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And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity,
and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be
removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see
thy teachers. — *Isaiah*

TRUE FOLLOWERS

Whenever we hear the quote from Mrs. Eddy, “Follow your Leader, only so far as she follows Christ;” it is well to recall her further statement: “There is great joy in this consciousness, that throughout my labors as connected with the Cause of Christian Science, it can be proven that I have never given occasion for a single censure, when my motives and acts are understood and seen as my Father seeth them.” (*Mis. 278*)

As we truly *follow* our Leader, we see the import of her words: “I will follow and rejoice All the rugged way.”

OUR COVER design is a partial reproduction of the *Sentinel* cover as Mrs. Eddy left it. Following the appearance of Longfellow's poem in the July 28, 1906 issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel*, the lady with the lamp appeared on the *Sentinel* cover for the first time (September 1, 1906), and the last lines were incorporated into the cover design. Our first cover (Vol. I, No. 1) was a partial reproduction of that original “lady with a lamp” cover. But Mrs. Eddy was not satisfied with that first design and made several important changes. In the December 22, 1906 issue she replaced the original lady with a more mature type of womanhood and also simplified the lady's gown. The original lady's eyes were closed, but Mrs. Eddy *opened her eyes* on the revised cover. Lastly, she placed a foundation under all, for that had been lacking before. Apparently satisfied, Mrs. Eddy made no further changes prior to leaving us.

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PURE METAPHYSICS

IT has been said that Francis J. Fluno, M.D. was less than satisfied with medical practice when he first heard of Christian Science in the summer of 1885. That fall found him in Mrs. Eddy's November class in the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, following which he abandoned the practice of *materia medica* for the practice of Christian Science healing.

Little over a year later Dr. Fluno attended Mrs. Eddy's normal class at the college and began teaching Christian Science in 1887. He had been teaching more than a decade when the Board of Lectureship was formed early in 1898, and before the end of that year Mrs. Eddy made Dr. Fluno a Christian Science lecturer appointing him a member of that board.

He was seventy years old when he sent three lectures to Mrs. Eddy for her approval. She approved two of them, but rejected the third saying that the public was not ready for it. Accompanying her rejection was the statement that he might give the third lecture in twenty years, which caused the doctor momentarily to question whether he would be lecturing when he was *ninety* years old.

Following are excerpts from that third lecture which Dr. Fluno *did* give in later years and which

was titled:

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: PURE METAPHYSICS

THE term metaphysics, derived from two Greek words, *meta*, meaning over, above, or beyond, and *physicus*, meaning physical, signifies over, beyond, or above the physical. In true metaphysics, or absolute Christian Science, all is Mind; there is nothing physical or material, there is no matter. The so-called science of physics has no part with true Science or metaphysics. Beginning with matter, all is matter; there is no mind. Beginning with Mind, all is Mind; there is no matter.

There is nothing real that Mind does not evolve, govern, and control; Mind is Spirit, and everything that Spirit creates is like itself, spiritual and not material. To Spirit there is no matter, all is Spirit. The finite, limited, or material sense would have all things material, would have life, substance, and intelligence in objects; but the spiritual or unlimited sense, the scientific understanding, reveals the spiritual to be the real and the material the unreal. The so-called material universe is not the true idea. ...

AS WE CEASE TO DEPEND UPON MATTER
AND LEARN TO DEPEND UPON SPIRIT, WE
BECOME MORE AND MORE HARMONIOUS.

Spirit never mingles with matter. As we cease to depend upon matter and learn to depend upon Spirit, we become more and more harmonious. What a never failing fount of strength is this compared with a belief of strength in a muscle! What an inexhaustible storehouse of wisdom and intelligence, compared with a dependence upon a material brain, which, forsooth, may be too large, too small, or of too poor material! What an all-supporting and sustaining Principle upon which to lean for life and health, compared with a dependence upon liver, lungs, stom-

ach, blood, air, exercise, material drugs, or material food!

Life is self-existent Principle; self-existent because it could not be made or evolved; for it would ever require Life to make life. That which could make life must itself have life, and of necessity must itself ultimately be Life. Hence we must conclude that Life is self-existent; and that which has its existence within itself can never be slain. This is the Life that is God, and there is no other. The so-called physical life is but a belief of life in the body, where there is no life.

On this same basis we have to conclude that Truth and Love are self-existent; but when we speak of Truth we mean immutable Truth; and when we speak of Love, we do not refer to the personal selfish affections that depend upon feelings, but the Love that is God. Life, Truth, and Love constitute the primal triune Deity, the three-in-one Principle, the Spirit that is God.

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Christian Science is not speculative or conjectural, neither is its Principle hypothetical. Truth, God, must of necessity be, and be primal. A negation could not be primal, for if a negation were primal there would be no way by which to prove that it were a negation. Two things opposed to each other cannot both be true. Since the negative, or error, could not be, and be primal, hence its opposite, the positive, or Truth, must be, and be primal; and from the primal all things must proceed. And since Truth cannot express itself in error, therefore there can be no error.

Truth cannot result in error; the positive cannot result in the negative. Love cannot result in hate;

Life cannot result in death. If Life could result in death, then death would be the victor and Life the vanquished; then all would be death, and there would be no Life. If Truth could result in error, then error would be the victor and Truth the vanquished; then all would be error, and there would be no Truth. But these are things impossible.

By virtue of the fact that the positive is, the negative cannot be. The positive is the real, the negative the unreal. Truth is the real, error the unreal. Love is the real, hate the unreal. Life is the real, death the unreal. Harmony is the real, discord the unreal. Spirit is the real, and flesh the unreal. "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other." One is, and the other is not, but to finite sense it seems to be.

DID GOD, THEN, MAKE THE MORTAL TO WAR AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL?

Did God, then make the mortal to war against the spiritual? All He made was good, and must therefore be harmonious. God never made mortality; He could not, for there is no mortality in Him, and all we really have and are comes from Him. Mortality is a myth; it is the delusion of the senses, the negative of immortality. "The carnal mind is enmity against God."

...When we begin to realize the idea of eternity, we begin to lose the sense of time. The angel of Truth, that John saw, is standing today with one foot upon the sea and the other upon the land, proclaiming with a loud voice that time shall be no more. Heaven, harmony, is inevitable; it is the primal and ultimate fact of being. It is the ever present reality of being; and its opposite, hell, is not a reality, either past, present, or future. Let your heaven be renewed each day, each hour, and the so-called future will take care of itself.

...Every fear is a demon, and for every demon that

you cast out an angel will take its place. And if you are fearing hell, take the torchlight of Truth and Love and explore that reputed region from top to bottom, from center to circumference. By so doing you will turn that dreadful hell to heaven and make it a paradise complete. "If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there;" and where God is, there is heaven.

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TAKE ITS PLACE.

...Truth is impregnable. Nothing can scale its lofty walls or enter its sacred precincts, except in the way that Truth itself shall lead, and Love must be the prompter. All who enter here must take their shoes from off their feet, must divest themselves of material or mortal sense; for this is holy ground. Science admits of no personal opinion; it is founded upon the rock of self-evident demonstrable truth, and can never be shaken. ...

Our Leader's knowledge reached beyond the testimony of the senses. To her thought, physical seeing was not scientific knowing. No high grade of finite belief entered into her scientific understanding of the Science of all things. She left no mere personal opinion, to be changed to higher thoughts by those who in the ages to come should write of things immortal. Her discovery of the Science of Life lifted her above the poet's dream of time and space and things that are superior but not supreme. Her basic Principle for the Christly Science was unchanging Truth, undying Life, and unselfish Love, the ultimatum and substantiation of all things— yea, the divine omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence.

Yet while Mrs. Eddy's standard for Christian Science was perfection itself, she rejoiced to know that the all-embracing law of Love lifts poor mortals from their low estate to the higher thought of

God. It was my great privilege to have her teaching both in primary and normal class instruction, and afterward in her own home as well. I learned to love her because she had the love that lifted me out of the physical and material into the metaphysical and spiritual. Hers was like the love which enabled the great Exemplar to reach from the pinnacle of perfection to lift the Magdalen thought to behold the risen Lord. Hers was a noble nature, brave yet gentle, generous and kind. When you saw her, she had won you; when you knew her, you had loved her.

THE GRAND LESSON THAT ALL MUST SOONER
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TRUTH.

...The grand lesson that all must sooner or later learn is that all must come to Truth. The hard road is by the way of suffering and experience; the easier way is through searching and acceptance. ...

Disease is discord, the seeming absence of ease, that comes of sowing to the flesh; it is a ghost, a phantom thought that comes flitting along, and in the fertile soil of fear begotten of ignorance the discordant seed takes root. Instead of turning upon it and correcting it in embryo, we fear it until it grows to be a monster. We think it real and let it grow, when all we need to do is to turn and face the ghost with the flaming sword of Truth, and soon it will shrink to nothingness and be lost in its native nowhere. ...

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IS TRUE MIND-
HEALING, BUT WHAT IS COMMONLY CALLED
MIND-HEALING MAY BE QUITE DIFFERENT.

Christian Science is true Mind-healing, but what is commonly called mind-healing may be quite differ-

ent. So-called mind-healing begins with an evil man, according to the testimony of the senses, and tries to make him good; it begins with a sick man and tries to make him well. Christian Science, reversing this procedure, begins with perfection as a basis of every thought and action; it begins with perfect Principle, or God, and perfect man, and from this scientific basis demonstrates perfection at every step.

History repeats itself. Of old, the messenger of Truth was accused of casting out devils by the prince of devils. Today, Christian Science is accused of casting out error with error; of healing sickness and sin by mesmerism, hypnotism, mental suggestion, or autosuggestion. The world of mortal mind, or finite sense, is a seething sea of animal magnetism, autosuggestion, and mental suggestion.

ALL MORTALS FROM THE MORTAL STAND-
POINT ARE MENTAL MALPRACTITIONERS.

All mortals from the mortal standpoint are mental malpractitioners. Consciously or unconsciously, until corrected by the knowledge of the truth, they are living in the belief of a God-given mind in a material brain, which suppositional mind is a mixture of good and evil, of right and wrong, of love and hate. But Christian Science not only heals mankind of sickness and sin, it also heals of autosuggestion, mental suggestion, hypnotism, mesmerism, animal magnetism, spiritualism, and some other isms.

You will agree with me that where God is, sin, sickness, sorrow, pain, and death can never come. You will further agree with me that God is omnipresent; then you have also already agreed with me in this third statement, namely, that all discord and all mortality is a nonreality. You would dishonor God and do violence to mankind by admitting these things as realities in His presence. You must either reject His perfection and omnipresence, or admit the unreality of all discord and all mortality. You will

furthermore agree with me that God is omnipotent; that He is omnipotence itself; that all power is vested in Him, and there is no other power; that He rules, and He alone. Moreover, you will agree that He does not will and is not willing that any should perish. Then you have also already agreed with me in this third statement, namely, that none can perish.

...All that really is can never die; and that which is not is dead already. ...

[Jesus] overcame death with Life; he overcame the mortal with the immortal; he overcame the flesh with the spirit; he overcame the false with the true. He was not overcome of evil, but overcame evil with good. He made the divine atonement, or at-one-ment, with the Father. He yielded up self entirely, and would have no life in the body, but in Mind; hence he became one with the Father. And he said: "I and my Father are one." "The flesh profiteth nothing." Your true self is the spiritual expression of Spirit; and Spirit is God. Hence we express Spirit, not matter.

...The Mary of today has given birth to the incorporeal Christ-idea, the true idea of God and man, as revealed in Christian Science.

Do you recognize this coming,
Do you know the trumpet tone?
Is your ear attuned to hear the truth
Whene'er the blast is blown?

Do you see the consummation,
That the mighty work is done?
That death and hell are yielding up
And the dragon is cast down?

...Yes, the fourth watch of the night is come; and you that have toiled all night rowing against the adverse winds may look up and see Christ, Truth, walking o'er the waves of mortal sense. Go ye out to meet him, for he comes to still the tempest's roar and calm the raging seas. You who have lain long years at the pool of Bethesda, waiting for the troubling of the waters, may now cease to look down,

may look up and see Christ, waiting to make you whole. But when you are made whole, then "sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

...Mrs. Eddy has truly said (S&H 568): "For victory over a single sin, we give thanks and magnify the Lord of Hosts. What shall we say of the mighty conquest over all sin? A louder song, sweeter than has ever before reached high heaven, now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain."

[We are indebted to Leona Olson for a copy of Dr. Fluno's lecture, "Christian Science: Pure Metaphysics."]



MRS. EDDY'S LETTERS

MARY Baker Eddy gave Science and Health to all mankind for all time. She gave teaching to her students, and she gave precept upon precept to all Christian Scientists week after week, month after month, year after year.

In addition, she gave daily to individuals in letters of instruction, comfort, advice, thanks, etc. Thousands upon thousands of letters came from the Leader's pen to workers in the field, and all these letters contained gems of wisdom or elucidation.

"I AM CARRYING ON A GREAT REFORM IN
OUR RANKS THROUGH MY LETTERS."

Mrs. Eddy well knew the importance of her teaching through her letters, for she wrote to one of her directors, Ira Oscar Knapp, "I am carrying on a great reform in our ranks through my letters."

This "reform in our ranks" continues today through these same letters and gains impetus every time a



Mary Baker Eddy as she appeared when Augusta Stetson first saw her in 1884.

worker in the field is inspired anew or gains greater understanding of the Mother in Israel.

A letter written to Augusta Stetson in 1898 has caused us to seek a youthful picture of Mrs. Eddy. The letter follows:

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.
September 27

My precious Student:

I have been seeking opportunity to thank you for the address of the artist of my portrait. Oh, I do thank you, dear, for my only really natural face in portraiture. I want now to get one with the earnest look that I have sometimes, and the white hair. Will you, dear one, help me to get it, and then you will get a little present from me. [The "little present" may have been the miniature portrait set in a frame of forty diamonds which she sent to Augusta a few weeks after this letter.] Your letters I love. I will send you the photo taken of my face when I spoke in our little Hall in Concord. I like it better than any I have seen, only the hair is done up as in my hateful one. Please have the artist do my hair as I now wear it. Have her come to see me. But let me know so I can

YOU WILL ALWAYS WANT TWO LIKENESSES
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select the day. You will always want two likenesses of me, one as you first saw me and one of my later years.

God will sustain you. I pray for you daily. He *answers my prayers*. Love has not said "seek ye me"— in vain. Be what Love wants you to be and then the warfare will be over. Silence all that is unlike the true image, then you will have peace, freedom, Heaven right here. God grant you this attainment.

Lovingly ever, Mother
M. B. Eddy

Be careful that none know about my purpose till
I have a good likeness and you have it.

With love, M. B. E.

The Leader wrote to her beloved students words that she could not give to the world. In a letter to Mrs. Stetson in 1891 she said: "Do you remember what I have said in time past, and how it all has been fulfilled in your own experience simply because you were prompt and obedient, to the Word that God utters

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through me? Oh, the marvel of my life. What would be thought of it if it was known in a millionth of its detail? But this cannot be now. It will take centuries for this."

Not a day goes by that some student does not gain inspiration, healing, freedom, joy from excerpts from Mrs. Eddy's letters. And from these letters the serious student begins to perceive the marvel of her life.

[We are indebted to Gail Weatherbe for *Letters of Mary Baker Eddy to Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D.*]

A Letter from Mrs. Eddy

Now dear, let not sorrow be the master of joy for it is not. The burden is light, the yoke is easy, and if I can say that, any mortal can; for never mortal before drank my cup. Yet I bless God for every dreg. Be of good cheer; Love is supreme.

Letter of 1893

TRUE FREEDOM

IN the Blue Book on page 90 Mrs. Eddy tells us "Man is free and freedom is the God-given birthright." Because human government would, if it could, replace God and thus has become so pervasive in the attempt, many Americans wrongly feel that their freedom comes from government. But it does not. Freedom comes from God alone and is our "God-given birthright."

Independence Day will soon be here, and once more we have occasion to think more seriously about the meaning of freedom and its highest manifestation,—Christian Science.

When America was closer to the Revolution, freedom was discussed in the home and taught at school; and the Declaration of Independence was read at public celebrations on the Fourth of July. It gave real meaning to the holiday and caused Americans to appreciate the seriousness, the dedication, and courage of those who so loved liberty that they were willing to fight and die for it. All honor and glory to them for doing so!

In her childhood Mrs. Eddy undoubtedly heard stories about the Rebellion and studied the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution at school. As she matured in consciousness the concept of individual freedom as God-given took on greater significance and importance in her life, and eventually it was at the heart of her unfoldment of Christian Science.

The Declaration of Independence was a momentous step in human progress, but a hard step indeed for those men to take. The Revolutionary War had been going on for fourteen months before a timely, fervent speech by John Adams before the Continental Congress so moved the delegates that they finally, formally, made the break with the old world and opted for freedom. These were his stirring words:

Sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish,
I give my hand and my heart to this vote. It
is true, indeed, that in the beginning we aimed
not at independence. But there's a Divinity

which shapes our ends. The injustice of England has driven us to arms; and, blinded to her own interest for our good, she had obstinately persisted, till independence is now within our grasp. We have but to reach forth to it, and it is ours.

BUT THERE'S A DIVINITY WHICH SHAPES
OUR ENDS.

Why, then, should we defer the Declaration? Is any man so weak as now to hope for a reconciliation with England? ...

You and I, indeed, may rue it. We may not live to the time when this Declaration shall be made good. We may die Colonists; die slaves; die, it may be, ignominiously and on the scaffold.

Be it so. Be it so.

If it be the pleasure of Heaven that my country shall require the poor offering of my life, the victim shall be ready...But while I do live, let me have a country, or at least the hope of a country, and that a free country.

But whatever may be our fate, be assured... that this Declaration will stand. It may cost treasure, and it may cost blood; but it will stand, and it will richly compensate for both.

Through the thick gloom of the present, I see the brightness of the future, as the sun in heaven. We shall make this a glorious, an immortal day. When we are in our graves, our children will honor it. They will celebrate it with thanksgiving, with festivity, with bonfires, and illuminations. On its annual return they will shed tears, copious, gushing tears, not of subjection and slavery, not of agony and distress, but of exultation, of gratitude and joy.

Sir, before God, I believe the hour has come. My judgment approves this measure, and my whole heart is in it. All that I have, and all that

I am, and all that I hope, in this life, I am now ready here to stake upon it; and I leave off as I began, that live or die, survive or perish, I am for the Declaration. It is my

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living sentiment, and by the blessing of God it shall be my dying sentiment. Independence now, and Independence forever.

Prior to this Declaration of Independence the lives of the colonists had been governed by King George III and Parliament, but no more, forever!

Prior to Mrs. Eddy's discovery of Christian Science organized religion had decreed that Adam, not God, was our progenitor, that man was mortal, material, and subject to sin, sickness, and death. But no more. Mrs. Eddy broke those bonds and liberated mankind forever when she threw down the gauntlet and declared that God is the author of man, that as His expression man is Spirit and not matter, that he is immortal because God is his life;— here and now and always; that there is not God AND anything else for God is all-inclusive.

To declare for freedom and their right to it was one thing, but first our patriot forbears had a long, long, bitter war to win against seemingly insurmountable odds.

Mrs. Eddy's situation in 1866 was not unlike that. She was all alone with God. Not another Christian Scientist on earth, and all the world (because of its ignorance) opposed to her mission to free mankind from sin, sickness, and death. In a very real sense she, too, had a war to win, and she spent the rest of her life on this planet working long hours seven days a week, winning her war to establish Chris-

tian Science and liberate others. She wrote our textbook, hundreds of lectures and articles, and thousands of letters to instruct, inspire, warn, and console those who wanted or needed the Christ. Such love and dedication the world has not witnessed since Jesus' time!

IN A VERY REAL SENSE MRS. EDDY, TOO,
HAD A WAR TO WIN...

There is no question that had it not been for George Washington there would be no United States of America today. God chose George Washington to lead the American patriots to freedom, and God did not mistake. Washington was "more than a man" and worthy in every respect.

Nor is there any question that Mary Baker Eddy was sent from God. Had it not been for Mary Baker Eddy we would not have Christian Science, the truth of all being, today. We can thank God for giving us George Washington and Mary Baker Eddy. What an inspiration their lives are to us!

What a legacy has been bequeathed to us: Freedom and Christian Science. Let us count our blessings and give thanks this Fourth of July and question ourselves, too. Am I living a life that conforms to the demands of freedom and that will perpetuate the "American Dream"? In the strictest sense, can I call myself a Christian Scientist? Am I being faithful to Mrs. Eddy and her discovery?



TRUE CHURCH

THE understanding of the Christ takes away the cross of a material, personal sense of man. It shows what we already are in the sight of God; the crowning glory of the son of God. In the same way, the understanding of the Christ takes away the cross of a

material, personal sense of Church. It shows us what Church forever is in the sight of God. Mrs. Eddy's inspired definition states that it is "The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle." (S&H 583)

THE CHRIST SHOWS US WHAT CHURCH
FOREVER IS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD.

When Christ Jesus wished to explain to his disciples what the foundation of his Church was, he began by asking them what they thought he himself was. After his students had referred to him in a human, spiritualistic way, Simon Peter gave the right answer, declaring, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matt. 16:16) The Master's warm approval swiftly followed in the well-known words: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." This shows how closely connected the right understanding of man is with the right basis of Church. It is the Christ that both constitutes and gives this sacred understanding.

Dr. Hendrik J. deLange

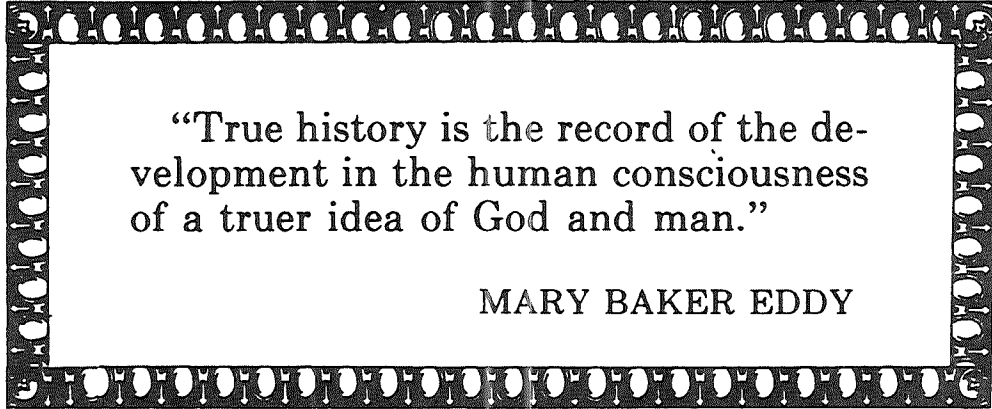


To State Governors

There is a natural and necessary progression from the extreme of anarchy to the extreme of tyranny, and that arbitrary power is most easily established on the ruins of liberty, abused to licentiousness. ...The path of our duty is plain before us; honesty will be found on every experiment, to be the best and only policy. Let us, then, as a nation, be just.

*George Washington
Letter of 1783*

H I S T O R Y



“True history is the record of the development in the human consciousness of a truer idea of God and man.”

MARY BAKER EDDY

NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM

MANY of our forefathers sacrificed their lives and their fortunes to bequeath to us and to all mankind the "new order of the ages," memorialized upon the Great Seal of the United States in the Latin words *Novus Ordo Seclorum*.

The War for Independence called the American Revolution was unlike most of the wars on our earth. The powers of this world are forever promoting organizations for peace on the one hand while planning wars and keeping mankind forever at war (in the name of peace) on the other. This is not new to the twentieth century. Long before Jesus brought Christianity to the world, Jeremiah wrote: "They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace."

The War for Independence was not planned by the powers of this world to perpetuate their reign, but was a true rebellion against this worldly power, for the progress of mankind, and is better described in

Paul's words to the Ephesians: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

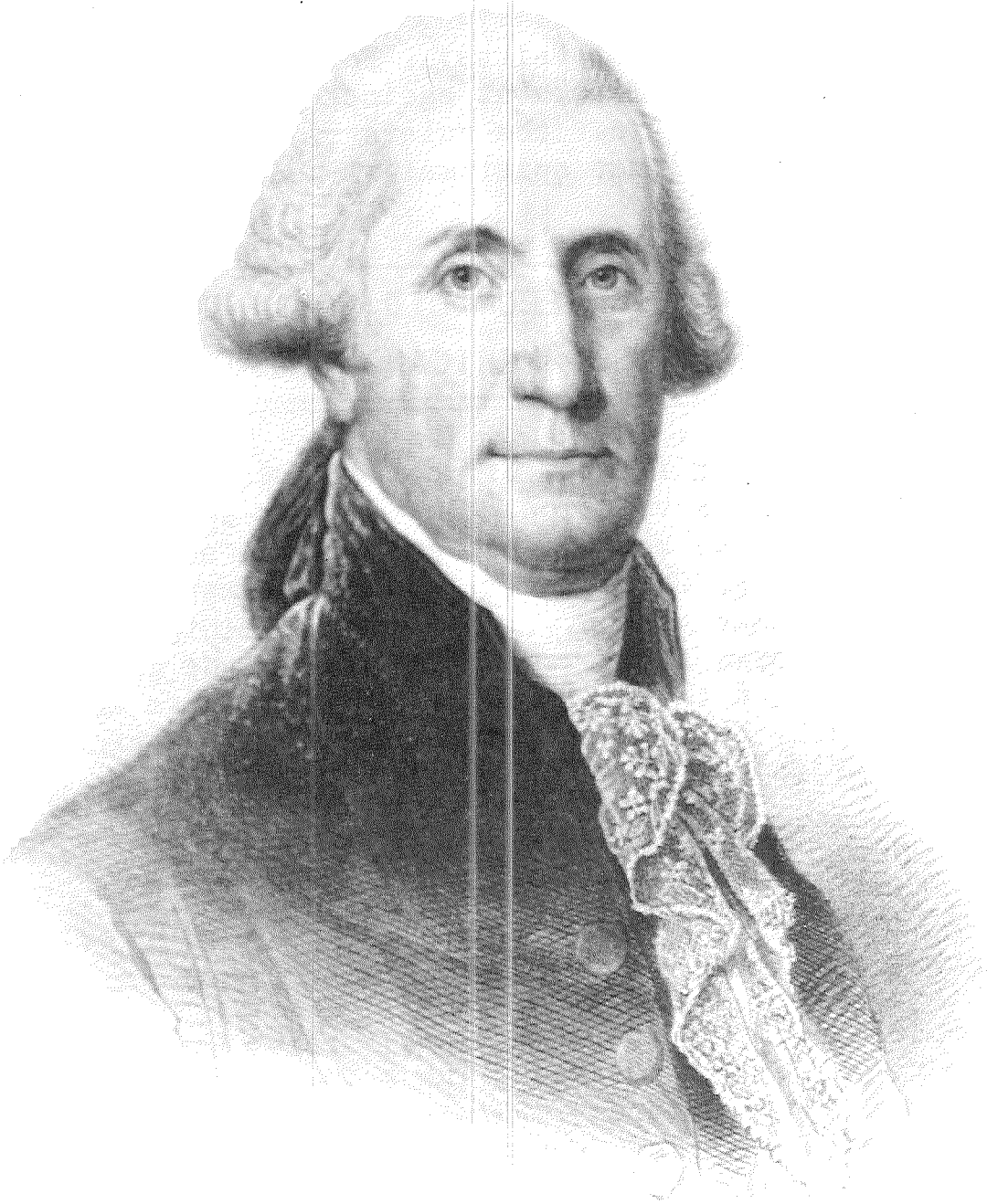
THE WAR FOR FREEDOM DID NOT END WITH
THE CLOSE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

But the war for freedom did not end with the close of the American Revolution. In an early essay Mrs. Eddy wrote: "The warfare between science and superstition, between Christianity and the dogmatic religions of human creeds,...yea, between a higher freedom for humanity touching the hem of the garment of divinity and the limitations of selfishness and greed in all their forms, challenges the awakening thought of this age."

"PROPHECY IS BUT HISTORY WRITTEN IN
ADVANCE."

She also said in the same essay: "Prophecy is but history written in advance. The beloved disciple of Jesus on the Island of Patmos, from the spiritual heights of revelation, foresaw human history and recorded the events of these 'latter days'."

The father of our country, George Washington, also foresaw human history in a spiritual vision that was vouchsafed to him during the desperate winter of 1777 at Valley Forge. The Father of our republic was addressed as "Son of the Republic" in this vision which was a graphic depiction of both the war in which he was involved and of the Civil War in the next century. But this "history written in advance" also foretold a third desperate struggle for the survival of the "new order of the ages" in America.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

From Washington Irving's *Life of George Washington*

THE THIRD PERIL
of George Washington's Vision

And again I heard the mysterious voice say, "Son of the Republic, look and learn." At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa.

Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: From each of these countries arose thick, black clouds which were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men who, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities that I had beheld springing up.

As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords and shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn." When the voice had ceased, the dark, shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast.

A LIGHT, AS OF A THOUSAND SUNS...
PIERCED AND BROKE INTO FRAGMENTS THE
DARK CLOUD WHICH ENVELOPED AMERICA.

Instantly a light, as of a thousand suns, shone down from above me and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment, the angel upon whose head still shone the word "Union," and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from heaven, attended by legions of bright spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who, I perceived, were well-nigh overcome, but who, immediately taking courage again, closed up their

broken ranks and renewed the battle.

Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn." As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel, for the last time, dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

"WHILE THE STARS REMAIN, AND THE
HEAVENS SEND DOWN DEW UPON THE EARTH,
SO LONG SHALL THE REPUBLIC LAST."

Then once more I beheld villages, towns and cities springing up where they had been before, while the bright angel, planting the azure Standard he had brought into the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: "While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Republic last." And taking from his brow the crown on which was blazoned the word "Union," he placed it upon the Standard while the people, kneeling down, said, "Amen."

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"The inhabitants of America...were well-nigh overcome." Only the light and legions from above save them from the dark cloud enveloping America. Paul describes this warfare in II Corinthians: "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." But it is the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science who has taught us how to wield "the weapons of our warfare." In her early essay, "Woman's Hour" Mrs. Eddy has written:

But now has come woman's hour. The deliverer of humanity must be the mother-love. It broods over the children of earth, though they, unconscious of its power, may term it weakness.

But the armed legion of progress shall hurl back the forces of reaction and bondage. The doctrine of blood and iron shall fail... In this world-wide "war of the Revolution," manhood shall be softened by the qualities of true womanhood, and womanhood shall be strengthened by the courage and assurance of manhood, and they two together shall reveal the true sense of Godhood.

"THE DELIVERER OF HUMANITY MUST
BE THE MOTHER-LOVE."

Many thinkers today consider America to be on the verge of collapse, to be in the "bread and circuses" stage that preceded the downfall of Rome. They see America in decline and expect the United States to be added to the long list of civilizations whose greatness has departed,— India, Ethiopia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, etc. But these thinkers know naught of the Womanhood of God nor of the true warfare for humanity.

The true followers of the Mother in Israel know that America was the cradle for the Second Coming of the Christ which completed the equation. They are also engaged every day in this "world-wide war of the Revolution," which must be waged by every son of God who will survive the third peril facing America; and surviving, will save this great Union. Mrs. Eddy's words one day to the students in her home are pertinent to the last decade of this century. She said:

My dear students, God has told me this much

"AT THE END OF THIS CENTURY, CHRISTIAN
SCIENCE WILL BE THE ONLY UNIVERSALLY
ACKNOWLEDGED RELIGION IN THE WORLD..."

for you: At the end of this century, Christian Science will be the only universally acknowledged religion in the world, because the other religions have no demonstrating basis. But much work remains undone, much self-denial waits for us all before this end can be fulfilled. The main thing is for us to handle M.A.M. that would make us fold our hands till this manifests itself. But Truth demands work, work, work! Never forget that!

Few students at the beginning of this century had any understanding of Mary Baker Eddy's identity, or of her mission among mortals, or of America's mission for the world. But God's chosen witness knew all these things and recorded:

"MAY NOT AMERICA'S GREATEST GIFT
TO THE WORLD BE THE GIFT OF GOD'S
MOTHERHOOD PROCLAIMED...?"

"May not America's greatest gift to the world be the gift of God's Motherhood proclaimed and woman's equality demonstrated in the substance, essence, and science of true democracy, the broader fulfilment of the message graven for universal humanity upon the Great Seal of the United States— '*Novus Ordo Seclorum*'— the 'new order of the ages'?"

From An Early Sentinel

The following toast was given at a banquet in Paris by Benjamin Franklin when he was minister to France: "Why are the emblems of the United States more enduring than those of France, England, Ireland, and Scotland?

The Lily will droop and its leaves decay;
The Rose from its stem will sever;
The Shamrock and Thistle will fade away;
But the Stars, they shine forever."

INSTRUCTION
FROM 7-YEAR-OLD ANNA

"If you are full up, you can use anything to see Mister God. You can't if you're not full up."

"Why's that? Give me a for-instance."

She never hesitated. "The cross! If you're full up, you don't need it 'cos the cross is inside you. If you're not full up, you have the cross outside you and then you make it a magic thing."

She tugged at my arm and our eyes met. She spoke quietly and slowly. "If you're not full up inside you, then you can make anything a magic thing, and then it becomes an outside bit of you."

"Is it that bad?"

She nodded. "If you do that, then you can't do what Mister God wants you to do."

"Oh! What's he want me to do then?"

"Love everybody like you love yourself, and you've got to be full up with you to love yourself properly first."

"Like most of a person is outside," I said.

She smiled. "Fynn, there ain't no different churches in heaven 'cos everybody in heaven is inside themselves."

Then she went on, "It's the outside bits that make all the different churches and synagogues and temples and things like that. Fynn, Mister God said 'I am,' and that's what he wants us all to say—that's the hard bit."

My head went up and down in bewildered agreement.

"I am...that's the hard bit. I am." Really get around to saying that and you're home; really mean it and you're full up— you're all inside. You don't have to want things outside you to fill up the gaps inside you. You don't leave bits of you hanging around on objects in shop windows, in catalogs or on advertising hoardings. Wherever you go you take your whole self with you; you don't leave bits lying around to get stamped on; you're all of a piece; you're what Mister God wants you to be. And "I am," like he is. Hell's bells! All this time I had thought that going to church was in order to look for

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I so appreciate the way you relate Science to other thinkers of the ages, including them in each issue. It seems that Mrs. Eddy did live in an age of giants. They may not all have agreed with her discovery, but they were deep thinkers with much to offer every age.

I was taken with the message from Mrs. Eddy on page 9 where she says, "Sad, sad thought, that money regulates the actions of so many students..." I have had the same feeling so often... Had I relied on such methods I would have never gotten Bookmark underway.

Ann Beals
Santa Clarita, California

Your March 1990 TICS was splendid. I especially liked the "17 Years a Witness." I had read it before but it is something one should read *often*.

Joyellen Edwards dwells on a subject dear to my heart and much *needed* today. ...

P.S. Thank you *very*, very much for advertising "If" book. Have sold over 4000 (nearly all by word of mouth). It's now in third edition. People want to know.

Helen Wright
Seattle, Washington

I know one thing that every word in Mrs. Eddy's writings is the pure Truth, the Word of God. John 1:1 When the Truth is revealed as one's own consciousness, there is never a doubt. S&H 483:19-21

One seems to go in and out of the far country, the illusion, many times but like tired children we always return to what has been revealed, as our oneness with our Father-Mother God.

When I ask myself, Where do I find my brother? Jacob saw his brother Esau as he saw the face or nature of God. Gen. 33:10 And in John 17:24 we read "Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am."

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Yes, as we accept God as our Father and our Mother it robs mortal mind of its belief in birth and all that goes with it.

Leona Olson
Banning, California

INSTRUCTION FROM ANNA (continued from page 27)

God, for praising him. It didn't dawn on me what Mister God was doing. All this time he had been working overtime trying to knock a bit of sense into my noddle, trying to turn an "It is" into an "I am." I got the message. That was the Sunday I really signed on.

I was beginning to get the hang of this "I am" stuff. Considering how important it was to Mister God, I was finding it not too impossible to cope with. The tricky bit was looking inside yourself to see what bits of the works were missing. Once you'd overcome that hurdle, the rest was fairly simple. My first real peek inside myself caused me to slam the door in a hurry. "That's me in there!" Holy cow, I looked more like an overgrown Gruyere cheese-full of holes.

After getting over the shock, I opened the door a crack and took another peek. It wasn't long before I was able to identify one of the holes. It was shaped like a motorbike. What's more, I recognized that hole. It was an exact fit of the motorbike in the shop window down the High Street.

After some practice it became more and more easy to identify the holes: a rather super microscope [etc., etc.]...There were bits of me all over the place, leaving identical holes inside me. I was, to say the least, spread out a bit. ..."Most of a person is outside." You can say that again.

There was no overnight miracle, no sudden flash of revelation. It crept up on me unannounced, and I'm still trying to work on it. ...It wasn't so difficult to open the doors these days. I now knew where I was. The motorbike hole was still there, but it

seemed to be flickering a bit, like some faulty electric light bulb. Then one day it went out. The hole was no longer there, a good-sized bit of me had come home. I was on my way at last. A couple of peeks inside me and I realized that I was beginning to fill up. The world was an all right place...

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