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HOLY CITY
PURITY, PERFECTION, PEACE

Science and Health declares “In proportion to his purity is man perfect; and perfection is the order of celestial being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life’s spiritual ideal,” and Christ Jesus declared, “Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” He did not compromise with the necessity for perfection, but by his attitude indicated that perfection must be attained and recognized as discernibly present, and not something to be anticipated at some far-off future period.

Evil’s suggestion would have perfection, whether of health or of character, relegated to the distant future, whereas the Christian Scientist realizes that to put off perfection separates him from the present kingdom of heaven.

To the Christian Scientist, the kingdom of heaven is a state of mind and has nothing to do with conditions. Consequently his purpose and effort is thinking in terms of perfection and he knows that perfection means everything in its correct or perfect place - obedient to its divine Principle; and that he knows is peace.

No fitter closing can be given to this book than to quote Mrs. Eddy's words of wisdom given to some friends, showing how this goal of purity, perfection and peace is to be won and malicious mind silenced in divine Mind.

“We each dwell in our own world of consciousness, we look out through the windows of this consciousness and behold the passing procession of mortal mind.

“Day after day we have been lured forth, have been pressed into the whirl, lost our individual peace and poise in divine Mind, and found ourselves dragged through the meanness, the uncleanness, and pain of the procession.

“We seek to regain our own house of consciousness, wiser for the experience, thinking we will not again become a part of error's pageant, but here let the newer understanding of Love guard well your door, stay in your own house of mental

demonstration, keep your peace. For idle curiosity, criticism, or even false sympathy may lure you forth.

“Wherein lies the wisdom of the serpent? To hide itself. Therefore hide yourself in the understanding of Christian Science, be it great or small.

“We have all in some way needed the experience we have had. Never be found as a Christian Scientist mourning over an experience. It is a thing of the past, but not so the manifold power and presence of God resulting therefrom.”

And the words of Jesus through John, “I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. (No more ‘tempest-tossed human concepts advancing and receding,’ as defined by Mrs. Eddy.) And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven . . . And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God . . . And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that

is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely . . . And he . . . shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem . . . the city lieth foursquare . . . And . . . had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof . . . And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie . . . And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

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Mind, points him to the true purpose and value of Science and Health.

It was my first thought that the one who had so carefully prepared some of these notes should be the one to publish them, but the objection was raised that if I did not prepare them there might be a question as to their authorship; hence I am publishing them myself.

I am adding the article on Plagiarism, which I have just written, because it seems to me to be timely.

[signature here of Herbert W. Eustace]