The following letters serve to update our ongoing research into Dr. Einstein’s connections to Christian Science...

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Editor’s Note: Hope these two letters answer any questions regarding Einstein’s acquaintance with Dr. William Frederick Underwood. The images of the letters can be difficult to read on some computers, so a transcript appears below each.

Transcript:

Paris 5-2-39

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Yours amicably,

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Votre ami-

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April 2, 2002

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Mr. Hough: My mother used to attend 8th church in NYC (Einstein, on occasion, visited Sunday services.)

She told me, some time later, that after a service, one Sunday, he has said to a group (in the lobby) that if he had had S & H., in his formative years he would be 500 yrs in advance of his present stage, at that date. (in 1950’s)

– Source requires anonymity
February 12, 2002

Mr. Robert H. Hough  
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Dear Robert:

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your Booklet on Professor Einstein. It reinforces all that I have felt over the years. I am just so grateful for the work you have done in this research.

Following is a contribution to your research: In the early 1980’s there was a man who came to our Church. He claimed to have known Prof. Einstein in Princeton, New Jersey. I believe his name was Mr. Chas. Yetten. He had been with a circus in Europe as an aerialist when he fell and apparently broke his back. I am not sure of the details, but the back was healed in Christian Science.

After that he came to the United States and worked in the Princeton Reading Room. He told us Prof. Einstein came in to study on rainy days. He said one time Prof. Einstein stated to him “If I had begun the study of your Science before I had begun the study of my Science I would have spent all of my time studying your Science.”

He also said at another time that Prof. Einstein said “When I can’t find an answer I like to walk in the rain to the Reading Room. There I study, go home and take a hot bath, and have my answers.”

So you can see my fascination with your views and again I thank you for the work you have done.

Lovingly,

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*Source requires anonymity
Einstein once told Dr. Underwood “To those who have the vision the world of physics will take on a new and wonderful life, you (meaning Dr. Underwood) have taken me even beyond physics, to where we come to acknowledge and understand metaphysics, definitely beyond physics.” Einstein said. He had caught a glimpse of the spiritual universe beyond his intellectual discoveries pursuits of the past, (before 1930).

The photogenic white-haired genius of the world of physics became fascinated with probing the spiritual universe with the same intellectual questioning and mind.

Einstein had viewed several healings, “short of miraculous”. He stated that Dr. William Frederick Underwood had experiences while he was working on the Atomic Energy Commission such as:

1. The severed finger in Virginia at the Dupont Laboratories, where he developed nylon. The finger was sewn back but the doctors stated that “He would never use that finger again”. It was restored to full use in a short time.

2. A broken hip sustained in Juneau, Alaska when Dr. Underwood fell on a glacier. In three days time the healing was completed without the help of a Christian Science Practitioner, simply by reading and acknowledging the spiritual facts about man being God’s perfect image and likeness, intact, whole, lacking nothing. The hip was not set by medical experts, as no “experts” were available on the lone stretch of ice and snow. Dr. Underwood went back to the Manhatten Project in Richland, Washington HEALED! The military doctors on the base were “positive” medical experts must have set the hip as the mend was so perfect. It was prayer to God, prayer demonstrated which Albert Einstein could not deny the perfect results.

3. There were fifteen (15) engineers, chemists and physicists on Dr. Underwood’s team at the Manhattan Project. Each one was exposed to nuclear radiation and suffered the effects. All 15 were dead after 1 to 3 years of exposure. Dr. Underwood proved to live 30 years beyond his entire team, although he had sustained “far more” exposure to nuclear radiation than they did. All his organs had started to bleed and deteriorate, and a neurodegenerative condition set in. This was all overcome through Christian Science, and Dr. Underwood was able to express gratitude for this complete healing, which is considered “medically impossible”. A testimony to this effect was given at the Mother Church in Boston, Mass.

4. Dr. Underwood’s daughter, (Dr. Nancy Kiefer) had been completely healed of nuclear radiation also, including any scars from the experience. Her skin returned to normal.

5. Einstein had also viewed Dr. Underwood’s daughter healed of a broken leg and arm in 2½ hours! Dr. Einstein sat at a dinner table with Dr. and Mrs. Underwood and other “Military Brass”, to be later joined by Nancy, walking on the broken leg and eating with her right hand, perfectly healed!

Could Einstein deny these perfect examples of the science of metaphysics?

No! He acknowledged the fact that “Christian Science is demontrable. It is a science that can be proven.”

Einstein was genuinely humble and admitted when he saw Christian Science demonstrated it was certainly scientific in principle and was effective when applied scientifically. Thus, Einstein began to read Mrs. Eddy’s writings with “new wonder” and an open mind. His discussions were far apart from “human and scientific ties of the past” he had “bridged the gap” from physics to metaphysics in his own intellectual approach to Christian Science, often using scientific statements he had learned from reading and studying Mrs. Eddy’s writings.