

A lady with a lamp shall stand
In the great history of our land
A noble type of good
Heroic womanhood.

LONGFELLOW

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“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds” — *Paul*

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“WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL — WATCH” JESUS

The individual Christian Scientist *is* the Christian Science sentinel.



Mary Baker Eddy

The frontispiece in *Science and Health* as Mrs. Eddy left it in 1910. This is from a 1909 edition. By 1910 she had deleted the initial G. from her signature.

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*

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TRUTH EVER TRUE

THE truths in the Bible are just as true and inspiring today as in the day they were written. The same applies to the truths of Christian Science, and many Scientists today are finding renewed inspiration from lesson sermons prepared at the turn of the century.

We have found such inspiration from an early lecture sent to us by a kind friend. It is altogether possible that students who lived and learned in our Leader's home received and imparted an inspiration that is not directly obtainable today.

In endeavoring to condense this lecture for republication we found very little that is not as pertinent in 1991 as it was nearly a century ago.

IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE CHRISTIAN
SCIENTIST TO...MAINTAIN A TRUE SENSE
OF WARFARE.

Today when our nation is involved in warfare, it is essential for the Christian Scientist to understand and to maintain a *true* sense of warfare.

Because Dr. Fluno's lecture is as timely now as when he wrote it we have decided, rather than excerpting, to divide it. Part I follows.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE VERSUS FINITE SENSE

by Francis J. Fluno, M.D., C.S.D.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE is the Science of being, and necessarily includes all there is of being. It is an education in itself; an education that is infinite, unlimited, and inexhaustible; that takes not only months, but years, ages, yes, eternity itself, to know, understand, and comprehend. It takes time even to begin to comprehend, or begin the study, as it were, of such a subject; for since Christian Science is the Science of being, it necessarily is the reverse of sense testimony, *i.e.*, it is the converse of the senses, and is therefore just the opposite of most people's line of thought or way of thinking; and it must of necessity take time to turn from thinking one way to thinking just the opposite way.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEXT-BOOK

If you were going to take up the study of mathematics you would not want a text-book that did not teach mathematics; you would want the science of numbers itself, if you could get it, and nothing short of it. Or, if you wished to study music, you would not apply to a teacher who taught by ear, but one who would teach from principle, and hence would teach it correctly. Likewise, to begin the study of Christian Science you will need its text-book, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mrs. Eddy, and also the other works by this author... These books and publications together with the Bible are the only ones that Christian Scientists recognize as authority on the subject, or as teaching Christian Science at all. The text-book of Christian Science, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, is a library in itself; it educates, enlightens, and refines all who come in contact with it.

The author, Mrs. Eddy, was fitted by rare intellec-

tual ability, deeply religious nature, high educational attainment, and a life experience which tended toward weaning her from earthly hopes and ambitions for a master-work, a priceless contribution to

SCIENCE AND HEALTH...IS A LIBRARY IN ITSELF.

the age in which she lived. She was of English and Scotch descent, a native of New Hampshire, and her family lived for many generations in the vicinity of Concord, honored and respected by all. I am grateful to say that it was my privilege to receive personal instruction from her, and confirmation, as it were, of the teachings of our text-book, Science and Health.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE VS. FINITE SENSE

Finite sense has all things material and nothing spiritual. Christian Science has all things spiritual

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HAS ALL THINGS SPIRITUAL AND NOTHING MATERIAL...

and nothing material, and this is why some of its leading statements seem so absurd and far-fetched to the finite sense; but this should not seem so inconsistent and foolish when we remember that the Bible teaches that "the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians, "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other." As Christian Science counsels its adherents, Paul also writes, "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh;" and again, "If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." Christian Science teaches most emphatically that if we are led of the Spirit, we are not under the material law,— not under the law of matter, the law of the physical, but under the divine law; and

the more closely we walk in the Spirit, the further are we removed from the mortal law. Hence, living according to Christian Science, we are becoming more and more freed from the bondage of the senses; more and more liberated from the things of sense that tend to keep us forever in bondage.

FINITE SENSE JUDGES ALL THINGS FROM
THE STANDPOINT OF APPEARANCES...

Finite sense judges all things from the standpoint of appearances, while Christian Science judges all things from the standpoint of Principle, God. Jesus said, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." And Isaiah, in his prophecy of the coming Prince of Peace, said, "And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth."

"AND HE SHALL NOT JUDGE AFTER THE SIGHT
OF HIS EYES, NEITHER REPROVE AFTER THE
HEARING OF HIS EARS..."

No judgment springing from or based upon sense testimony can be reliable or trustworthy, and hence it cannot be a righteous judgment. Appearances have no Principle, no standard, no basis in fact, and hence ought not to be taken in evidence. And since, according to Jesus' teachings, the sense testimony, the testimony of appearances, is not right, because not righteous, then surely it is not right for any

one, and especially not right for followers of Christ, to take it in evidence.

JESUS' JUDGMENT NOT ACCORDING TO APPEARANCES

Jesus did not judge according to appearances when he met the man who had been blind from his birth. His disciples were inclined to judge from that standpoint, for they asked, "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents," and then he proceeded to heal him. When he met the man with the withered hand, he did not stop to consult the sense testimony, to give it any rights or honor it with any power; but he commanded that the hand be stretched forth, and it was stretched forth, and was restored whole, like as the other. At the tomb of Lazarus he did not credit the evidence of the senses, which said, "He has been dead too long;" but quite contrary to anything the senses had to say, he commanded Lazarus to come forth, and he came forth and was restored to his family and friends.

The Master did not judge according to the finite sense of life, the life that ends in death, but according to eternal Life, the Life which knows no death, the Life that never dies and which triumphs over death. And the man who came foaming and frothing from the tombs, who was so exceeding fierce that no man could bind him or control him, at the rebuke of Truth was brought to the feet of the Christ, a willing and obedient disciple. Jesus did not judge after the sight of his eyes, nor reprove after the

[JESUS] DID NOT JUDGE SINNERS ACCORDING TO THEIR SINS, BUT PRONOUNCED A RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT UPON THEM.

hearing of his ears. He did not condemn the sick to their sickness, the diseased to their diseases, nor the sinner to his sins, but with righteousness he judged both the sick and the sinner; he rebuked the

sickness and the sin, and set the afflicted free. He did not judge sinners according to their sins, but pronounced a righteous judgment upon them.

Thus Christian Science, which judges not according to appearance, but judges righteous judgment, comes to rescue just such heavily laden ones; it takes their load of ills away, and they find themselves free, both mentally and physically. They are made healthy, strong, and well, so that even the physical sense (so-called) will, does, and must acknowledge their restoration from weakness to strength, from sickness to health, from a living death to a living life. According to the sense testimony how many hopeless invalids are today eking out a miserable existence in a living death, under the ever-increasing load of sympathy and fear that is constantly being laid upon them in thought, in look, and in word— "Poor thing, how ill you are." And this load is often made the heavier by the very comforting remark, "The Lord is afflicting you for some good purpose." Christian Science comes to relieve them of this terrible load, and to show them

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE COMES...TO SHOW THEM
THAT THEIR AFFLICTION IS NOT OF GOD.

that their affliction is not of God; that it is not necessary either to their spiritual, moral, or physical welfare, nor yet to help them on to heaven; but that as soon as they turn to the Lord with all their heart, their sins, though they be many, will all be forgiven, their sicknesses will disappear, their burdens roll away, and they will be well indeed.

The mission of Christian Science is not primarily the healing of the sick only. Neither should it be considered merely as one of the many methods of healing the sick. Christian Science comes to heal the world of all error. It heals of sin as well as of sickness. It heals of ignorance; every one who comes in contact with its teaching, of necessity

advances in education and refinement. It heals of poverty—a scourge that starts with individuals, spreads through families, lays waste communities, and finally devastates whole nations. Christian

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES THAT NO
ONE NEED BE IN POVERTY OR WANT.

Science teaches that no one need be in poverty or want; that poverty should no longer be considered a Christian virtue. He who is the source and supply of all being is a bountiful giver. No one needs to, or should ask sparingly when he comes to that fountain whose very nature it is to give. "I must have all things, and abound, while God is God to me."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE COMES TO HEAL
THE WORLD OF ALL EVIL...

Christian Science comes to heal the world of all evil, of all wrong; for no evil and no wrong is found in the kingdom of God; and His kingdom is to come, and His will is to be done, "in earth, as it is in heaven," even as we have prayed so long. Really His kingdom is here already, and the door is wide open. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

There are scores of cases where men have been healed of the tobacco habit, of drunkenness, of infidelity, of atheism, of agnosticism, of profanity and brutality to wife and family. Christian Science heals not only physically, but morally, mentally, and spiritually. It heals financially, understandingly, scientifically, educationally, and substantially. Far from being narrowing and belittling in its tendencies, Christian Science is broadening and enlarging. It elevates, purifies, and exalts mankind. It is in the highest degree a liberating and ennobling religion. Christian Science covers the

whole ground; answers all questions and solves all problems; it turns the search-light on all physical phenomena, all materialistic beliefs, hypotheses, speculations, conjectures, and dogmas.

NOT SPIRITUALISM OR MENTAL SUGGESTION

Christian Science comes to all who believe there are spirits many, to reveal the scientific fact that God is Spirit; and since there is but one God, there is therefore but one Spirit. There are not spirits many, or spirits at all; neither are there parts of Spirit; for God is one, undivided and indivisible, and man and the universe, representing and expressing the divine Principle or Spirit, are spiritual, but not Spirit.

EMBODIED SPIRITS AND DISEMBODIED SPIRITS, DEPARTED SPIRITS AND SPIRITS RETURNED, ARE MERE MORTAL BELIEFS.

Christian Science reveals the fact that there is no spirit in matter or body, and hence no spirit to depart from the body; therefore embodied spirits and disembodied spirits, departed spirits and spirits returned, are mere mortal beliefs, without principle or reality. They have no more existence than the gods of mythology. Christian Science, the Science of Life, turns the searchlight on spiritualism, mesmerism, mental suggestion, hypnotism, and animal magnetism, etc., and proves them to be of the earth, earthy; shows them to be finite sense vagaries which will not stand the test of eternity, and consequently cannot stand the test of Christian Science.

Many suppose that the teaching and practice of Christian Science is the concentration of the human mind; but that is as far from the teaching and practice of Christian Science as darkness is from daylight. Christian Science teaches that there is one Mind only, and this Mind is God. Christian Science does not teach the holding of thoughts to the end that we may bring about that which we might wish

for. For instance, that if you wanted a trip to Europe, and should hold this thought continuously in your mind, that this would bring about your desire. This is merely mortal mind, or finite sense twaddle, and has nothing to do with the lofty teachings of Christian Science, wherein the eternal facts of being are unfolded and the allness of God and the perfection of man and the spiritual universe are clearly seen and demonstrated.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, LIKE THE SCIENCE
OF NUMBERS, DOES NOT TEACH WHAT TO DO.

Christian Science, like the science of numbers, does not teach what to do. It teaches what is true, and then there is nothing else to do. Mesmerism has no more to do with Christian Science than with the science of numbers. Fancy a person attempting to teach or practise mathematics by mental suggestion or hypnotism. Likewise no true Christian Scientist ever uses any magnetic or hypnotic influence in his teaching or practice of Christian Science. Mesmerism and animal magnetism teach that there are minds many, and their action is the stronger mind controlling the weaker mind; while Christian Science teaches but one Mind, and that Mind God. The so-called mortal or finite mind is but the negative of divine Mind; hence is no mind at all. This finite or false mind is the mind in which all mesmerism, hypnotism, and magnetism have their origin, and where they abound; they never reach that divine Mind where no evil is or is known.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE EDUCATES MEN OUT
OF THE SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEF THAT GOD
PUNISHES...

Christian Science educates men out of the super-

stitious belief that God punishes in the earthquake and belches forth His vengeance from the mouth of the volcano; that He glares in the lightning, roars in the thunder, or rages in the storm. It teaches that in the great scientific fact of being none of these things are found; and that they will vanish away under the advancing steps of the understanding of Truth that has come to the world today.

GOD AND HIS MAN

Christian Science teaches the scientific and eternal relation of God and man, but man and the universe

MAN AND THE UNIVERSE OF GOD'S CREATING
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of God's creating has never been seen by finite eyes; Science alone can reveal the man of God, and the universe that God has made. The so-called material man and universe, far from being spiritual, were never made by Spirit, God, and are only of mortal mind creation, which mortal mind itself is false, the mere negative of being, as darkness is the negative of light. In Christian Science man does not start as a pure negative, as some aver; neither is there negation or error found in him at all, for if error is found in the premise it will also be found in the conclusion; and a negative man would be the direct opposite of man, hence would be no man at all. Search the world over, if you will, on the finite plane and from the physical standpoint, to find man, and you will fail to find him.

MAN, IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, IS A
PERFECT EXPRESSION OF HIS PURE AND
PERFECT PRINCIPLE, GOD...

Man, in Christian Science, is a perfect expression of his pure and perfect Principle, God, and is as

perfect now as he ever was or ever will be; and is as perfect as God, his Maker, who is perfection itself. Christian Science admits of no error, either in premise or conclusion, in cause or effect, in Principle or expression.

Christian Science lays the axe at the root of the tree, and "every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up." It speaks from the eternal Principle of all things, and deals with eternal facts. That which is not an eternal fact, that which will not be a fact through all eternity, is not a fact today; for in the Science of Life a fact must forever remain a fact; it will be true through all eternity. Christian Science plunges beneath the surface of things, and brings out the eternal, the enduring, the spiritual and true. It breaks down the false, the seeming, the temporal and finite with the eternal fact. It destroys sickness and sin with the understanding that God is all, and in Him is no sickness, no sin; nothing that defileth or maketh a lie.

How many thousands are today sleeping in the silent tomb, having been sentenced to death by physicians and friends? Appearances were against them; conditions seemed to make death the inevitable. And how many have by Christian Science treatment been plucked like brands from the burning, who are today living witnesses of the power of Truth over error, monumental evidences of the power of Life to destroy death?

We do not wish to be understood as finding fault or picking flaws with the physicians. For the most part they are an earnest, honest, self-sacrificing band of workers, who are doing all in their power,

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS...HAVE ENOUGH
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BUSINESS...

all they know how to do, and studying all the time.

to find in what way and by what means they can do more to help suffering humanity and relieve their fellow-men. Christian Scientists, if they are honest and conscientious, have enough to do without minding other people's business or finding fault with other people's affairs.

MANNER OF LIVING

Right here it may be fitting to say a word along the line of Christian Science life and practice. Do Christian Scientists live absolute Christian Science? No, they do not. Absolute Christian Science means the perfection of being. It means the perfect state of being in which man is as perfect as the "Father in heaven is perfect," it means the absolute harmony of heaven; and Christian Scientists have not, and do not pretend to have, reached that point in living or in demonstration. They still live in houses, ride in street cars, wear clothing, and eat food. They put on overcoats and wear wraps when it is cold, sit by the fire to get warm, and do many other things for their comfort. They use common sense and reason in all things, for Christian Science will not bear any one out in doing unreasonable things. They do not leap from the pinnacle of the temple, or attempt to make bread out of stones, or do any other unnecessary or uncalled-for thing, to suit any deceiving or deceptive temptation that comes to talk them into it. Christian Scientists have not yet grown into the fulness of the stature of the Son of God; they are growing in the knowledge of the truth and the life of Christ. They need help, and not criticism; as they need to help and not to criticize others.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS...ARE LEARNING HOW TO LOVE BETTER AND IN A BETTER WAY...

Christian Scientists are studying Love itself, and as a consequence are learning how to love better and in a better way than they ever knew how to love be-

fore. They give up material comforts and enjoyments only as they outgrow them; and they outgrow these things through the study, understanding, and knowledge of the truth as it was in Christ Jesus. They do not use drug remedies, because they have found by experience and study that they are not a real benefit; that they can do better for themselves and others, in times of sickness, with the understanding that Mind governs the body and that sickness is not a fact of being. If sickness, disease, and sin were facts of being, then they could not be destroyed or eliminated. Even God Himself could not destroy these things if they were real.

Christian Scientists as a rule do not talk of their ills; their conversation does not turn to sickness and suffering and all the evils of the day. They talk about that which interests them more, and which they find more elevating and helpful for themselves and others; namely, health, happiness, and peace. And this, not because of any rule or by-law, but because these are the only things they find worth talking about.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE A BENEFIT TO ALL

Christian Science does not come to criticize any one thing more than another. It comes alike to all, to each and every one; the rich and the poor, the high and the low. It comes to the physician as well as to the Christian Scientist; to every one and every thing, for every one is taking sense testimony more or less according to appearances, rather than righteous judgment.

THE WARFARE WHICH CHRISTIAN SCIENCE WAGES IS NOT WITH PEOPLE...

The warfare which Christian Science wages is not with people; its warfare is with mortal sense. It is Christian Science *versus* finite sense. It is Truth against error, Life against death, Love against hate, good against evil, right against wrong. It is Prin-

ciple opposed to appearances; it is the true ruling out the false, the correct ruling out the incorrect.

IT IS THE TRUE SURVIVAL OF THE
FITTEST...

It is the true survival of the fittest, because it is the highest ruling out the lowest. Christian Science brings nothing but good will to man, for it comes correcting the world of its wrongs. It heralds nothing but "on earth peace, good will toward men." It does not come giving nothing for something, but something for nothing. It gives all there is, in exchange for all there is not. It gives the true in exchange for the false; it gives the abiding and eternal in exchange for the fleeting and finite. It gives eternal Life in exchange for mortal life; the Life that is for the life that is not. It gives understanding for belief; it gives demonstrable truth for hypotheses and suppositions; it gives the Science of being for a mere speculation and belief of being. It gives knowledge for doubt and dogma; it gives practice for preaching.

Christian Science comes to lead men into the understanding of the one great Principle,—Life, Truth, and Love,—which unites all in one grand union, where laborer and capitalist are working together; where one man is not protecting himself against another, but each one is laboring to pro-

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ALONE CAN SOLVE
THE PROBLEM OF CAPITAL AND LABOR...

tect the other. Christian Science alone can solve the problem of capital and labor and bring out the correct answer, for it comes to liberate the representatives of both from the thralldom of their own unhappy condition.

Christian Science is the Science of Life, and

must be based upon perfect, eternal Principle; it must be the expression of eternal, immutable divine law, it must embrace, include, and comprehend the whole of being for the Science of being must include all that is. Christian Science deals with nothing but facts, facts which are logical deductions from the one self-evident, self-existent Principle; it must have its existence within itself, for there could be nothing greater than itself to give it existence.

[We are indebted to Leona Olson for a copy of Dr. Fluno's lecture, "Christian Science *versus* Finite Sense." Part II will appear in a subsequent issue. If any reader has a picture of Dr. Fluno we should be happy to publish it.]

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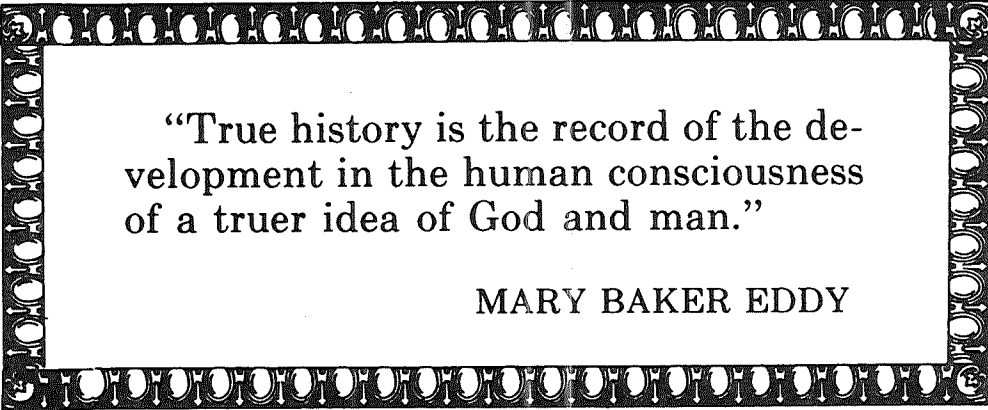
UNDERSTANDING

Mrs. Eddy says..."It is the healer's understanding of the operation of the divine Principle, and his application thereof, which heals the sick, just as it is one's understanding of the principle of mathematics which enables him to demonstrate its rules." Could a thinking person possibly imagine that faith or belief could have anything to do with the working out of a mathematical problem? He knows it has nothing whatever to do with it, and unless the Christian Scientist understands just as clearly that faith and belief do not and cannot enter into the practice of Christian Science, because understanding alone operates in that practice, he will lose his way and become discouraged and fearful.

COULD FAITH OR BELIEF WORK OUT A MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM?

From *Why Am I A Christian Scientist?*
By Herbert W. Eustace

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

C O U N T L E V T O L S T O I

THE *American Peoples Encyclopedia* says of Count Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoi (or Leo Tolstoy): "In 1901 he was excommunicated by the Russian Church. Much of his nonfictional work was suppressed by Russian censorship and circulated in editions printed abroad, but the authorities dared not lay hands on a man whose prestige as a spiritual leader had grown to such immense proportions. He was universally acknowledged to be his country's foremost writer and 'living conscience.'"

In the spring of 1901 the following article appeared in the *Christian Science Sentinel* of April 25, Volume III, pp. 537-538.

C O U N T T O L S T O I T O H I S F O E S

The Berlin *Tageblatt* publishes a letter received from Count Tolstoi in reply to a request from the editor as to his sentiments toward the action of the Greek Catholic Church in banishing him from the communion of the faithful. The great philosopher at the same time speaks of a number of threatening let-



LEV NIKOLAYEVICH TOLSTOI

ters which have reached him from all parts of Russia, in which fanatic votaries of the Russian Church call him a Judas, and urge him to take the example of the betrayer of Christ and commit suicide. The sage of Jasnaja Poljana replies in part as follows:

"The threats which I receive daily by mail demanding that I should make an end to my life because my agitation is alleged to be hurtful to the

Christian church make very little impression on me. They fill me with astonishment, since I learn through them that there are men who really hate without a cause.

"Oh, that the world would know that life is vain without faith. It is faith that teaches us the object of our existence. This is the most important question for every individual in the world. The

THE CHURCH OBJECTS BECAUSE I WANT
EVERY MAN TO PROBE THE WORD OF GOD
INDIVIDUALLY...

church has ousted me, but not Christ. The church objects because I want every man to probe the word of God individually and to learn the goal of his life. I appeal to the world to take the words of priests and preachers only in so far as they agree with the living words, and I found my assertions on the saying of the Saviour himself, who says: 'Prove my doctrine and you will know whether or not it is of God.'

I DEFY ANY MAN TO POINT OUT ONE WORD
IN ANY OF MY WRITINGS OF RECENT DATE
WHICH DISAGREES WITH HOLY WRIT.

"I defy any man to point out one word in any of my writings of recent date which disagrees with Holy Writ.

"My faith consists in the belief that our life is not ours, nor the state's nor does it belong to the church, but to God alone, to whom as good stewards we are responsible.

"It must, therefore, be the aim of our existence to do His will, and to do that of others only when it does not clash with the command of the Almighty. It is His will above all things that we shall love all men with all our hearts, which is the fulfil-

ment of the Mosaic law."

IT MUST...BE THE AIM OF OUR EXISTENCE
TO DO HIS WILL...

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In August of the same year (1901) the following letter from the Committee on Publication for New York appeared in the *Christian Science Sentinel*. It was a reprint from the *New York World*.

COUNT TOLSTOI AND CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

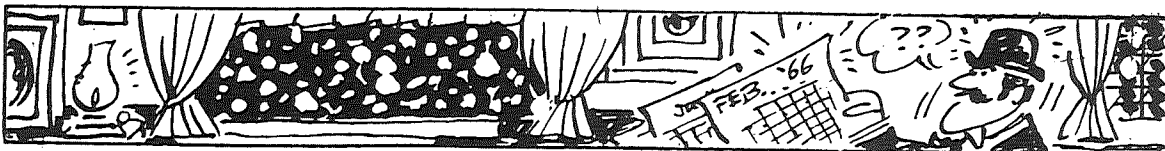
To the Editor of *The World*.

A recent issue of your paper contained the cabled report of an interview with Count Leo Tolstoi in Paris, in which he was quoted as speaking disparagingly of Christian Science. Feeling quite sure that the remarks attributed to him must be the result of some mistake, since the great reformer is known to be in sympathy with all movements tending toward a purer Christianity, I wrote to him directly at Yasnaia Poliana, Toulia, Russia, inclosing the newspaper clipping. I have just received a communication signed by his daughter, in which she assures me that the article is founded upon an error; that her father never felt anything but respect for Christian Science. But for his illness, she continued, he would have written me personally.

I think there is every reason why Count Tolstoi's real sentiments should not be misstated at this time, and therefore thank you for this correction.

WM. D. MC CRACKAN

In *The New York World*



In 1866 there was no full moon in the month of February. This will occur again in 2.5 million years.

— *Mariposa Guide*, Dec. 11, 1990

THE SCRIPTURES

A PASSAGE read in an encyclopedia long ago has gained import over the years. The encyclopedia stated that the unprecedented purity and continuity of the English language was attributable to the King James Bible and the fact that it had been the center and the standard for study in every English speaking Protestant home for more than two hundred years. Noah Webster built on this solid foundation in compiling his *American Dictionary of the English Language*. He also named the corrupter of language "the mischievous influence of sciolists and that dabbling spirit of innovation which is perpetually dis-

THAT "DABBLING SPIRIT OF INNOVATION" HAS...
ROBBED AMERICANS...

turbing its settled usages and filling it with anomalies." That diabolical "dabbling spirit of innovation" has not only robbed the present generation of Americans of an understanding and correct usage

of their mother tongue, it has all but robbed them of the standard of English excellence, the King James Version of the Bible.

Many Christian Scientists do not study the Bible as did their Leader. Jesus said, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures." He was talking about the writings of Moses, David, Solomon, the prophets, etc. of the Old Testament, because the New Testament had not yet been written. With much copying, translating, and the ravages of time, we are indeed fortunate in having as much as we do have available to us today.

The Scriptures are the Word of God. Every Christian Scientist should know, and all the world *will* some day learn, that the Scriptures include more than the Old and New Testaments. They also include the Comforter. Science and Health, the "little book" from the hand of the angel is more than the Key to the Scriptures. It is Scripture itself. Was not Mrs. Eddy trying to waken her students to see this when she

wrote: "We are indeed privileged in having the untranslated revelations of _____
Christian Science" (*My.*)?

Very recently we received a tape entitled "Amazing Testimony of E- D- 3rd Generation Christian Scientist;" and it *is* amazing. Mrs. D. sounds like

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IS MORE THAN THE KEY
TO THE SCRIPTURES...

a very sweet Christian woman who had read the lesson and attended Sunday school and then church religiously. But in all her years of reading and devotion she gained little if any understanding of Science, for there is no mention of practice or of healing. Rather is she rejoicing in returning to the belief in the reality of matter and a freedom from the demands of the Science of Soul. Saddest of all is a total lack of appreciation for the Revelator to this age. The testimony becomes an indictment of Mrs. Eddy and her devoted labors. It is interesting to note that Mrs. D's charges against God's chosen witness all stem from her study of the revised versions of the Bible.

Our Leader's words about St. Paul apply equally to herself: "Abuse of the motives and religion of St. Paul hid from view the apostle's character, which made him equal to his great mission. [Abuse of the motives and religion of Mrs. Eddy hide from view the revelator's character which made her equal to her great mission.] Persecution of all who have spoken something new and better of God has not only obscured the light of the _____
ages, but has been fatal
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vine idea he taught."

PERSECUTION FATAL
TO PERSECUTORS

It is painful to hear Mrs. Eddy and Christian Science renounced and denounced, but it is saddest for the persecutors. "Why? Because it has hid from them the true idea which has been presented. To misunderstand [Mrs. Eddy, is] to be ignorant of the divine idea [she] taught" (S&H 560).

Mrs. Eddy discovered the key that unlocked the great spiritual truths in the Bible and devoted all

MRS. EDDY DISCOVERED THE KEY...

her years to presenting this key to all mankind. He who gains an understanding of Christian Science can never lose it, and is truly grateful

to Mrs. Eddy. "Whosoever understands Christian Science knows beyond a doubt that its life-giving truths were preached and practised in the first century by him who proved their practicality, who ut-

"A SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURES RESTORES THEIR ORIGINAL TONGUE..."

tered Christ's Sermon on the Mount, who taught his disciples the healing Christianity which applies to all ages, and who dated time. A spiritual understanding of the Scriptures restores their original tongue in the

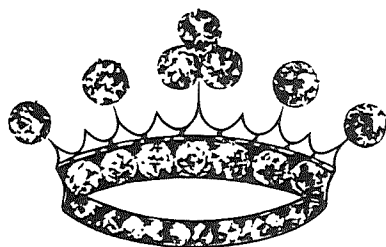
language of Spirit, that primordial standard of Truth." (My. 180)

Men may criticize, renounce, pervert, misinterpret, or mistranslate, but their arrows fall short of the mark. All this misdirected labor is in the realm of human opinion and has no effect on the Word of God, the Science of all being. "The different renderings or translations of Scripture in no wise affect Christian Science. Christianity and Science, being contingent on nothing written and based on the divine Principle of being, must be, are, irrefutable and eternal." (My. 179)

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*The world sits at the feet of Christ,
Unknowing, blind, and unconsoled;
It yet shall touch his garment's fold,
And feel the heavenly alchemist
Transform its very dust to gold.*

Whittier



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

You have done some fine things on our nation and the Bible, so I thought you should be aware of this latest assault on both by the N.C.C....They are at least telling the world what their goal is. And as Christian Scientists we know the destruction of Science is the real goal. The enemy knows that Science and Health is founded "squarely and only" on the 1611 Protestant King James Version. (My.112:8) He knows what Bible it is the key to. He (the devil) also knows "his time is short." (S&H 569:23)

Mrs. Eddy warns us of great danger facing our nation. (My. 129:3) We see "a lax system of religion" with Protestantism being weaned from their precious 1611 King James Version. ...

Mrs. Eddy warned us in all her Messages and in Miscellany of these new Bibles. The first Scripture they attacked was her most used— Mark 16:9-20. And this began in 1881 Revised Version. Now many omit it, or add footnotes casting doubt on it. My. 125:29 is a most important paragraph. Wormwood is Bible perversions flooding the world. ...This is where the battle is being waged— on Mrs. Eddy's Bible, and her beloved nation. There is a wealth of material on this. One whole book on Mark 16:9-20.

Gilberta Holmes

Los Angeles, California

Enclosures:

"BIBLE DOESN'T SAY WHAT WE THOUGHT IT DID/ New Bible discoveries move toward acceptance of gays. ...The New Revised Standard Version replaces the 1952 Revised Standard, which replaced the 1611 King James Version among mainline Protestants. It attempts to be more literal and less judgmental..."

Los Angeles Times 12/3/90

TOGETHER Biblical scholars join in assembling a common interpretation of the Bible/ ..."It's a wave of the future," said Roman Catholic Bible scholar William Holladay of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Massachusetts. "It may well bring everybody else along. ..."

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Besides the joint scholarly approach to the Bible, a large proportion of American Christians, Protestants and Roman Catholic, hear the same biblical passages read each week in their worship services, even though many congregations likely don't know it.

"For the most part, they aren't aware of it," said the Rev. Monsignor Alan Detscher of the U.S. Catholic Conference's liturgy office in Washington, D.C. "They generally experience only the Scripture readings in their own church, and aren't aware the passages are now mostly identical that Sunday in other churches."

This synchronizing of Scripture readings has come about as a result of a widely used common lectionary, the three-year cycle of Old and New Testament lessons read in each Sunday services and based on the Roman lectionary developed since the reforming 1962-'65 Second Vatican Council.

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COLUMBUS, EVEN CHRISTIANITY, TARGETED



As the NCC would put it, Columbus was an "invader" of the Western Hemisphere, rather than the discoverer of it.

The National Council of Churches' Assault on Western Civilization/ ...This was the most sensational of five resolutions on international affairs passed by the NCC, all of which were radical and could even be said to parallel the Soviet party line...

The Columbus resolution is especially divisive and likely to further alienate many rank-and-file Christians who form the NCC constituency. The U.S. Congress in 1985 formed a 30-member agency, the Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, to plan a national program of activities for 1992, the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery. Twenty-two states have already set up similar commissions....

In stark contrast to this celebratory mood, the NCC statement says that Columbus' arrival led to "genocide, slavery, ecocide, and exploitation of the wealth of the land."...

The entire resolution is another extreme example of the "Blame America First" syndrome, or in this case "Blame Western Civilization First."

Human Events 9/8/90

Thanks for your helpful T.I.C.S. They help to keep us independent Scientists together and on our toes. All of you, i.e., Smillie, Andy Hartsook, et al, meet a need. Am very grateful for you all.

I think Paul Smillie has been very fine to awaken C.S.'s to the need for spreading around M.B.E.'s place in history and prophecy, to promote better healing as Mrs. Eddy speaks of and, of course, Principle dictates it. ...

Christopher Columbus did not discover America. I listen sometimes to Dr. (Pastor) Arnold Murray of Gravette, Ark. on Chan. 26. He showed on the TV a place in Tennessee which had the Ten Commandments carved on a large rock. I don't know what language it was— not English, some ancient writing and way before Jesus' time. I always knew Leif Erikson discovered America and since found out settlements (remains) had been found in eastern Canada but this in Tenn. was way back B.C. Pastor Murray has also found one or two other sites of ancient settlements— Oklahoma has one. They have a museum there.

Mary Tolman
San Jose, California

