

Epilogue for *Our Glorious Heritage*

In the end, we must establish our house in heaven. What better source from which to draw than the fountain of living waters provided for us in the writings of Mary Baker Eddy? In the words of Mrs. Eddy:

“No person can take the individual place of the Virgin Mary. No person can compass or fulfil the individual mission of Jesus of Nazareth. No person can take the place of the author of Science and Health, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Each individual must fill his own niche in time and eternity.” Ret 70:14

At times the future of the Cause of Christian Science may seem dim and distant. In this matter, the answer is found in the words of Christ Jesus, “...what is that to thee? follow thou me.” Each person has his own heavenly house. This is a place, prepared only for him, by God. As Mrs. Eddy states:

“The real house in which ‘we live, and move, and have our being’ is Spirit, God, the eternal harmony of infinite Soul. The enemy we confront would overthrow this sublime fortress, and it behooves us to defend our heritage.

“Referring to this temple, our Master said: ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ He also said: ‘The kingdom of God is within you.’ Know, then, that you possess sovereign power to think and act rightly, and that nothing can dispossess you of this heritage and trespass on Love. If you maintain this position, who or what can cause you to sin or suffer? Our surety is in our confidence that we are indeed dwellers in Truth and Love, man’s eternal mansion. Such a heavenly assurance ends all warfare, and bids tumult cease, for the good fight we have waged is over, and divine Love gives us the true sense of victory. ‘They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house; and Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures.’ No longer are we of the church militant, but of the church triumphant; and with Job of old we exclaim, ‘Yet in my flesh shall I see God.’ The river of His pleasures is a tributary of divine Love, whose living waters have their source in God, and flow into everlasting Life. We drink of this river when all

human desires are quenched, satisfied with what is pleasing to the divine Mind.” Pul 2:22, 3:4

Even the Discover, Founder and Leader of Christian Science stated this simple truth about herself:

“It does not follow that power must mature into oppression; indeed, right is the only real potency; and the only true ambition is to serve God and to help the race. ...I again repeat, Follow your Leader, only so far as she follows Christ.” ‘02 3:26, 4:3