

## PERFECTLY ATTUNED

“My first discovery in the student’s practice was this: If the student silently called the disease by name, *when he argued against it*, as a general rule the body would respond more quickly — just as a person replies more readily when his name is spoken; but *this was because the student was not perfectly attuned to divine Science*, and needed the arguments of truth for reminders. If Spirit or the power of divine Love bear witness to the truth, this is the ultimatum, the scientific way, and the healing is instantaneous.” (*Science and Health*) [Emphasis supplied]

Many of us believed for many years we were not “perfectly attuned to divine Science” and so continued with the argument, when, as a matter of fact, all were “perfectly attuned to divine Science” and had been so from the very first day they ever grasped a fundamental truth of Christian Science, and no more required the arguments of the human mind than one needs to use a self-starter after the engine is running. From that moment he simply steps on the gas.

The operation of a motor engine is a good illustration of this very fact.

Everybody knows how to run a car today. The first thing you do is to step on the self-starter and hold it with the foot while the engine turns over. In a moment the spark is ignited, whereupon immediately the foot is taken off the self-starter, the gears are meshed and you step on the gas. From then on you need no self-starter, and, in fact, should you use the self-starter while the engine is running, you are liable to pull the teeth out of your engine and destroy it. Furthermore, you cannot run your car with the self-starter; and all you have to do, once the engine is running, is to step on the gas; and the harder the hill or the more difficult the road, the more gas is demanded, so you press down harder on the accelerator and give it still more gas.

The very first time you ever heard of Christian Science and grasped a fundamental sufficiently to be interested enough to ponder over it, you stepped on the self-starter of the human mind, with its thinking and reasoning, and began to mull it over with that same human mind that which you heard. This was the self-starter turning over the engine. Then suddenly the divine spark was ignited, whereupon instantly you should have taken your foot off the self-starter, or stopped reasoning with the human mind, and should have stepped on the gas of revelation, for your gears were meshed, or, as the textbook says: “reason and revelation were reconciled,” and from that time forward the self-starter of the human mind with its thinking, arguments, contradictions, and so on, should have been utterly forsaken, and you should henceforth step on the gas of revelation, for no matter what might be the problem, great or small, all it needed was more gas — more revelation, not more of human mind reason.

One has but to look over the world, and even among the so-called Christian Scientists, to see the results of those who have been vainly trying to heal themselves or others by relying upon the self-starter of human mind reason or argument, for you can no

more run yourself or your world by the self-starter of the human mind and its thinking than you can run your car with the self-starter, and the sad results are seen in those trying to do so in the loss of not only their teeth, but sometimes their hair, hearing, and sight; their whole body becomes incapacitated, even death itself has occurred.

Cease then this foolish business of trying to heal and save by that impossible faker, the human mind, with its thinking and argument, which is as utterly worthless for that purpose as is the self-starter is worthless to run your car. Over and over again the text-book, the Word of God, tells us such plain facts as, "Remember that the letter and mental argument are only human auxiliaries to aid in bringing thought into accord with the spirit of Truth and Love, which heals the sick and the sinner" (*Science and Health*); and "There is not sufficient spiritual power in the human thought to heal the sick or the sinful" (*Miscellaneous Writings*). Instead, step on the gas of revelation and let God do it, even as we give the engine more gas and let the gas do it.