

THE PRAYER OF EXPECTATION

We must recollect at all times that there is nothing impossible to God. Our difficulty lies in the habit we have formed, in the many years of our experience in what we believed Christian Science, to be — a system of right thinking, which it isn't at all. The definition of "right" is "in opposition to wrong." Right thinking, therefore, can be done only by the human mind, for the divine Mind, God, or Spirit, knows nothing about an opposition, knows no error, hence cannot think right or in opposition to wrong; Mind, God, thinks perfectly, knows no evil, is "of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity." (Habakkuk 1).

However, believing that Christian Science was a system of right thinking, many formed a habit of thinking right with the human mind in opposition to any error or wrong thought which presented itself in the form of suggestion, the only way any error can present itself. For instance, if one felt dizzy and feared he might fall, he quickly thought, "Underneath are the everlasting arms," or perhaps, "They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone," or something similar.

Although these are spiritual truths, they become vitiated when the human mind is uttering them, mere "electrical transcriptions." It is just the human mind doing a "stunt," and being the human mind, it has no healing qualities whatsoever. One might as well say "eenie, meenie, minie, mo." Yet this method has been so impregnated in our consciousness that it becomes a very difficult thing to drop it. It has become part of ourselves. We have made ourselves the temple of the human mind and that method, instead of being a temple of the Holy Ghost or of the Living God, Mind. Today we may refrain from saying these things audibly, but we do say them more or less automatically without the audible utterance of the words themselves. Thus doing, we recognize evil, and that is all evil requires of us in order that it may function.

Try, instead of this, to do as David said: "Be still and know that I am God" or, as in Isaiah, "Their strength is to sit still." (Rest from wrong thoughts, be still and let God do it). Still this human mind by refusing to recognize error in any way whatsoever. Refuse to entertain human thoughts and opinions, the doctrines and theories of men and all the preconceived imaginations of the human mind. Do as Solomon did, stop praying as heretofore and step out on the promises of God, thus praying the efficient prayer of acceptance or expectation. Here are some of them: Luke 12:32, 10:19, 15:31; Genesis 28:15; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; John 6:37-39; First Kings 3:5-14; 8:54-61; Second Chronicles 7:1-3. Then read First Kings 10, and see what wonderful things happened to Solomon when he stopped his old-fashioned prayers and stepped out on the promise of God, that He would give him the things he did not ask for. As Jesus later said, "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him" — so why ask?

God, the universal Mind, is your Mind, but this Mind is not directed by you, the person. This Mind directs itself and you and all. This is "the unlabored motion of the

divine energy” (*Science and Health*), utterly effortless, just as the sun shines without effort. It just is. So God just is. If the moon tried to shine, it would make an unsuccessful effort; but without effort, it reflects. Whatever is, is, without any effort whatsoever. It requires no effort to be. When man tries to think (right or wrong), he has to make an effort, because it is not his prerogative to originate “thought.” The sun shines and the moon reflects. God thinks and man reflects, but man doesn’t of himself think, any more than the moon of itself shines.

After a while you get accustomed to letting God do it, without any effort on your part to assist Him in any way, which effort on your part always recognizes the evil to be overcome, and this God makes no effort whatsoever to do and never recognizes evil, just as the sun shines, never beholding or recognizing darkness, and warms the earth, whereupon the barren earth shortly afterward becomes a riot of beauty and color — all this without effort on the part of the sun, the earth, the seeds, flowers, etc. The sun shines just by itself, without any effort, without trying to do it or thinking about it; but the sun is just itself, and so shines and sends forth warmth and light, which results in the barren ground breaking forth into bloom.

Then you may find yourself, in obedience to the Christ-Mind, uttering the very same words you previously did with the human mind; but it won’t be the human mind at all. It will be God, Mind, the omniscient Being who, without knowing the least thing about the error, may specifically destroy it, just as sunlight shining into a square room, a pentagonal room, an octagonal room, or a circular room, which is dark, automatically assumes the shape of whichever room it may be, and does it without effort or even knowing whether the room is square, pentagonal, octagonal, or circular, and so dispels the darkness from every corner.

For instance, Jesus spoke in the wilderness, when the several temptations were presented to him, the first of material sensation, the next of temporal power, and the third of so-called spiritual power; and the words uttered by him were each time a direct refutation of the specific evil temptation; but it was God doing this, speaking through him as a radio, and not Jesus’ human mind answering and so recognizing the presented error. If it had been just the human mind, or Jesus himself, doing it, he could not have won the great victory on that occasion; but it wasn’t so (and he said over and over again that it was not), not he himself with the human mind, but “the Father that dwelleth in me.” It was God, and Jesus had dialed in to Station KOG and picked up the veritable Word of God and was relaying it over his loud speaker. He himself had no more to do with that Word than your radio which relays the broadcast over its loud speaker has to do with what is said.

Just be happy, let go and let God do it. Don’t try to assume the prerogative of God.