or work. Error has no power to misrepresent me, hinder my advancement in any way. Envy, dislike, pride, hypocrisy, lust, self-will, self-justification, self-pity, self-love, have no power nor place in me. The claims of sickness, nervousness, or weak back, contraction, or poor circulation are unreal and have no power nor place in me.

Life, Truth and Love are laws of annihilation to anything unlike God. I am spiritual, for I am the image and likeness of God, Spirit, and reflect all that is

pure, upright and true. The acceptance of material body as personality, apart from Mind, is but the engine of mental malpractice and does only mental malpractice's work.

*Let* the divine Mind illuminate and abolish mental malpractice until there is not a dark corner; then we shall know that neither food, climate, nor any seeming condition can affect the body in any way, for there is but one cause, God, good. God is the only actor, the only Saviour, the only governor of man. There is no confusion in Truth. Malicious animal magnetism cannot separate me from my best and greatest good, nor limit my supply in any way. It cannot touch me with any claim of poverty in myself or in anyone else. Spirit is my unlimited source of supply. I am not dependent upon any personality for my needs. Malicious animal magnetism cannot hide my work from me, nor make me feel failure or lack. I am born *free*, not in bondage to anyone or anything, for divine Principle leads me. There is no power in anger, ill-temper, scorn, or contempt. There is no power in prejudice, or superstition. There is no power in selfishness, envy, jealousy, pride, hate, malice, or revenge. I am a law against all that is false. I deny that the appearance that we call matter has any life, substance, or intelligence, because God is the only Life. Only the good has power. God is my health. God is my wisdom. The belief of sickness is not true, and is brought on by animal magnetism, universal false belief. I am not subject to the laws of mortal belief in sickness, sin and death, and the belief lasts only while I believe in the power of matter. I am hid with Christ in God where no mortal sense can find me and where no mortal belief can reach me. Mind sustains man. I am renewed daily in the image and likeness of God and cannot lose one faculty which expresses my divinity. I am free from the beliefs that have claimed to hold me in bondage. *I am free.*

There is but one substance, one power, one intelligence, one Life, one Love, which is the one God of the universe, who is Spirit, the all-good which fills all space and is omnipresent. I deny the reality of sickness, of sin, of suffering, and of error, of loneliness. I deny the power of evil in every guise. I deny the false beliefs entertained in sickness and nervousness, in misfortune, poverty, discouragement, or fear, or doubt, or foolishness.

God is all abundance. There is no good in hypnotism or mesmerism, self or foreign, ignorant or malicious, theological or medicinal, that can have any power over me morally, physically, or financially. There is only one Mind in or near me, and there is no personality in the kingdom of God; hence, error has no power to enforce or inject into my thought any mental poison, or set in motion



any law or action that can interfere with Truth and Truth's demonstration anywhere within the radius of my thought.

Animal magnetism is the unification of mental falsities manifested by humanity as the belief of mind, selfhood in matter. Fear is faith in evil. Courage is faith in good. Doubt is trust in evil. Confidence rightly directed is reliance, is trust in God, good. God is the only cause. Spirit is the only substance. Love is the only force. Harmony is the only law. Now is the only time.

There is no discordant past; no clouded present; no dreaded future. All the past there is to us is our present consciousness of it. Accordingly, if we can get our present consciousness right, we shall realize our freedom.

According to your steadfastness in excluding evil from thought after you have unmasked it, do you deal with it scientifically, and according to this same steadfastness are you blessed. Malicious animal magnetism stands ready to argue misunderstanding, and the only safe way in hours of trial is to obey the adage, "Silence is golden." If anyone has wronged you, they cannot hide it from wisdom. We must all look to Principle and let the light dispel the darkness, and settle down to peace and prosperity.

There is no mortal mind that can influence or darken our consciousness. Love is almighty. Keep declaring that Principle, Life, Truth and Love are omnipotent. It is Love that uncovers and overcomes.

Declare daily, "I am healed, and scientifically healed." Christian Science is the victor, and vanquishment is unknown to omnipotent Truth. I cannot be grieved or disappointed, since God is All and my life is hid with Christ in God. There is nothing lost. Mental malpractice cannot reverse my declarations, cannot touch my conscious or unconscious thought, for there are not minds many. There is only one Mind, divine Mind.

No aggressive mortal suggestion can cause me to forget my duty to God, to our Leader, or to mankind. Mind is unlimited in its source and supply. Man's substance is in Mind, and cannot be impoverished. There is no poverty, no lack. Fear is no part of consciousness. Consciousness is cognizant only of the things of God, good. There is no reality in discord. God's child cannot suffer and be unhappy, because God is the only power and He never made anything but love and peace.

Ingratitude, avarice, greed, dishonesty, fretfulness, worry, anxiety, fear *must be* handled and cast out. We must handle sensitiveness as sin; it is the sin that tends to suspicion, doubt, anger, resentment, contrariness, stubbornness, jealousy, envy, and a host of others. We must handle this lie and cast it out. We must know that we are free from sin. God made it not. "The Word begat us," and the Word heals and delivers us. It is the Word that heals and saves us from all our destructions.

I need to know every moment that God is the only Mind, the only intelligence and source of wisdom and power. Therefore, no other claims to power or mind can rule me or be manifested in my life or conduct. Be watchful and demonstrate that Truth and Love can and do triumph over every obstacle that confronts us and vanquish every temptation that assails us. In this critical time we must draw nearer to God and prove Him to be an ever-present help in time of trouble. Mortal mind cannot embrace me in the claim of poverty; in the claim of matter or fear. All this is mesmerism and cannot embrace me in it.

What a glorious inheritance is ours through the understanding of omnipotent Love. We cannot want to have a more sweet assurance than this, "Peace be still" to all error. At this moment there is harmony throughout the universe, for God's law is harmony. At this moment each idea is in its rightful place and is satisfied and contented. As each idea is the expression of God's being, and each idea reflects Life, Truth, and Love, therefore each idea reflects and expresses health, harmony and activity here and now.

God is the Principle and Life of all His ideas. He is, therefore, the only source of all that constitutes a "living." Man's living, then, is made. God has made it and man is dependent only on God for it. The only laws that govern the reflection or association of the activities of the one Mind are the laws of God, and they are justice and fairness to each idea. We are able to recognize that this Principle must be Love, because the Principle which sustains and maintains all can include in itself no element of oppositeness. Principle must manifest love in all its infinite activities. This maintaining power is infinite wisdom and is omnipotence, and this supply can never fail nor be diminished, else God would cease to be God. Ideas cannot accumulate in one place and be absent from another, for there is no place where the law of God is inoperative. There can be no such concept as lack in consciousness that is of God, hence, there can be none in the consciousness that is man. The "business" of God's universe is based on unchanging law and has no state of inaction or over-action; it is the harmonious and perfect relationship and association of infinite activities, and

individual man performs unerringly and surely his part in the whole. Whoever scorns another depreciates himself. Whoever sees another less than the image of God defaces his vision of the excellence of his own true being and of the righteousness of God. Whoever declares another's fallen condition, admits his own and lays himself open to like temptation, for we be brethren; one cannot sneer at another's weakness and be quite strong himself. One cannot desire to find in another the marks of impurity and not find himself less pure.

In Christian Science it is realized that the admission of evil into thought is a crime against the thinker, and its presence is his punishment.

I don't care what mortal sense has done; I don't care how it has beat me, and worked me, and insulted me, wronged me and lied to me, and tortured me. It is all past and it is a dream. I have found Love at last. I can lie down in the Father's arms and be at peace. I love God supremely. Mortal sense has done its worst. I have passed through the Red Sea, and under the rod, and been nailed to the cross, and still I am God's own child, hid with Christ in His arms, safe in green pastures.

How pitiful would be our fate if it were impossible for us to work out our own salvation! The belief that it is easier to make unreal the trouble of another than to rise above *discord in our own experience* is complete reversal of the Truth about the way of salvation. To believe this is to check progress and paralyze all righteous effort, and that, of course, is the purpose of suggestion.

When we understand that the one business of evil is to lie, and assiduously to urge us to believe that lie, when we understand that the Christian Scientist's business is to know enough about God and man to enable him to refute that lie, then all claims of evil will appear to be what they are in the ultimate analysis, *nothing*, and shall find the task of refusing to believe no more arduous in one instance than in any other.

As I am the reflection of Life, which is the only intelligence and action, I am always acting, and never acted upon by fear, anxiety, discouragement, thought-transference, nor any other claim of evil. The action and intelligence which I express lead me to see the right way in everything.

God never fails to be expressed through His ideas, and nothing can limit God's expression. Your mentality is the expression of God. The source of intelligence is infinite and flows on abundantly through you, and your only

responsibility is to listen in consciousness and Mind will do it all. There is no place where the Saviour, the Truth, is not working. It is working with you, and with all connected with you. Intelligence is at the helm and carries with it all action. No material condition ever stopped the flow of substance from divine Mind.

Truth's work is done by Truth alone, peerless, incorruptible, and self-complete. Truth blesses with wisdom, strength, and guidance all those who trustfully and unreservedly submit their all to Her keeping and yield themselves to become the instruments of Her righteous and unvarying law. She asks not for labored service at our hands, but only for opportunity to work in and through us, and to every truly loyal heart She brings unmeasured gladness and gain.

The book of Isaiah is called the "Gospel of Promise." We should apply it to our daily needs. Declare daily that no hard, wicked, irreligious or anti-Christian thoughts can touch us from any mortal mind. There is no mortal mind, no evil. There is no decay nor death to the nerves, no destruction to the fluids, nor death to the secretions. To-morrow you have no business with. We steal if we touch to-morrow. It is God's. Every day has enough in it to keep us occupied without concerning ourselves with the things beyond.

There is nothing within me that corresponds with, or responds to, any form of evil. There is no illusion of poverty. God made all, owns all there is, and it is good. I am joint-heir with Christ, in God, and have my share of everything. I am exempt from want, loss, lack or limitation of any kind. There is no material resistance that can limit me. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Abundance cannot lapse into lack since God is my fountain source of infinite riches and plenty. I can and do demonstrate the wealth which comes from God with no interruption in its flow. I am prosperous and successful, kept so by an inexhaustible supply. There is no mental self-mesmerism. I have fulness of supply and abundance. There are no adverse circumstances, no avarice, no greed, no trust in money, nor love of money. I live in the land of promise. The power of divine intelligence gives me a business capacity without limitation, an acuteness and comprehension, a perception of character, and a clear-cut and systematic knowledge which leads to success. The Truth reflected by me attracts to me trade from all channels of good; there is no sickness, fear, doubt, anxiety, enmity, hate or jealousy. These discordant conditions of business have no power over me. I cannot attract them. There is no unrest, discouragement, uncertainty nor failure. I have an inexhaustible supply of harmonious ideas, and full command of them through the power of Mind, God. I draw my supply of

business ideas from the infinite, unending, unlimited source of Mind. Understanding this, I know there is no insufficiency, lack or poverty. "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." I live in an atmosphere of plenty in Mind. There is no scarceness in Mind. God's idea is nourished, refreshed, and clothed in immortality. If God is All, you need not be afraid. Anything you can be afraid of is unreal, and this fear is both senseless and useless.

The divine Mind is yours to draw from and execute with, to bring out in your business harmony, success and prosperity. There is no avarice, greed, trust in money, or love of money. You have abundant proof of God's loving care and His law of supply. You live in the land of promise. God has called you out of any sojourn in Egypt (in darkness) to return to your own country and inheritance. The days of hunger, famine, thirst are past. God is Principle, substance, Life. Man as His image reflects the capabilities and possibilities of Spirit. There is no power nor presence that can resist good nor prevent your prayer from being answered, from being effectual. While you remain in this attitude of mind you are obedient to the Principle of your being and naught can hinder your healing the sick and the sinning.

My resources, supply, are infinite and the great omnipotent Principle of the universe governs me, and all things relating to me. Divine Love surrounds me. Life enfolds me. Intelligence, power and substance are the source of my being. There is no universe but Life, Truth and Love. There is but one power in the universe and that is God. God is omnipresent and omnipotent. Apparent evils are not entities nor things of themselves; they are simply the absence of light. But God, good, is omnipotent, so that apparent absence of good, evil, is unreal. It is an appearance of evil. Pain, sickness, poverty, old age, cannot master me, for they are unreal. There is nothing in the universe for me to fear, "Because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John). My needs are all supplied; no good thing can be withheld.

In my business, there is no competition. All the work there is, is God's work. It is God's work that I am doing. I am revealed to the ones who need what I have to give, and these same ones are revealed to me. Nothing is hidden in divine Mind. Divine intelligence directs, divine Love protects, divine Mind unfolds to me each day all that I need to do and say.

There can be no failure for our work when we realize that God is our Life, our substance, our source of supply, and our sole employer. There is no

middleman between eternity and us. There is no obstacle in Love. Love's blessing rests on every right effort and there is no power to defeat what God has blessed. God is abundance. God supplies all substance. Mental malpractice, error, cannot keep us from that abundance, neither can it impoverish us spiritually, mentally, or financially. We have nothing to do with effects. If the work within has been well done, God will take care of the outward manifestation.

The tendency of material sense all of the time is to divert the attention from the within to the without, and we know full well that inward rot is more destructive than all outward attacks joined together. God's child can never make a mistake, can never lose an opportunity, never cause a regret. His life is bright with abundant goodness, hope and promise. Love has a plan and a purpose for everyone to fulfill, and none can escape it, or fail to perform the will of God. There is no such concept as lack in consciousness that is God, hence, there can be none in the consciousness that is man. The business of God's universe is based on unchanging law, and has no state of inaction or overaction. It is harmonious and perfect, the relationship and association of infinite activities, and individual man performs unerringly and surely his part in the whole. Love contains; Love maintains; Love sustains.

#### STATEMENTS GIVEN TO CALVIN A. FRYE

Be patient, dear sir; wait for the age to give us experienced Christian Scientists taught of God by the things that they suffer. Then we shall have the true disciple, and you and I will rejoice.

What we have to meet is the fear, the image which produces that fear, and the belief which creates the image which produces the fear. It does not exist in reality and never did, for there is one Mind, one reality, and that is health, harmony and immortality. Rest assured you will be strong in the strength of a holy purpose, for the meek inherit the earth. You have my love and prayer, the sacred a b c of an humble heart; your hope is in God who works with those who work with Him; hence, your assurance of help.

Declare continually your own perfection and freedom, and let the true and divine idea destroy the mesmerism that argues that you are sick and unhappy. The true idea is your Saviour. God has placed us all in our orbit and, like the stars, we are held there by *His power*; one cannot interfere with another and none can fall out.

I cannot hurt anybody, nobody can hurt me, and I cannot hurt myself. Nothing can come to me but what comes from God, and nothing can go forth from me but that which goeth forth from God, good, divine Love.

Everyone in this house is better every hour, every half-hour, and every moment they are gaining health, holiness, and all things work together for good to them that love God.

Renegade students and mesmerists make a law that old beliefs shall come back, and we must know that if they seem to appear it is mesmerism and not disease. These laws have not yet been broken in belief for the students. In cases where death has been imminent, the error has been met when it was understood that it was mesmerism and not belief that was killing.

Rouse to know your Christ-selfhood in Spirit. *Science and Health* 12:14. This is your divine right, for the image and likeness of God is the Christ, the infinite idea of Spirit, Mind. Wake right out of this dream. Nobody is hurting you. There is but one Mind and no other to harm you. You cannot relapse for God is All. He does not relapse. You cannot be hypnotized, for Life, Truth and Love is the only Mind or power, or presence upon earth and in heaven and that is not a hypnotizer. You cannot be poisoned unless you consent, and you will not. You cannot be poisoned by any lying argument, for a lie is nothing, not even an argument. You cannot die if you try to and not one word that you believe about yourself is true, and you do not believe it.

The perfect and divine law of adjustment working through the ever-present and eternal law of attraction is bringing to me that which belongs to me. Love is everywhere. Abide in Love. Nothing can touch or harm you in Love. Know that you live in Love. Love is God as Life itself. Take this understanding with you and bless others with Love. Remember, my dear, that there will be nothing come to you that you cannot overcome. The victory is yours by inheritance; claim it and use it as yours.

There is but one law, the law of God. There is but one court, the court of heaven. It is a court of absolute justice, whose decision is final. Human concepts and opinions have been formulated into so-called laws and human courts have administered these laws, but God is the final arbiter, and supreme Judge. Law means orderly and continuous activity. Therefore, the active energy emanating from Mind is law, and is eternally established. Mind, or active infinite intelligence,

is of necessity law. All true active thought, motive, and purpose are in divine Mind.

Animal magnetism, ignorant or malicious, you cannot dim my spiritual perception. You cannot separate me from God. You are not intelligence. You are not power. You are not Mind, nor any of its attributes or attitudes. You are non-entity. You cannot argue to me, penetrate or subtly take possession of the so-called mortal mind.

There is one infinite Mind and that Mind is my mind and governs me. All my thoughts come to me from this Mind and return to their source. In this Mind there is no material sense, no other mind, no mortal mind, to tempt, to harm or control. Know this, realize it, and you are master of the occasion, of yourself and of others. Hold on through all this animal magnetism and fear, and though fear may make you suffer even unto death's door, God will — He will deliver you.

Malice, sensible matter, you lie, you sin, you suffer. God never made you. There is no hate, hence, no poison. There is no anger, hate, no pain. There is no fear, hence, no death, for God is all. God is Love. What thou needest to know is that mortal mind has translated this body and its functions into matter, and immortal Mind gives back its original with functions preserved and harmonious, but not as now in matter, but as in Mind.

I used to say before going before an audience, "Now, dear God, here I am. Use me. I *am* absent from the body and present with Thee in consciousness." Love uses me in its own good way. I would lift myself right out of the material sense of self and audience and let God use me.

Love is the spirit and bond of all Christian Science, hence, the wide-spread influence and benefits of the divine Principle on our hearts and lives, and that of all mankind. Are we not a peculiar people by covenant and adoption! May this divine light and its broadening rays cheer, guide and bless you always.

The term Mind and body literally means God and man, for man is the expression of Mind, and the manifestation of Mind is the embodiment of Mind — thus the fact that there is but one God. Body is, therefore, the aggregation of spiritual ideas forever governed and controlled by the law of Life, harmonious and eternal. It was never born, never had a claim, never suffered, never sinned, and never left heaven. The understanding of perfect body is the Saviour of the belief of body, for it is the law of recovery to any and every claim of error. Now Truth hammers error. If you stick to error, you get the hammering. Do not give



life to error. It cannot live without a body. God knows I live. I am not in the body and the body cannot talk to me. I love everyone and everyone loves me. Only love can come to me or go from me, for God is Love and I manifest this Love. My idea of God is the answer of Him to me and I to them. God is the only Life; Spirit is the only substance; Love is the only law and now is the only time. I have always known that victory is as certain now as it will be a century hence.

## ARTICLE ON SUPPLY

GOD is a business God. He attends to the business of the universe, and you reflect this business ability. The divine and perfect law of attraction is operating in and through the law of adjustment, bringing to me all that belongs to me. Today divine Mind adjusts me to my work, and adjusts my work to me. Under this law of adjustment, God's law, my work must be successful. Through steadfast declaration, work and worker are brought together. Thus supply meets supply and God's perfect law is brought into manifestation.

Our Father is rich and will not deprive us of one good thing, but will add continually to our storehouse of blessings. Everything belongs to God. It is ours now as His reflection for there are no debts in divine Love. Whenever there seems to be a lack or need in your existence, that simply indicates the scientific fact that the seeming need is already supplied by God's gracious abundance. Then give thanks with your whole heart because you have learned in Christian Science that God's supply is ever at hand.

Evil argument and mental suggestion cannot frighten, swerve, deter or keep me from doing the work that is mine to do today. Divine Love, Mind, flows through every avenue, cleanses every channel, and removes every obstacle. I have nothing but Love to meet and nothing but Love to meet it with. My income is Life, Truth and Love. It is equal to any demand that can be made upon it. This income is my inalienable possession, derived from no earthly source, supplied through no material channel, dependent upon no human personality nor personal effort — not even my own — coming to me direct from God, neither to be hindered, stopped or turned aside; mine to receive, to possess, to use, to share, but never to hoard nor waste. It is to be received without doubt, possessed without fear, used without scruple, shared without apprehension that the supply can fail.

All things that the Father has are mine. These come to me and constitute my income. Unfailing, abundant, equal to all demands that can be made upon it. God gives wealth, not money, for He gives nothing that can fade or fail. Then, since money seems to be a necessary commodity, how am I to regard it? It is a

sign of value. Money is not value, it is a sign of value. Material possessions are not wealth but a sign of it. Then the possession of money means that I have access to the wealth of God, and that my Father which seeth in secret rewardeth me openly. He has given me the manifestation here and now that I have access to the hidden treasure — a secret bounty of divine Love.

Jesus did what he saw was best for his own spiritual welfare, no matter if the multitude did throng him. He left them and went up into the mountain to refresh himself. He did not look around and say, “Just see how many need help — no mount for me today or tonight.” He left them and went and returned refreshed and helped them more.

It is necessary that you keep your eye single to the light, and your whole body will be full of light. Don't look at self, look at Soul. Be not self-willed, be individually thinking your thoughts straight from God and not from mortals. It is just as erroneous to be governed by other people's wills as to be self-willed, for there is only one common foe, our self-will, not a human will in you and one in another, but our common self-will as opposed to the spiritual will which is the persistent keeping of the eye single to the light. Hold on to your Life. Let nothing rob you! Rise, not by will-power, but rise in exaltation. God loves you. He will not let you fall. The heart is a symbol of Love and to heal the weak heart we heal the weak sense of Life and Love. God loves you and you love Him. You are right in the heart of divine Love. You throb with active Love, the animating Principle. Life was never disturbed, never in pain, but pulsates in eternal harmony. These fearing times are only chemicalizations, like a big storm which gathers and breaks only to leave the atmosphere clear.

Now, worry does not demonstrate. All the mental energy one expends on worry would be better used in faith. Just pray when you do not know what to think, or sing a hymn to yourself until worry goes.

Nothing happens out of order; everything happens in the order of development for you. You pray to learn; then why be regretful when the page turns over and a hard lesson comes next? Let resentment go, and just roll up your sleeves, so to speak, and get to work and declare that you are going to squeeze all the benefit out of that experience that you can. Just learn to be glad of these chances to impersonalize error.

Do you spend much time on condemning yourself? That is self-murder. Our whole salvation lies in seeing ourselves as God made us, in His likeness, spiritual. If you find yourself beginning to grieve over yourself, refuse to look at it as you would a cut finger you want to heal. The doubts and fears you speak of are doubtless not your thoughts, but mental suggestions of other minds, whispered into your thought. To all such whisperings answer, “I don't believe you, you are a liar.” “Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.”

Only Love can lift you above it all. Love, love, love. Let nothing crush you, *rise immediately!* Love has no poison to impart. The only Mind is Love, and Life, and purity.

## CONSISTENCY

Is matter real? No; there is no matter. God is All, and God is Spirit; therefore they that worship Him, worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Is God Spirit? He is.

Then, do you make God, who is real, supreme in your affections, or are you making matter, which you admit is not real, supreme?

Are you striving, in Christian Science, to be the best Christian on earth, or are you striving to have the most costly edifice on the earth? Are you striving to make the most possible of matter, which you admit is unreal, or are you striving to make most of Spirit, which you admit is All, and that there is none beside Spirit?

Let every Christian Scientist answer honestly to his God the above questions, then obey the command, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." If it be Spirit, let it be Spirit; and if it be matter, let him acknowledge it, and remove his name from the list of Christian Scientists. This he must do, and will do if he is honest.

The more modest and less imposing material superstructure indicate a spiritual state of thought, and *visa versa*. The house Mrs. Eddy now occupies is larger than she needs, because she could not find exactly what she wanted; but it is a plain house, and its furnishings are not extravagant. Mrs. Eddy has continued to declare against the display of material things, and has said that the less we have of them the better. Since God has taught her that matter is unreal and Spirit is the only reality, any other position would be unscientific.

## MAN AND WOMAN

I have, from the beginning of my labors, uniformly associated men and woman in all endeavors to demonstrate Christian Science, physically, morally and spiritually. I have given the preponderance to the masculine element in my organizations for carrying out the functions of Christian Science. There is but one woman to three men on the Board of Education. The Board of Trustees are all men. The Board of Directors of The Mother Church are all men. The Board of Lectureship has eleven men and two women. The Publication Committees all

are men.

God is All-in-all. He is masculine, feminine, neuter. He is the Father and Mother of the universe. What need, then, of procreation or sex, since God is the only creator, and all is made that can be made quite unconsciously of sex or gender?

Herein we show no usurpation of power on the part of woman, either in the Principle, the rules, or the organization of Christian Science. The equality of man and woman is established in the premises of this Science. God made them male and female from the beginning, and they were in His image and likeness — not images, but image. In the divine Mind there is no sex, no sexuality, and no procreation; the infinite Mind includes all in Mind.

If there were minds many, there would be gods many, and we should lose monotheism at the start; but Christian Science maintains one God throughout. If God has at any period bestowed a superabundance of His image and likeness on man more than on woman, or *vice versa*, He is not an impartial God; whereas the Scripture informs us that God is no respecter of persons. If at any period the reflection of the masculinity of God seems more apparent and desirable to the human senses than the reflection of His femininity, it is because the human perception, apprehension, and understanding have not kept pace with the divine Love and order that characterize the period which manifests the dual nature of God, and the equality of man and woman.

The era of Christian Science never had a beginning; it always was. The human date, or Christian era, began practically with the advent of our Lord and Master, the Galilean prophet. The masculine element has had precedence in history; but the history of time is temporal — it is not eternal — and the precedents of time belong to the human and material and temporal — the antipodes of God. The divine data are forever spiritual and eternal. The masculine element must not murmur if at some period in human history time should take a turn in behalf of woman, and say — her time has come, and the reflection of God's feminine nature is permitted consideration, has come to the front, and will be heard and understood. Then the mandate human will appeal to man by works more than by words, and these shall declare whether Love is usurpation, or God's law, and whether the feminine element is less beneficial to mankind than the masculine.

At such a juncture, I would not dislike to be referee. I would declare that one was not less, nor more, important in God's sight than the other, and that in the divine order they both originated in one and as one, and should continue thus without taint of sexuality. Why, you admit that God's order has been infringed, and made to represent two sides of a sphere so-called, instead of the round whole. This digression came from suggestion, even the lie, and the liar

that from the beginning was the father of the lie: hence this lie was the so-called opposite of God, and confirms the present fact in Science that God has no opposite, since a lie is never true. This departure from Truth commenced with the words sex, sexuality, sensuousness, matter; and these are the objective state of what is called mind separated from God, the one Mind. The plurality of mind sprang from just this falsity. And the question of woman's wrong and woman rights sprang from the dire effect of one lie producing another, till the offspring of error mooted these questions to relieve its own creation. Divine metaphysics, which includes the sum total of all being, will finally answer and solve all questions in Science.

Now, then, let us return to God, to the divine Principle of the universe including man; we shall find therein no occasion for departure, no occasion for strife, no suggestion of pre-eminence, or disseverance of the masculine and feminine elements of God's creating — no question of whom shall be the greatest. Then the kingdom of heaven will be here and everywhere, and the one Father-Mother God and His children will be understood from everlasting to everlasting.

The so-called devil has always been at war with the divine; but, thank God, there is no power in a lie. Truth reigns. Discord may seem to antagonize harmony, but harmony cannot be touched by it. It is a divine Principle — eternal, immutable. If the so-called devil would fight with God over the comparative rights of His creation, and man and woman, his satanic majesty must succumb to the overrulings of divine Love. Christian Scientists cannot afford to drop their weight into the scale of evil on this topic, or on any other that conflicts with one God, one Mind, the Sermon on the Mount, and the recognition that woman is not least because last at the cross and first at the sepulchre — the last to linger in tender ministrations of love, and the first to discern the Christ idea — the life that is everlasting, that knows no pain, no death, no severance from Love — that burst the tomb, victorious over the grave, sin, disease, and death.

The feminine weakness that talks when it has nothing to say; that gossips, slanders, unwittingly or unconsciously; that envies or scorns where it should only pity, is out of line with being in Science and in line with the masculine element that robs innocence of purity, and peoples of liberty and life, in the name of the rights of might. These are indeed dark stains on the brighter disk of humanity. But God's dear love washes away these plague spots, and divine Science makes clean the inside of the platter, unselfs the human, and gives back the divine. "To err is human, to forgive, divine."

In Christian Science, God is demonstrable Life, Truth, and Love, and we live in Him only as we love God and man.

Along the lines of evil is the role of lamentation over the sins of others, not,

however, the lamentation of the prophet, just and reformatory. Failing in one act, evil quickly lifts the curtain on another. But the scene shifts, and behold a woman! — the almond blossom upon her head, busy hands and pen, never leaving the post of duty, but week after week, month after month, and year after year, toiling, watching, praying, and sending forth messages of God's dear love over all the earth. No remuneration, save the blessing it brings to mankind, compensates such a life: hence her refusal thereof, and joy to share the income from her books with the needy ones of earth and for life's best objects.

No person understands Christian Science who regards a corporeal man or woman as a Christ. The very nature, premise, and conclusion of God and man is sullied by such a thought. Christ is incorporeal. Jesus, the prophet of Galilee, the man in flesh, was not his better part or Christ apart from fleshliness; Christ was his Godlike nature, that never entered the material, temporal, or visible to human sight — that, as the Master saith, dwelt forever in heaven. Christ was the Son of God; Jesus was the son of Mary: hence the distinction he made when alluding to himself as the Son of God and the Son of man. This dual nature divine metaphysics clearly explains, and human nature must not becloud the interpretation of God and man. (Note: "Man and Woman" was copyrighted December 19, 1900. Under the date of December 7, 1900, in the Diary of Calvin A. Frye, is the notation "Judge Clarkson dined with Mrs. Eddy to-day and after dinner tried to convince her again that she was mistaken and the cause was going to ruin and the men were essential to take the lead of the cause of Christian Science, and to assert their rights without her dictation. He declared that he and she must come together.")

## THE SECOND ADVENT

Noticing the mistakes in the sermons published in the *Christian Science Journal* on the subject of Jesus and the Christ, I herewith state once again and for all time the pith of the meaning in your textbook that has settled this question on its scientific basis.

Mary, as the mother of Jesus, became the first scientific interpreter of the Christ idea, of Mary as the highest Interpreter of man and God, of man as woman which represents God's highest manhood.

C. A. L. Totten, U. S. A., in his excellent work *The King's Daughter*, writes, "It was the creation of *womanhood* that completed the equation which even yet we have not fully solved." His prophecies are grounded in Science. They reiterate the sacred Scriptural records and the logical syllogisms in *Science and Health* where the demonstration of being starts with the manhood of being and

rises to womanhood as the Christ idea and the Revelator's vision thereof, wherein the Spirit and the bride say, come.

Were Luther, Calvin, Melancthon, Wesley and thousands of other eminent personages walking down the dim vista of nineteen centuries fools? Does not Truth demand both the letter and Spirit of Christian Science whereby to instruct man-kind into the demonstrable understanding of the divine Principle and rule of Christ healing?

Now, stating Christian Science incorrectly must, does, prevent your demonstrating it. Error, contradicting Truth, is tempting Christian Scientists to form misconceptions of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd appearing of Christ and the relatives thereof. I warn you that this evil intent, if carried out, will take away your understanding of Christian Science and check the unfolding of Truth at this period. "Oh no," answers the zealot, "Truth has come to stay." I reply, "It never came, 'Twas ever here. But you can thrust it out of your own mind and that of others by misconceiving it and misstating it. Then how can it stay in your consciousness or anybody else's who does this?"

If you lose your correct statement of the Principle and idea of Science, you cannot demonstrate the Principle, and without this demonstration of healing the sick on the Principle you claim to demonstrate, how long would the claim to Christian Science deserve to stay among men? Your textbook vindicates the survival of the fittest, the immortality of Truth and the mortality of error.

Did Jesus teach the science of his healing and his students record it so plainly that the wayfaring man could catch the meaning until a woman was chosen by God to discover it and interpret it to mankind?

What is the second coming of Christ? It is another era of the world's awakening, a higher advent in human consciousness of the spiritual idea, the true character of God. This idea of God neither comes nor goes, for it is inseparable from its divine Principle, the ever-present I AM. But the human concept of this idea has its periods of light and shade.

Christian Scientists are not Second Adventists believing the finite appearing of infinite good. Every loyal Scientist understands that the second coming of Christ is the next higher, hence, more spiritual revelation of God's character. The Christian era presented the first tangible idea of God's character by its inspired man, Jesus. The era of Christian Science ushers in through woman the second appearing of His character and this from the necessity of His nature as the Father and Mother of all, the creator, even the complete and ever-present idea of God. Therefore, this era comes not through Jesus, but through Mary, the type of womanhood and mother of its first and forever appearing which divine Science alone can give. The third appearing of the spiritual idea of the character of God will present but the disappearing of all else, and establish the

supremacy of Spirit which obliterates the human sense of the divine, takes away all sense of matter and reveals the final fact that the idea, Christ, is not a materialized or finite man or woman, but is the infinite concept of infinite Mind.

Now, are you disappointed and declare, "She hath taken away my Lord and I know not where she hath laid him!" I have not taken away the real but the false conception of the individual God, the individual man, and the personality and merits of Jesus; but I have endeavored to dematerialize and unlimit your human dream of the divine, your material sense of the spiritual, your finite views of the infinite, and give you a scientific concept of Jesus and his mission, of the nature of Christ, of the mission of Mary as the mother of Jesus, the scientific interpreter of true manhood, womanhood, and the character of God.

Jesus' work on earth is done, for he as an individual finished his glorious earthly career and sat down at the right hand of the Father — left earth for heaven — in other words, he entered into the infinite sense of Life and its manifestation, never more to be manifest as flesh. This was the consummation of his earth mission, and it needs no reappearing or repetition to crown its glory.

All this is not the material Jesus, nor Mary, nor Martha, but the spiritual idea dwelling forever in the bosom of the Father-Mother God, because this idea is the link in being's chain which unites indissolubly the Father and son, man and God. The on-rushing centuries are declaring this idea higher and higher in the scale of being and will ere long yield to the sense of its ascendant glory.

## GENUINENESS OF THE SCRIPTURES

Blackwood, in his aids to the study of the Bible, writes that we have as satisfactory evidence that the Old and New Testament were written by the persons whose names they bear, as we have of the authorship of Herodotus, Xenophon, Livy or Tacitus; that in the early ages when evidence was available, the genuineness of the books of the New Testament was not questioned by heathen adversaries, or heretics.

But the strongest proof to my mind of the genuineness in the main of the Scriptures, is that the views of their writers exposed them to suffering and violent deaths, and yet they held steadfastly to the facts which they recorded. Had they not been honest in their records, they would have been men encountering great suffering in the maintenance of what they knew to be false and by immoral means attempting to establish a cross-bearing Christianity.

The Scriptures are not only to be regarded as authentic, but as containing the Science of being, even the truth of God and man, yea, of Soul and body. Therefore, they are an infallible guide when understood. Jesus, the great



Teacher and Demonstrator of Truth, recognized the Old Testament as inspired in some of its parts when the good old patriarchs and prophets spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; *i.e.*, the Science of being showing conclusively by form, style, and mode of thought, one Mind, even the intelligence that made man and the universe, that through more than fifteen hundred years was inspiring some author to utter the Truth that has since been rent and divided, even as the garment of Jesus, and falsely rendered through *ism* and *ology*.

## RULES FOR SEVERE ATTACKS

Begin your argument with “You are not frightened; there is nothing to fear; God is Love, and Love is all; there is nothing else.” If this does not carry every point, it is because you are not in the Spirit sufficiently.

Then cover strongly by denial any would-be law that your patient is not healed by Christian Science, and by arguing the allness of Love.

If the belief continues, take up the special symptom present with stern denial, declaring against it.

If this seems to aggravate the symptoms, take it up that the truth told of a lie cannot make one suffer, and there is no law that can make it appear to, and your patient can neither be discouraged by absolute truth, nor frightened by the truth spoken relative to error.

Also that we can help one another, for that is the law of God, and there is no hate or contrary law; no such law can be made, and your patient is not suffering from the truth you are declaring. The law of good is supreme, it governs this case, and nothing else can. Love reigns, and rules over all.

Do not be afraid to rebuke the symptom that is present, if the general truth has not taken it away, and turn your thought entirely to breaking the claim that your argument can increase the suffering, or produce an aggravation of symptoms, or chemicalization.

Always use *this* argument strongly, and *every day*, that she controls with Truth her own body, and nobody can control it one particle with error.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE

Find out the leading fear in the patient’s mind, and if that be mental malpractice or poisoning, judge from the symptoms what the poison is; then declare against this. Name it; say, “There is no such poison, no fear of it; no belief that you are poisoned; and awake from this dream! God is your only

Mind; divine Love is caring for you. You have no loss of appetite, but a relish for your food and there are no arsenical symptoms present, or that of narcotics, or cyanide of potassium, or any other poison. You are not weak, have no nausea, no white stool; the stool is natural in color and you are full of divine strength and energy. There is no mortal mind to make you believe to the contrary, no talking matter. She (call no name) has no power to produce the effect of poison.

“There is no suppression of urine; there is a natural and sufficient discharge. No mortal mind can stop the functions of being. God holds them intact and eternally. There is no death. There is no hypnotism, no theosophy, no electromagnetism, no animal magnetism. Awake from this dream. You *are awake* to the truth, you see it, you *realize* it, and no mortal mind can hinder you from realizing it. There is but *one Mind*; Truth, Life, and Love govern all your thoughts and annihilate all that is unlike them.”

The above need not to be repeated only till the symptoms disappear, and the spirit of divine Science dispenses with all this letter; but if that is not had in abundance, the direct disease, or beliefs, are *addressed* or named.

## MEETING WITH WHITTIER

When I was in Amesbury, Mass., whither I had gone for retirement to prepare *Science and Health*, my student, Sarah Bagley, asked me if I would not like to go and see John G. Whittier, the poet. I said, “No, I have no particular desire to see him.” She said, “Everybody that comes here always goes to see him and if you want to see him you must see him soon, for he is ill and will probably not live long.”

“Well,” said I, “If that is his condition I will go and see him and help him.” Upon arriving at his house I found him sitting before a fire in a grate (in July) coughing incessantly with hectic flush on his cheeks and scarce able to speak above a whisper. A number of his Quaker friends were around him. His sister had recently passed on, and the bereavement had been a severe shock to him. His friends were trying to comfort him, talking about death, that he would soon meet her, and how Christ had overcome death and taken away its sting, etc.

I sat listening and waiting for an opportunity. Someone asked him why he had a fire. He said, “Because I am cold.” I replied, “The atmosphere is more comfortable outside than inside.” He seemed irritated at this and said, “If Jesus Christ was in Amesbury, he would have to have brass-lined lungs to live here.” I continued my talk with him in the line of Science. Bye and bye his countenance changed and the sunshine of his former character beamed through the cloud and his friends sat wrapped in interest in the truth that I presented. When I rose

to go, he came to me with both hands extended and said, "I thank you, Mary, for your call. It has done me much good. Come again."

The next day he walked down to the village and was well. Never to my knowledge has he had a return of those symptoms.

His cousin, who afterward studied with me, took my book *Science and Health* to him as soon as published. He examined it, turning over the leaves slowly; then said, "You say your teacher wrote this?" "Yes." "Well, you will never be able to understand one tenth part of it during your lifetime."

(After this the spiritualists made him believe that he recovered health through spirit communication and he became a believer in spiritualism.)

## PERSONALITY AND TEMPERANCE

*"Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ." — St. Matthew.*

*"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesars and unto God the things that are God's." — Jesus*

Jesus specially questioned his students as to their opinion of him as a person, and gave the keys of the kingdom to Peter because of his better understanding of him, of the person seen in the flesh, than the other disciples had.

He treated this correct knowledge of the person as the foundation of the true understanding of God, the acceptance of divine Truth and Love. He saw that Peter's views were the foundation of the salvation of mortals because they were divinely bestowed, not the opinions of man relative to man, but the vital facts of man and his true relation to God which supported Peter's conclusion and rested the subject beyond conjecture in the evidence of divine Science.

The imminent peril this true knowledge of the man brought to this man Jesus in an age which denied his teachings, his mission, his character.

Jesus saw it, but his disciples, seeing it not, undertook to reprove Jesus for his false vision.

Jesus' severity in handling such effrontery: "But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

The necessity of dealing sternly with presumptuous error.

The need of meekness, self-denial and cross bearing to give the capacity for understanding the person as man who is in advance of the period in which

he acts his part in life's drama.

The danger of misjudging the person, its awful effects on the spiritual advancement of the misjudger.

By failing in the true sense of goodness man loses his own goodness and gains in its stead the false sense of good, the false sense of God and what represents Him, loses the true idea, gains the false belief.

Effect of this on morals and health. The favor of the world no recompense for misjudging a person, especially God's anointed and appointed. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul" Matt. 16:26.

### NOTES ON MATTHEW 10: 5-16

The following notes were recorded by Mrs. Mary E. Keeley from a Bible Lesson given by Mrs. Eddy to a part of the Primary Class of 1887 of which she was a member:

*Verse 5.* "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not." Follow not after the ways of the world, among those whose aim is pleasure, money, position; do not choose them for your associates; help them, but do not follow their customs for the sake of policy. There is, there can be, no middle ground.

*Verse 6.* "But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Those in deepest distress will receive you most gladly. The darker the night, the more welcome the light. Do not urge your views upon those who do not wish to listen. "They that are well need not a physician, but they that are sick."

*Verse 7.* "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Wherever God is, is heaven and God is everywhere, omnipotent and omnipresent.

*Verse 8.* "Heal the sick." Help those who need it whether in sickness or sin. Christ was not speaking of matter; he knew none. It was the mind at *dis-ease* with itself to which he referred. Do not say you can heal; say you can try. "Cleanse the lepers." Not lepers in disease so much as in sin. There is a moral leprosy that weakens the character, turns to dust and ashes all that is good and true, whose wages is death. "Raise the dead." There are no dead except in sin. "Cast out devils." All evil. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Does not mean we are to do all without compensation. There is a law and demand for recompense that must be acknowledged. In this world we are apt to judge of the value of things by their cost, or by the degree of sacrifice involved. "Where our treasure is, there will our heart be also." Give freely where your judgment

directs, but remember the obligation should be met to be appreciated fully so that no sacrifice would seem too great for such a blessing. Nine times out of ten the pupil will fail unless this law is met. Mrs. Eddy never had but one of whom this was not true.

*Verse 9.* "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses." Does not mean money, but what might bring you into prominence or gain the world's approval.

*Verse 10.* "Nor scrip for *your* journey." Any of those things which seem to promise advancement. "Neither two coats." A semblance of worldliness, to gain the world; of sanctimony, to win the Pharisee; always and above all, be honest and true, be yourself as God made you. "Neither shoes." Shoes are for a protection over rough places. There are no rough places only as we make them. Have no fear and they will not appear. God makes straight paths. Trust all to Him. "Nor yet staves." No support, nothing to lean upon, but the conscious oneness with God. "For the workman is worthy of his meat." The workman shall be and is worthy of God's sustenance, "the bread of heaven" — Life.

*Verse 11.* "And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. "Ask who is it in need of your help, who is sick or in distress; do not crowd your subject where it is disliked.

*Verse 12.* "And when ye come into an house, salute it." Knock at the door of human beliefs, wait patiently for permission to enter, speak gently and decorously; make no onslaught upon doors and windows demanding entrance or you will get a rebuff and deserve it. Neither try to gain an entrance secretly against the owner's will; that is worst of all. God has given each one certain rights that no one has a right to invade. From the earliest history, our lawmakers have recognized the necessity of protecting society and guarding our homes from invasion. What would we say of a person who would take possession of our homes, help themselves to our purse? We have no right; we dare not do it. We are stirring up a hornet's nest that we know not how to manage; we deserve to be stung. We have raised a pandemonium of discord that we cannot quell. Justice is man's highest human belief.

*Verse 13.* "And let the house be worthy." If the individual wishes your services, your help and instructions, "Let your peace come upon it." Your best wishes for their welfare — the peace that comes of conscious oneness with God, "come upon it." "But if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you." Be not disturbed. Do not feel distressed. Be sure you do not lose your peace.

*Verse 14.* "And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet." Let none of their material thought disturb your understanding. Let nothing retard your steady advancement.

Verse 16. "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents." Use infinite tact and discretion, but never craft or policy; never compromise Truth with error. Never use deceit to carry a point. "Study to be quiet." Have discretion. Do not fire cold bullets. In an interview with Joseph Cook, Mrs. Eddy was leading him step by step to her view of the subject — at one point he vigorously opposed her statement — she seeing her advantage — when one of her students spoke up: "The carnal mind warreth with the spiritual." That finished Joseph Cook for four years; so are we an offence unto God. "Harmless as doves." The fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

## DAY

Mind is infinite, supreme, serene, complete, perfect, and forever at peace, all substance, being, action, faculty, influence, power, is already complete and in evidence, and there is no other influence and no other evidence. Law is a ceaseless, harmonious, restful activity of the infinite, and there is no other law. This law is the law of this day and every day and all its activities and duties. The law of Mind to this day sets aside the belief of fear and doubt, and obliterates the possibility of disease, accident, mistakes, fear, sin and death. The law of God, of Mind, is ceaseless action, presence, and infinite protection. This day is merely a step in infinite progress. It is unfoldment, not time. It brings no belief of delay in success, no disappointment. It adds no fear, no age, no deterioration, no decrepitude, no impairment, no loss of faculty, no disintegration, no decay, no sin, no materiality, no belief in matter. It only adds wisdom, power, dominion, law, and the presence of well-done. My treatment now establishes the law of this day, and obliterates the supposition or belief in any other law. Principle governs me and mine this day. This day is unfoldment in which every detail and incident is but an illustration of divine presence, power, and wisdom.

## THE SECOND DEATH Revelation 20

Verses 1 and 2. *Science and Health* is the angel sent down from heaven. M. A. M, is the bottomless pit, and *Science and Health* gives us the key to it. It unlocks the mystery of ages, and its declarations of Truth are the chain which binds that old serpent, the devil, for a thousand years — that is, it reduces *sin*, *sickness*, and *death* to a "unit of nothingness."

*Verse 3. Unity of Good* is the seal that was put upon the devil and Satan, for its teachings make it impossible for him to longer deceive the nations.

*Verse 4-6.* They who have been taught of *Science and Health*, the heavenly messenger, are they who sit upon thrones and have judgment given unto them, for they declare the Science of being over all error, and their judgment is the judgment of God. Then the good that is the reflection of God, is separated from the good that is only a false belief, or the error which has upon it the mark of the beast. Then the true reflection of God, good, reigns with those who sit upon the thrones overcoming the *unit of error*. They who are thus taught, reign with the Christ, whose *second* appearance “is the *first* resurrection.”

*Verse 7.* It was necessary that Satan should first be “bound,” and then “loosed (loosened) for a season.” That which bound him was the scientific statement of being. That which loosed (loosened) him was the chapter on M. A. M.

*Verse 8-10.* M. A. M. first bound, and then loosed (loosened) again, goes out with redoubled energy, knowing that its destruction is near at hand, and encompasses the camp of the saints — those who are demonstrating the Truth, and who dwell in the city of Divine Science. The true meaning of Satan “loosed again,” is found in the definition of the verb “to loosen”— to be less tight, firm, or compact (Webster). But the saints meet each Gog and Magog, or statement of M. A. M., with the denial of error, and the declaration of Love, which is “the fire that comes down from God out of heaven.” It is only as Satan is bound and then loosed (loosened), and each saint is compelled to meet every statement of the error, that the army of evil is devoured, and the devil that deceived, is “cast into the lake of fire and brimstone.” It is in the constant handling of M. A. M, that the dragon, and the serpent, and the devil or Satan, is tormented forever and forever. The angel of the devil is the false human concept, or unit of personality, that is made up of the “self of sense,” and the “sense of self,” and they are as “numerous as the sands of the sea,” but they can prevail not against the saints whose identities are forever in Mind, or God.

*Verse 11.* The constant handling of M. A. M. enables the student of divine Science to discern the great white throne of pure good, and Him that sits upon it is Love, from whose face the heaven and earth of mortal mind — the beliefs of good and evil — flee away and no place is found for them, for they are not.

*Verse 12.* Thus we are enabled to see “the dead stand before God,”— dead because of the belief of good and evil — alive because of the message of *Science and Health*, for the ideas of Mind are they which were dead and yet live, and whose name have been written in the book of Life from the beginning.

*Verse 5.* “But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.” Final ultimate good will only be discerned by us, as the

arguments of the “loosened” unit of error are met and destroyed.

*Verse 13.* Love is the mighty conqueror that rends the vail of sense, and compels the sea of mortal mind, and death, and hell, to give up their dead — to become dust, so that the reflections of good are no longer hidden.

*Verse 14.* This uncovering and destruction of the error is the “second death,” which they who have part in the “first resurrection” of the scientific statement of being have no fear, for all outside that statement “is cast into the lake of fire,” “where the beast and the false prophet are.” Blessed are they who have part in the first resurrection — who have the key to the bottomless pit, and who successfully resist Satan when he is loosed (loosened) again.

Rev. 12:10. “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”

Rev. 22:16. “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.”

Rev. 22:17. “. . . let him that heareth say, Come. . . . And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

## EARLY TEACHING

by Mary Baker Glover

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Argue the patient’s case silently at first; then audibly as they can receive Truth. For a sick infant argue mentally and audibly with the parents mainly and turn their thoughts towards Science, or let them take some new conjecture, assuring them that the one they had entertained was incorrect. Argue mentally that there is no hereditary disease, that matter cannot make its own conditions nor mind produce pain in matter and *vice versa*. No reality in discord; nothing *true* or *real* but God and His idea. The truth of being is harmonious; therefore, the reality is harmony, and discord, or sickness, is unreal. Life cannot be destroyed for it is not in a mortal frame, and sickness and death are illusions. Man is eternal, never sick and no part can decay. Man is *shadow* and God is his substance; therefore pain, sickness and death cannot be in shadows, nor the shadow be lost when the substance or Soul, which is God, remains, *etc., etc.*

In consumption begin with the leading points, *viz.*, that it is not inherited, that tubercles, hemorrhage, inflammation, ulcers, *etc.*, are beliefs only and not the truth of man; that man is the offspring of soul and not body, of God and not man; that he is spiritual and not material, that God, Spirit, never created matter



nor disease to destroy man; that harmony does not produce discord nor life death. But here is a *belief* of sickness and the opposite understanding must break this illusion. To you the belief is but a dream and not the reality of man or of being; make it thus to your patient and you cure him.

The Truth you bring mentally to destroy error may cause a chemicalization, but let it be painless as chemical action in fluids, for matter has no sensation. Do not argue the old way, but deny the power of a chemical to produce suffering; calm the fear, for it is fear and confusion that produces this fermentation; explain these symptoms and their cause. Truth has the effect of an alterative, destroys at length all belief and error, and brings out the true idea, even man harmonious and eternal.

Fear is the foundation of all sickness and produces what is called inflammation. Some image in the mind, be it cancer or rheumatism, has produced the mental state that causes the physical one. Inflammation is of mortal mind and not of matter. It is never seen where this so-called mortal mind is not made manifest. Fear produces increased or diminished action; it paralyzes or it overacts. Calm the fear with the "peace be still" of Truth, knowing that inflammation is but the action of mind caused by fear that heats the blood and quickens the pulse.

The sick know nothing of this fear, but believe and suppose the body is the cause. The sick cannot always name the diseases you are to argue against, but when you address them in argument, call them by their names. Read the thoughts and not take wholly from their lips your points to argue. Find the mental thought behind the physical one, for this it is that produces the discord; but that which errs is ignorant of itself or the error and *you* must find it out. Begin by allaying fear in the mind, assuring mentally that there is nothing to fear, for God governs all. Blot out of mind the image of disease. If a cold, argue down the belief that matter can take cold, *etc.*; or if grief, that sorrow can chase away joy or that evil is real and stronger than good. Give error the rebuke it deserves from immortal man.

If necessary, startle the mind and thus remove some chronic belief. When this is necessary tell your patient with determined vehemence to awaken, that nothing ails him, and he is like an insane man suffering from belief alone; but afterwards impress him that while you command the error to depart, you are charitable, kind, and loving, and that for their good, you speak thus boldly the truth of man.

Avoid talking of disease and of having anyone around do so. The patients may tell you their symptoms if you do not know them, and by your mental argument and explanations, but especially through Spirit, Truth, or God that governs all, you will heal them. Your *healing* will prove whether you are

governed only by God or by the old beliefs.

If the sick ask about their diseases, change their thoughts of them; say you will tell them all it is best for them to know, but that they already hear too much about disease. Do not name, but *unname* disease and destroy it.

In arguing down a belief you may call it by name mentally, as thus you reach it sooner, showing that mind speaks to mind, and that mind and not body produces disease.

Take up the moral error and cast out devils while you heal. Man is shadow and God *his substance*, his life and intelligence and he has *none other*. Then to say disorders, deformities or broken bones are in *shadows*, or that man dies, is absurd. If relapse occurs, meet it courageously as at first. Argue no reaction in matter, no existence to disease, and hence, no change from one belief into another. The beliefs of others about the patient, or your own fault in the case may have caused the relapse; argue down their arguments and your own fears, and rise to holier being. If a moral question is cause of relapse or of non-recovery, as a belief in mediumship, creeds, drugs, laws of health, doctrine, or opinion that is not of God but of man, argue them away, for God governs man by no such laws, creeds, or doctrines, and man has no intelligence separate from God whereby to govern himself. *All that is, is God and His idea*. There is neither life, substance nor intelligence in matter or man. All is *Mind*, there is no matter.

## IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS BY STUDENTS

(A Somewhat Condensed Copy)

You need to be able in all things to separate Truth and error to your own understanding in order to place yourself in Science, and also to instruct the world who so misunderstand the phenomenon of Science and mix it up with that of belief.

Question: *How do mediums produce their phenomena? Is it good? Is it done in Science? In what does it differ from Science?*

Answer: The thoughts are read by clairvoyance, not by Science. Mediums are clairvoyants simply if anything — more frequently they are imposters. When they are clairvoyants, they read thoughts by believing that a spirit controls them who is all-powerful to control them to any manifestation. This belief makes them let go of limits by which another belief controls them to only what sense can do. This sense is mind more rarefied than body, hence its action has a wider range. If spiritualists would admit this fact, the phenomena they are producing would point to Science. But they make a spirit the cause of it, which is an error which robs themselves of free moral agency, a greater error.

Medium is a word obsolete in Science when applied to intelligence. God

cannot be a medium, and, therefore, intelligence cannot. What is superior to God? Nothing. What can control God? Nothing. What controls matter? Mind. Matter is mind; therefore, one mind can control another mind. But thoughts, opinions and beliefs can err; therefore, this is not Science but a belief, and belongs to man and not to the intelligence that in Science controls man. God controls matter as an idea of God. Matter is not controlled by another mind. Mind that belongs to God is controlled by wisdom. Clairvoyance belongs to the mind of man and is controlled by belief only. This mind of man is what manifests all the phenomena that mediums give. Now there is no mind of man; therefore, all this they claim is a belief only, is the opposite of God, mocking God by imitation.

How do I know all this? By demonstration, the only way to judge in Science. Mediums do no good to themselves or others because they confine to matter instead of destroying its beliefs.

To show that it is not a good thing — see it dividing families, making people sick, deceiving and being deceived. Can a pure fountain send forth corrupt streams? Can the idea of God be purity in one case and wicked in another? Jesus, the man of Science, said, “No”; and I understand him and wish my class to.

In what way does mediumship differ from Science?

Suppose I should read the thoughts of the absent, examine the sick present or absent, be unusually eloquent and give all the phenomena of clairvoyance. What would be the difference between this manifestation of mine and that of others? I go on the principle of Science that sickness is not truth, has no locality and is nothing. Mark the reverse of their views. I cannot use Science for evil. I should lose Science, as I should be working in error and not in truth. Impossible for me to give demonstration in Science that works ill to myself or my neighbor — or to visit the absent in a speculative mood, or for curiosity, or from a desire to influence a mind to evil thought or action. I cannot do this because I cannot act or think in matters when sin is, or the belief of sin, which is error, if I am acting in Science.

I cannot give the phenomena of belief when I give that above alluded to, but give them in Science, and whereas I once gave them in belief, I now give them understandingly. I once gave them darkly not knowing how I did it; now I give them in the light.

What, or who, are you studying this Science? If the idea, what need; if not, what use of your studying? No thing or person studies Science, but God through Himself (which is the understanding) destroying this belief of God in matter, Soul in body, by which we look for intelligence where it is not and vainly suppose there is a God studying. Science teaches there is but one intelligence

or reality and this Soul, and man, its shadow and idea only, and has no capacity of intelligence to learn or unlearn Truth; there is no reality in error, it is an illusion; there is no reality in learning, for God has no need of this, and the idea of God cannot learn.

The idea of wisdom is man embraced in this Principle; the Principle is not found in its idea, hence cannot be taught of that which forever is explained through it. Now studying is the process belief employs to give the scientific man; (the same as rubbing the head is the process my students employ to rub out belief, and, therefore, let the idea man appear in its harmony).

The idea has no need of studying because it cannot, having no intelligence, and because the Principle controls its idea and never grows nor tells its idea more tomorrow than it hath today. Man, like the earth, receives its light from the Soul outside of it, and hath none of its own.

It, man, has no use of learning because it cannot demonstrate what it cannot understand. Man shadows forth God; he cannot learn nor teach wisdom. You, my students, are Soul and not body, God and not man; holding intelligence thus, all error, sickness and death were destroyed. This is Science; belief says the opposite. When I teach Science, it is not woman that addresses man; it is Soul bringing out its idea by blotting out the belief that hideth it. Where art thou? In matter? Then art thou learning according to belief, but this is the process you employ in belief and not in the understanding. You should so hold yourself in wisdom that the idea would be ever-present to you, and you would impart this idea as the birthright of Soul (God). This is not teaching, but destroying the teachings of man. My students may learn from me what they could not from the same words, uttered by another with less wisdom. It is not the words, but the amount of Soul that comes forth to destroy errors.

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IN WHAT SENSE ARE WE TO UNDERSTAND THAT  
THERE IS NO MATTER AND NO BODY?

(Citations from first edition of Science and Health)

- 11:32 Spirit knows nothing of matter.
- 114:2 Intelligence takes no cognizance of matter.
- 214:11 Spirit never animated matter.
- 22:8 Action cometh from Soul to body.
- 18:13 Soul can and does destroy matter.
- 148:5 Intelligence governs heavens and earth.
- 148:8 Man controlled by wisdom, truth and love.
- 158:18 Intelligence controls matter.
- 160:21 Body borrows life from Soul.
- 161:13 When we admit Spirit governs man sickness will disappear.

162:3 Soul governs man better than sense.  
147:8 Truth demonstrated on the body and sickness healed.  
175:26 Science of being employs intelligence alone to control  
the body and ills of the flesh.  
198:24 Science of being that Spirit should control matter.  
48:3 God is the Principle of man that controls matter.  
48:31 To control our bodies.  
49:13 Science of man controls matter.  
51:18 Giving him triumph over matter and the body.  
51:22 Science of being gave him control over matter.  
92:21 Soul governing sense.  
92:24 Principle of man to govern the body.  
(More than 25 other similar expressions occur.)

Persons have become sick only from being told they had eaten some nauseous thing that till then had set well. What is identity of the individual in next world? How does general mind affect Mr. Gibson? Soul cannot suffer pain. Mortal body cannot suffer pain. Mortal mind can suffer pain.

Argue that there is no hereditary disease; that matter cannot make its own conditions nor mind produce pain in matter, nor matter pain in mind.

There is no reality in discord. Nothing is true or real but God and His idea. The truth of being is harmonious, and, therefore, the reality is harmony, and discord or sickness is unreal. Life cannot be destroyed for it is not in a mortal frame. Sickness and death are illusions. Mind is eternal, never sick and no part can decay. Man is shadow and God his substance. Pain, sickness and death cannot be in shadows nor the shadow be lost when the substance or Soul which is God remains.

Argue that man is the offspring of Soul and not body, of God and not of man; that he is spiritual and not material; that God, Spirit, never created matter nor disease to destroy man. Harmony does not produce discord, nor Life, death. But here is a belief of sickness, and the opposite understanding must break this illusion. Fear is the foundation of all sickness. Calm the fear with the "peace be still" of Truth, knowing that inflammation is but the action of mind caused by fear, which heats the blood and quickens the pulse.

Call the diseases mentally by name; find the mental thought behind the physical one, for it is that which produces the disease. Allay fear in the mind by assuring mentally that there is nothing to fear for God governs all. Blot out of mind the image of disease. If a cold, argue down the belief that matter can take cold, *etc.* If grief, that sorrow can chase away joy, or that evil is real as good and stronger than good.

Man is shadow and God *his substance*, life and intelligence, and he has none other. To say disease, *etc.*, are in shadows, or that man dies, is absurd. If a moral question is cause of non-recovery, as a belief of mediumship, creeds, drugs, laws of health, *etc.*, argue them away, for God governs man by no such laws, and man has no intelligence separate from God whereby to govern himself. *All that is, is God and His idea.*

AUGUST 16, 1876

Spirit, or Soul cannot suffer. Mortal body, matter, cannot suffer or make its own conditions, or produce pain in mind. Mortal mind suffers and makes conditions of its own, *in error*. It has no real existence. Nothing is true or real but God and His idea.

The truth of being is harmonious; therefore, the reality is harmony. Harmony does not produce discord. There is no reality in discord, or sickness, or death; they are illusions, error. Life is not in the body and cannot be destroyed. Life is eternal, the Spirit of man. The idea of God is man, the shadow. Pain cannot be in shadows, nor discord or inharmony in God, Soul, Spirit, or Life, that is man. The man that is God's image is the offspring of God or Soul and not of mortal man. He is spiritual and not material. God never created matter nor disease to destroy immortal man. Life does not produce death. Life is everlasting. Truth, understanding, must take the place of the illusion or belief of sickness, wake error, mortal mind, from the dream, the faith in a false statement, from the error of its own error. Fear is the foundation of all sickness. Inflammation is from action of mortal mind caused by fear which heats the blood and quickens the pulse. Allay fear in mortal mind by assuring mentally that there is nothing to fear for God governs all.

Call diseases by name mentally. Find the patient's mental thought behind the physical one, for it is that which produces disease. Blot out of mind the image of disease or the idea that matter can take cold or any other disease — that sorrow can come to Spirit or Soul, or that it can master joy — that evil is real and stronger than good.

If a belief in mediumship, creeds, drugs, laws of health, *etc.*, is cause of non-recovery, argue them away, for God, Spirit, recognizes none of these, and mortal man nor spiritual man has any intelligence separate from God whereby to govern himself. Man is shadow, idea, God his substance and Life and intelligence, and man has none other. All that is, is God and His idea.

METAPHYSICAL SCIENCE, August, 1876

God is Principle, Soul, Spirit, Life, intelligence, harmony. There is no other life or intelligence, and no harmony from any other source. No discord or

harmony emanates therefrom, or exists therein, or thereby. Immortal man is of God, Soul, of immortality, and not of mortality, nor of mortal man. He is spiritual and in the likeness of God, yea, Godlike, and — embracing the eternal existence, or spirituality of all existence, of all God's creation — is the idea of God, the shadow, the image, the reflection, the sign that points to God.

Truth and reality are found only in God and His idea. Material man and all material things are but mortality, and without life in themselves. They are the semblance merely of the true idea of God. They are animate only through reflected Life, through or by the eternal spiritual Life; like shadows they only have motion, action, volition, in answer to the volition of their Principle, which is the idea of God whose substance is God. Thus the human body, mortal matter, is nothing, the very essence of nothing. It has neither life, substance nor intelligence. Substance is without change and decay. Life and intelligence are of God, universal Soul, Spirit, Mind, and are not embraced in mortal flesh.

#### METAPHYSICAL HEALING, August 16, 1876

Material man and all material things are but mortality, in or of themselves without life. They are the passing reflection of the true idea of God. They impart a feeble and imperfect idea of the true and perfect spiritual idea of God. They are animate only through reflected Life. Like reflections in the mirror, they only have action or motion in answer to the volition of their Principle, and their Principle is the idea of God, and the substance from whence comes this idea or true reflection is God. Thus the human body, mortal matter, is nothing, the very essence of nothing, having neither substance, life or intelligence. Substance is without change or decay. Life and intelligence are not embraced within mortal flesh.

#### METAPHYSICAL HEALING

God is Principle, Soul, Spirit, Life. There is no other life or intelligence. No discord or inharmony exists therein, thereby, or emanates therefrom. Immortal man is the offspring of God, Soul, of immortality, and not of mortality nor mortal man. He is spiritual; and the image or likeness of God. Nothing is true or real but God and His idea, which is shadowed forth in the eternal existence, or spirituality, of all existence, of all God's creation. Mortal things are but the semblance of the true idea of God and, therefore, nothing in themselves. God, Spirit, Soul, cannot suffer. Mortal body or matter cannot suffer or make its own conditions, nor cause pain in Spirit or Soul. Life is not in the mortal body, nor is it in anything mortal; it is independent of, above and around all things that seem to have life, and any life they have is through the influence of Soul, intelligence,

Spirit, Life. Life is everlasting. It does not lead to death, for there is no death in reality, and Life cannot be destroyed. Error (or a belief in mortal mind of good and evil) only leads to suffering, sickness and death. Error, belief of mortal mind, of counterfeit mind, makes all of its own diseases and sufferings. Neither it nor they have any real existence, no more than the supposed fact communicated by a falsehood, and they should disappear when the Truth is uttered and its proofs presented as readily in one case as the other.

The Truth of being is harmonious and the reality is harmony. There is no reality in discord, sickness, or death; they are illusions, error, the belief of falsehoods that vanish when the truth is *realized*.

Fear is from ignorance and from false beliefs and false statements, or the absence of Truth and understanding. Its influence is as certain and positive on mortal mind, or materiality, even though not realized, as when one is groping alone in absolute darkness in a very strange place. Thus fear insensible and sensible must have its antidote in Truth and understanding to save materiality from the sufferings of discord and inharmony, from sickness, sin and death.

## MESSAGE TO A STUDENT

There is no person, or thing, or claim of circumstances in all the universe, that can by any possibility interfere between me and all joy, all good.

You may falsely think that something stands between you and your heart's desire and go through life here with this desire unfulfilled — *but it is not so*. *Deny it* and you will find yourself *free*, and good will begin to flow into you, and you will see clearly that nothing can stand between *you* and *your own*. God sees in man the perfect reflection of Himself. God's thoughts of us are unchanging. To help ourselves or others we must think God's thoughts after Him, cast aside sense testimony, accepting only spiritual facts. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Sensual, willful malpractice has no power to disturb or confuse me, so that I cannot perceive the truth clearly, nor can it make me believe I am suffering from old beliefs, or poison; neither can it make me see its image, or fear its mental arguments. No danger can befall, for everything is in God's keeping.

To affirm anything is to assert its possibility, even in the face of all contrary evidence that it is so.

You may not be able to see how, by simply affirming that a thing is true (which to all human reasoning or sight does not seem to be true at all) we can bring it to pass, but we can compel ourselves to cease quibbling (to escape artfully) and go to work to prove the rule, each one for himself.



The beautiful presence all about and within us, is the substance of every good which we can possibly desire. I Cor. 2:9, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." "Thou shalt decree a thing and it shall be established unto thee."

There is but one power in the universe and that is God's and God is omnipresent. Apparent evils are not entities or things of themselves — they are simply the absence of light. But God — good — is omnipresent and the apparent absence of good — evil — is unreal; is only appearance of evil.

There is no life, intelligence or reality in matter. "The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." *Pain, sickness, poverty, old age and death cannot master us, for they are not real.*

There is nothing in the universe for us to fear, for greater is he that is within us (true self), than he that is in the world. God says, "I will contend with him, that contendeth with thee." He says this to every child of His, and every person is His child.

Repeat the following affirmations several times every day. Not with strained anxiety to get something out of it, but trying calmly to realize the meaning of the words spoken.

All is good — there is no evil.

All is harmony — there is no discord.

All is health — there is no sickness.

All is Spirit — there is no matter.

All is joy — there is no sorrow.

All is Truth — there is no falsehood.

All is faith — there is no fear.

All is Life — there is no death.

All is Love — there is no hate.

Do you have difficulty in healing? Strive for the higher sense of the nothingness of matter. Do not care to search into the causation, for there is no cause and no effect there; all is Mind, perfect and eternal. Whenever you treat a patient, include in your understanding of the case the idea that no ignorant or malicious mind can affect the case, and there will be no relapse.

Progress is the law of infinity and finite views are but supposition and beliefs. Now realize this is a law for every case you treat; mortal man cannot make laws and the real man is not the lawmaker; mortal minds are to be denied. Spirit overcomes them. Deny —

1st That you cannot help yourself.

2nd That you cannot help your family.

- 3rd That you cannot break material laws.
- 4th Beliefs in animal magnetism.
- 5th Electricity.
- 6th Polarity.
- 7th Earth currents.
- 8th Poison through nerve centers.
- 9th Material forces.
- 10th Vital fluids.
- 11th Thought transference — will power.
- 12th Contagion.

We must cease to admit in our thinking the reality in themselves of sin, sickness, death, of misery, pain, poverty, of evil in all forms and *we must think steadily and persistently the truth* that stands opposite to them. We do in this way overcome our discordant conditions of consciousness. Everyone who persists in this course many times a day, will have the following signs:

- 1st. A lessening fear of aught (anything) that can happen to them.
- 2nd. A mental equilibrium, or self-poise, and reliance on God, which faces steadily and calmly what others flee from.
- 3rd. A lack of painful consequences from doing that which is right and one's duty.
- 4th. A lessening love for those things which we consider necessary for one's happiness, and a growing independence of them.
- 5th. A broadening love and charity, circling around that which is ours, including all men.
- 6th. Strength sufficient for the demands of each day where each day's work only is considered.
- 7th. Peace — which all the tempests of mortal belief cannot destroy. A holy of holies with burning lamp, a covenant with God, the all-good (a peace which rests in the interval of battle; a peace which passeth all understanding; a peace which is above and beyond happiness).

When you commence treating, realize that there is no mind to interfere; error is not mind and has no intelligence or power over you or your patient; there is no malice — no envy — no will power. All is Love, and Truth governs the way. God gives you daily supplies — never ask for tomorrow. It is enough that Love is an ever-present help and if you wait, *never doubting*, you will have all you need every moment.

What a glorious inheritance is given us through the understanding of

omnipresent Love!

We cannot have or want more. It is a sweet assurance — a “peace be still” to all human fear.

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## OUR PLACE

I believe that God has given to everyone a place, and in this harmonious creation there is no void — nothing left out — nothing lacking. So, we may as well try to breathe without air, or think without mind, as to think we can rotate out of the divine order of being, or take any place other than our own. Others may try to usurp us; they may try to be like us; they may move earth and apparently heaven, to gain our position; but when God has placed us there, we are there, and naught can move us out of this our rightful inheritance.

If this were understood, many warfares would cease; envy and jealousy be exchanged for the peaceful gleams of joy and gratitude, and, mingling with the light of love, would bring to man new health and happiness, — yea, Life immortal.

We never see the stars vieing for each other's places, nor the sun and moon at variance; nor have we seen a Paul take Peter's place, or John the place of our Master, or *vice versa*. Each fills its own, her own, his own place, whether they have knowledge of it or not; and I, for one, would be content in the sweet consciousness that I have a place with Thee, eternal Love, and however grand or great, humble or small, I am of Thy creation; therefore Thine.

(Signed) Pioneer

(From the *Christian Science Journal* for December 1, 1883)

**ABOUT THE CARPENTERS:** Books published by the Carpenters are unique because they include Mrs. Eddy's *unpublished* writings. Mrs. Eddy wrote prolifically on Christian Science. Her students kept diaries and records of what she taught them. They wrote memoirs of her, and metaphysical papers based on her teachings. Through the selfless work of Gilbert C. Carpenter and his son, Gilbert, Jr., many of these writings were collected, published, and excerpts incorporated into their own works.

In their own quiet, loving way, the Carpenters were among the first to resist the Church organization in Boston. The scope of their work places them among

the great pioneers of the Cause. They gathered a large collection of material by Mrs. Eddy, and from this, they printed books of her unpublished writings. They printed manuscripts by her students, and also wrote a number of books themselves that are invaluable as records of the early days of the movement

The Carpenters paid a high price for defying the Directors' policy of 'authorized literature.' They were ostracized by their branch church in Providence, Rhode Island and misunderstood by the Field in general. The Board of Directors tried to suppress their books and discredit their work by spreading many false rumors about them, such as: they were not loyal to the Board of Directors; their names had been dropped from membership in The Mother Church; they deviated from Mrs. Eddy's teachings and put forth a spurious form of Christian Science; they wrote several books and signed Mrs. Eddy's name to them.

None of these rumors were true. Those who knew the Carpenters always spoke of their integrity and loyalty to Mrs. Eddy and the Church. Their healing work was outstanding. The love and spirituality they expressed made a deep impression on many who met them. A careful study of their books indicates that the Carpenters were not only loyal to Mrs. Eddy and her teachings, but they recognized the importance of her unpublished writings. They had an understanding of her teachings on animal magnetism and malicious malpractice that was exceptional.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter; Sr. came into Christian Science in 1894. Mr. Carpenter served Mrs. Eddy in many special ways. He was an Executive Member of The Mother Church, and chairman of the building committee for the Extension. From March 1905 to March 1906, he served her as an Associate Secretary at Pleasant view. Because of family demands, he could serve her for only one year; but when he left, Mrs. Eddy granted him the degree of C.S.B. — the only one conferred upon a student after only one year of the Divinity Course with her.

The Carpenters were charter members of First Church in Providence, Rhode Island. Mr. Carpenter was at one time Committee on Publication for Rhode Island, and his practice was worldwide. His son, Gilbert, Jr., was raised in Christian Science. After becoming a practitioner listed in the *Journal*, Gilbert, Jr. attended the Normal Class in 1928 with Irving C. Tomlinson, and became a teacher in Providence. For seven years he was Committee on Publication for the state of Rhode Island.

### *The Beginning of The Carpenter Work*

The independent work of the Carpenters really began when Mr. Carpenter

served Mrs. Eddy at Pleasant View. While he was there, her secretary, Calvin Frye, gave him a number of Mrs. Eddy's books that were first editions, along with letters and articles by her. Later Gilbert, Jr. found them and took an interest in them. He began to search for items to add to the collection. His father knew many of the early workers, and so as Gilbert's interest in these early papers and books became known, some of Mrs. Eddy's students gave or bequeathed their papers to him, especially when they learned that Boston was calling in and locking up these papers and records in the Church archives, and denying the Field access to them.

The Carpenters also added to their archives copies of Mrs. Eddy's letters to the Board and other important documents that belonged to John Dittamore. Mr. Dittamore had been a Director and Clerk of The Mother Church from 1909 through 1919. During that time he collected letters by Mrs. Eddy and other historical papers for the Board. He also made copies of these for himself. When he was forced off the Board in 1919, he kept his copies. Mr. Dittamore turned against Mrs. Eddy, and used this material to coauthor a book with Ernest Sutherland Bates, attacking her.

He then offered the letters for sale, asking \$10,000 for them. The Carpenters, recognizing the worth of this material, could not raise the money to buy it, but they did pay Dittamore \$400 to let them copy and photostat much of it. The Directors, realizing that these letters could fall into the wrong hands, finally paid Dittamore his price for the letters, and they became part of the archives in Boston. (Just before his passing, Mr. Dittamore read the Carpenter's *Mary Baker Eddy: Her Spiritual Footsteps* and recanted, saying that had he read that book sooner, he would never have cooperated in the book attacking her.)

### *The Story behind "Spiritual Footsteps"*

In the late twenties, Clifford Smith, then head of Committee on Publication in Boston, asked Mr. Carpenter to write his memoirs, which Smith planned to use in a book he was writing about Mrs. Eddy. Until then, Mr. Carpenter had said very little about his year at Pleasant View. But the time had come when he felt he understood Mrs. Eddy sufficiently to talk about his experiences with her. He began holding morning talks daily at his home in Providence. The talks were open to anyone who wanted to come and usually six to twelve Scientists attended. One reason for these talks was to counteract the criticism and misinformation circulating about Mrs. Eddy. There were many rumors claiming she had been tyrannical, overly fussy, materially-minded, and sometimes lacking in kindness and consideration. Mr. Carpenter's talks brought out the spiritual reason and motive behind the things she said and did, and

thereby helped to curb the rumors.

These talks were transcribed by Gilbert, Jr., and then edited. As he worked with these transcripts, he realized that he had the basis for a book that would do much to provide a better image of Mrs. Eddy. As a result, the Carpenters published *Mary Baker Eddy: Her Spiritual Footsteps*. A hundred copies of this first edition were privately printed and protected by copyright.

When Gilbert, Jr. took the book to Boston and presented it to Mr. Smith, he assumed that Mr. Smith would be pleased with the book. Instead, Mr. Smith was incensed that the Carpenters had written it, because he had wanted to use the Carpenter material for his own book. Because of this reaction to the book, Gilbert decided not to advertise it. Although he did not promote it, "Spiritual Footsteps" became rather well known. People came from all over the world to read the copies of it at the Library of Congress.

### *The Carpenter Foundation*

From their collection of manuscripts, Gilbert and his father published a number of books of Mrs. Eddy's writings, memoirs of her students, and their notes of her teachings. They also published their own books.

As his collection grew in value, Gilbert, Jr. established the Carpenter Foundation in 1945 in order to protect and preserve these priceless papers and books when he would no longer be here. By then the collection included complete sets of the *Journals*, *Sentinels*, and *Quarterlies*, and all 431 editions of *Science and Health*.

The activity of the Carpenters eventually cost Gilbert Jr. his *Journal* listing as teacher and practitioner. His work was beginning to be known throughout the Field, and there was a growing demand for his books. There was nothing the Board could do legally to stop him. But the Directors did bring false charges against him, claiming he had proselytized students for his classes in the city of another teacher. He was put on probation and his card removed from the *Journal*. At the end of the probationary period, the Directors decided not to reinstate him. He passed on soon afterward.

At his passing in 1952, the control of the Foundation passed into the hands of the Trustees. But without Gilbert's guiding hand, it did not prosper as it had. In 1962, the Trustees took out a suit against Richard Oakes. Mr. Oakes had known the Carpenters very well and at one time had been a distributor for their books in England. Before Gilbert's passing, he had worked closely with Mr. Oakes, preparing material for publication in England. Mr. Oakes produced three volumes in 1951. A few years later he republished these in two volumes and included further material from that originally published by the Carpenters. The

Trustees claimed that he did not have Gilbert's approval in publishing this material, and that he had only been trusted to distribute their books, not to publish them himself. The Trustees sued Mr. Oakes on the grounds that he was guilty of a breach of trust and confidence. The Foundation won the lawsuit, but found itself bankrupt as a result.

With no funds on hand, the Trustees entered into negotiations with the Board of Directors in Boston to put the Carpenter material in the archives of The Mother Church. The Board signed an agreement that the material would be available to "qualified Christian Scientists" who came to Boston and requested to see it. The entire collection disappeared into the archives. Following this, the Board refused to let anyone other than select members of the Church hierarchy have access to it, contrary to their agreement. Had it not been for the books printed by the Carpenters, we would not have the invaluable instruction that Mrs. Eddy left us in her unpublished writings and those of her students.

### *The Carpenters' Great Contribution to the Cause*

The Carpenters were exceptionally intuitive and courageous in saving and publishing Mrs. Eddy's written and recorded words. It is not too well known among Scientists that, after Mrs. Eddy's passing, the Board would not let her close students talk about their Leader or quote from her. To do so could cost them their position in the Church. Mrs. Eddy's students were forbidden to publish memoirs or notes from her teaching. If the Carpenters had not collected these early papers and printed their books, we would never have had this priceless material by and about our Leader.

As the Carpenters have pointed out, these unpublished writings were too advanced for many Scientists in Mrs. Eddy's time. She could not give them out publicly. But these teachings were given to a select few to be brought out when the time was right. The Carpenters have been the connecting link between that holy time when these ideas were first put forth and today when many can understand and benefit from them.

There has been some confusion concerning the books by the Carpenters and Richard Oakes' two books, *Divinity Course and General Collectanea* (often referred to as the "Blue Book") and *Essays and Other Footprints* (often referred to as the "Red Book"). These were compiled by Richard Oakes, mainly from Carpenter material. The Blue Book has selections from *Watches, Prayers, Arguments, and Collectanea*, as well as other Carpenter books. It includes the complete Lida Fitzpatrick notes on the Divinity Course, and the notes of Dr. Alfred Baker. The Red Book includes selections from the Carpenters' books, mainly *Essays* and *Visions*. But it also includes many of Mrs. Eddy's early

writings, such as “The Science of Man.” Mrs. Eddy also wrote and copyrighted a record of her early history that was never published. It is titled “Footsteps Fadeless,” and is found in this book. The Oakes’ books have long been studied by practitioners and teachers in the movement.

Although nothing can substitute for the study of Mrs. Eddy’s published writings, the books published by the Carpenters are indeed priceless in helping dedicated students to better understand the divinely inspired revelation that she left us, and to see her in her proper light as the Woman in Prophecy.