



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.

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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*

# THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST

"IN SCIENCE ALL BEING IS INDIVIDUAL"— Mary Baker Eddy

## "THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION"

ON the night of Jesus' arrest when he told Peter to put up his sword, he also said, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matt 26:53) Earlier he had also said to them: "I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself." (John 10:17)

In the first edition of Science and Health Mrs. Eddy wrote, "Jesus could no doubt have withdrawn from his enemies"(p 140). She also made similar statements about herself.

In the early years of her founding of Christian Science she wrote in a letter to a student: "They lay on me suffering inconceivable. If the students will continue to think of me and to call on me, I shall at *last* defend myself and this will be to cut them off from me utterly in a spiritual sense by a bridge they cannot pass over..." (April 14, 1877) Both Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy had the spiritual ability to withdraw from the presence of their enemies and friends (disappear to human sight) and both did so on more than one occasion. "But," to quote Jesus,

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JESUS COULD HAVE  
WITHDRAWN FROM  
HIS ENEMIES.

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"how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled?" All that God's two witnesses said and did were for our edification— examples to rouse the world from its slumbering dreams and lead the way to reality.

One of the last messages Mrs. Eddy gave for her students was entrusted to her faithful secretary Calvin Frye only a few days before she left us. Calvin

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NOT OLD AGE  
BUT MALICIOUS  
ANIMAL MAGNETISM

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wrote in his diary: "Some week or more before our beloved Leader passed from us she called me to her and asked me to *promise* her that I would tell her students it was malicious animal magnetism that was overcoming her and not a natural result from the beliefs incident to old age and its claims of limitation." (Emphasis added.)

Jesus went through the crucifixion to teach his students and followers that death *can* be overcome. And Mary Baker Eddy allowed malicious animal magnetism seemingly to overcome her to teach her students what causes death that they may learn *how* to overcome it by laying the axe at the root of the tree.

"Beliefs incident to old age and its claims of limitation" cannot and do not cause death. But they do have to be met and overcome, and *now* is the time to do it. Mrs. Eddy said to the students in her home on

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OLD AGE IS  
A CLAIM TO BE  
OVERCOME.

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April 18, 1907, "Old age is just as much of a claim to be overcome as cancer or any other belief. You have not come to it yet, but you will. Overcome the belief in it *now*; you have it to do sometime." (*Divinity Course & General Coll.* 29)

Are you working? When Mrs. Eddy asked that of a stu-

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ARE YOU WORKING?

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dent he started telling her of the hours he spent studying and working. She interrupted him with: "When you see old age, do you declare that Life is eternal activity, beauty and joy?...When you see deformity and disease, do you declare that man is made in the image

and likeness of God?" John responded, "Mrs. Eddy, I am not working." (DCC 59)

Thoughts come constantly to consciousness. If you think you can turn them off and try to do so, you will find that you have another

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YOU WILL HAVE  
ANOTHER THINK  
COMING.

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think coming. Watching is learning to *examine every thought* in order to determine its source,—Mind or malicious animal magnetism.

In Biblical language it is separating the tares from the wheat; and in scientific terminology it is mental anatomy. The ceaseless, harmonious, restful activity of Mind is ever expressing *ideas* of harmony, health, immortality. These ideas are omnipresent. We never reach out for them in vain. The Spirit saith to the church of this age (the church of the Laodiceans): "Behold I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him..."(Rev 3:20). Our

job is to turn off the channels of sense which are ever clamoring to drown Truth's voice, and to open the door to the omnipresent spiritual ideas.

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TURN OFF THE  
CHANNELS OF SENSE.

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Once we begin earnestly *watching* our every thought, we soon discover that between 90 and 99 per cent are *not* ideas from infinite Mind, God. If they are not ideas from God, they are not ideas at all. They are *suggestions* from malicious animal magnetism. This is the battle ground. Our job is to refute, subdue and silence every suggestion from animal magnetism—"sometimes beautiful, always erroneous."

Every false suggestion we cast out must be replaced with a spiritual idea. We cannot leave our house empty no matter how

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WE CANNOT LEAVE  
OUR HOUSE EMPTY.

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"swept and garnished," (Matt 12:43) for if we do, the evil we have cast out will return with seven others more wicked than itself. We need constantly to study our Leader's words that we might have right ideas

ever at our beck and call.

The following words on old age are from the Blue Book. "If the heart stays young, old age can never become anything but ennobled thereby. Years do not make one grow old if one grows in grace. Decay does not belong to matter so much as to mind. Now I believe that if we kept our mind fixed on God, Life, Truth and Love, He will advance us in our years to a higher understanding and change our hope into faith, and our faith into *spiritual* understanding, and our words into works, and our ultimate faith into the fruition of entering into the Kingdom." (DCC 185)

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OVERCOMING AGE IS  
THOUGHT GOING  
INTO NEW PATHS.

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"Overcoming age is not re-  
suming our youth; it is  
thought going into new paths  
history has never recorded."

Can you cast all of the  
evil suggestions that pre-  
sent themselves out of your  
consciousness? Caleb was 40 years old when Moses sent him to spy out the land. He saw it through God's eyes and brought a *wholly good report*. All the others on that mission except Joshua accepted all of the fearful suggestions of malicious animal magnetism and reported *them* as reality. So they spent the next 40 years wandering in this wilderness of darkness and doubt. And all died in this wilderness save Joshua and Caleb.

When Caleb was 85 years old he said: "I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong

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AT 120 YEARS MOSES'  
EYE WAS NOT DIM.

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this day as I was in the  
day that Moses sent me: as  
my strength was then, even  
so is my strength now"

(Joshua 14:10-11).

Moses was 80 years old when he led the children of Israel out of the land of bondage. And when he "was an hundred and twenty years old...his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." (Deut 34:7)

We must cease accepting the false beliefs of old age and begin totally rejecting every limiting, erroneous suggestion whether for ourselves, our grandparents, our friends, or even the man on the street.



Once we embark determinedly on this campaign we find that the battle is not with old age at all but with malicious animal magnetism that is constantly suggesting the *false* beliefs of age.

Now we have come to "the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel." "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation...stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth let him understand)" (Matt24:15).

What is the holy place?

"The holy place" is consciousness. Consciousness is fundamental. True consciousness, the holy place,

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WHAT IS "THE  
HOLY PLACE"?

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is the total consciousness of the divine ideas of infinite Mind forever manifesting the perfection of being. Of what are you conscious? or, as both the Bible and Science and Health state this vital question:

"Adam, where art thou?"

Once we begin to examine our own consciousness we become aware that "the abomination of desolation" (suggestions of malicious animal magnetism) is standing in this holy place a good deal of the time. Jesus tells us that when we see this, to "flee into the mountains; Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house" (Matt 24:16-17). Does this not mean to go up higher? and if we are already on the housetop to stay there?

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"THE ABOMINATION  
OF DESOLATION"  
IS M.A.M.

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Mrs. Eddy tells us in the Blue Book (p 10), "God is All; you do not have to delve into matter...to know how things are. Spirit shows us things as they are. Keep your thought up there; this will heal; it is all that is necessary. When you are 'on the housetop, do not go down into the house [the material tenement] to take anything out'."

The battle with the "abomination of desolation" is daily and hourly. Mrs. Eddy has put it into 20th century terminology by labeling it "aggressive mental suggestion." She has also given us a by-law (Man 42) to waken the sleepers to their duty in this battle: "Alertness to Duty. Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of

every member of this Church to defend himself daily against aggressive mental suggestion, and not be made to forget nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind."

Nearly a century ago, when Mrs. Eddy wrote this by-

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BY-LAW TO SAVE  
THE SLEEPERS!

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law her students were asleep to aggressive mental suggestion (malicious animal magnetism). On June 24, 1899 she sent this by-law to her church and wrote in her letter to the clerk: "So many students yield to the tempter and forget my warning voice, this By-law is all that can save them on this important point. ...Alas for the Sleepers and for me!"

Are we sleepers *still* or are we awake? Our Leader tried to rouse the sleepers to defend themselves against aggressive mental suggestion. When we waken to *see* the "abomination of desolation" standing in the holy place (ruling in our consciousness) then we see the necessity for this daily battle. But battles are never won nor terminated by defensive action alone. We must take the offensive and we must use the

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PERSONAL SENSE—  
THE MEDIUM  
FOR ALL SIN

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sword of Spirit if we expect to be victorious.

In the first edition of Science and Health Mrs. Eddy tells us that personal sense is the medium for all sin. (p 134) We must use the

sword of Spirit in the battle with personal sense, and we must *listen* and *obey*. "I will listen for Thy voice...I will follow and rejoice." Our Leader has given us a very helpful paragraph on Obedience in *Mis-*

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"WARFARE WITH ONE'S  
SELF IS GRAND."

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*cellaneous Writings*, p 118:

"Self-ignorance, self-will, self-righteousness, lust, covetousness, envy, revenge, are foes to grace,

peace, and progress; they must be met manfully and overcome, or they will uproot all happiness. Be of good cheer; the warfare with one's self is grand; it gives one plenty of employment, and the divine Prin-

principle worketh with you,— and obedience crowns persistent effort with everlasting victory."

"Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man." (S&H 393)



## CONFESSING OUR OWN FAULTS

Prof. J. R. Mosley

THACKERY, speaking of one of his most lovable and admirable characters says, "No man could admit his own faults with more engaging candor than our friend." Robert Browning says that "when the fight begins with-

in a man, he is worth something." The apostle James admonishes us to confess our "faults one to another, and pray for one another," that we may be healed, and

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WHEN A MAN  
BEGINS TO QUARREL  
WITH HIMSELF...

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Mrs. Eddy makes the wise observation that "When a man begins to quarrel with himself he stops quarreling with others." ('00 8:20) Again she says, "to recognize your sin, aids in destroying it." (S&H 461) She makes it equally clear that the habit of thinking and talking about another's faults is itself a sin, and tends to do harm to all and good to none.

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MENTION FAULTS  
OF OUR BROTHER  
"TO HIM ALONE."

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Both the letter and the spirit of the teachings of Christ Jesus are that we should confess our own

errors and, in the first instance, at least, mention the faults of our brother "to him alone." Experience, and our own sense of good, confirm the wisdom, reason, and justice of these teachings. Nearly all of the worst misunderstandings of mortals arise from their selfish and unjust tendency to cover and to justify

their own errors, and to expose and condemn the errors of others; and reconciliations can nearly always be made and a good understanding brought about as this tendency is reversed. We cannot do other than forgive and love those who are awake to their own faults, and who are seeking to correct and atone for them. Indeed, repentance, confession, and reformation bring forgiveness as well as a good conscience.

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ALL MORTALS HAVE  
ERRED GREATLY.

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As mortals, we have all erred and erred greatly, and we rise above error only as we see it, acknowledge it, and correct it as best we can, and cease to err. To think about, talk about, and make a reality of the shortcomings of others, enslaves the one who does it, and is the work of "the enemy" and not the friend of mankind. When we become wise enough to do ourselves no harm and to wrong no one, and to do ourselves and others good and only good, we shall be glad to confess and forsake our own faults, and to be silent as to the faults of

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WE SHALL HELP  
BRING TO LIGHT  
THE REAL MAN.

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others. We shall forgive and heal and comfort and bless. We shall even save each other from self-condemnation. Highest of all, we shall see and love and help bring to light the real man,— the Son of God,— who is superior to all the claims of sin, ignorance, discord, and death. Our Leader says that we must make "perfect God and perfect man...the basis of thought and demonstration" (S&H 259). When tempted to sin or to be sick, we

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COMMAND THE TEMPTER  
TO GET BEHIND US.

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should cling the more firmly to the truth, and let nothing which is not of God find entrance to our thought. When tempted to condemn, we should command the tempter to get behind us and stay behind us, and should end by blessing instead of condemning. We should even make the meditations of our hearts, as well as the words of our mouths, glorify God and His whole creation.

The ministry of the eternal and ever-present Christ is to reveal God and His perfect ways (laws) and works. The work of the enemy is to criticize and condemn and lie about God, man, and the universe.

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THE ENEMY CRITICIZES,  
CONDEMNS, LIES  
ABOUT GOD, MAN,  
AND THE UNIVERSE.

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The mission of Jesus and his friends and followers was and is to destroy the works of the devil through the knowledge, love, and activities of good. We enter into fellowship and dominion with Christ Jesus as we open ourselves to

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OUR MISSION IS  
TO DESTROY THE  
WORKS OF THE DEVIL.

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the revelation and leadings of God, and in desire, thought, word, and deed acknowledge Him and His creation and deny (put and keep behind us) the arguments, suggestions, and illusions of evil. And, in union with Christ, Truth, we shall find there is "no condemnation,"— no condemnation for others and no condemnation for ourselves.



### HAPPINESS

No man shall ever find happiness while seeking it for himself. The self-centered man cannot be happy. He may find gold, he may acquire knowledge, he may achieve fame, he may have pleasure in the world, but all these cannot pour one ray of genuine bliss into a self-centered soul. Let one who is unhappy do what he can to relieve the sorrows of others, and his own sorrow will be turned into joy. Let the burdened soul do what he can to bear the burdens of others, and his own burdens shall become light as air.

From An Early Sentinel

## THE "LITTLE BOOK"

MRS. Eddy's first statement of the God-given message that came to her in 1866 was MOMENTOUS. It is very different from the editions that followed, with the exception of the next thirteen editions. Then a change came. The first edition was based directly on

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FIRST EDITION OF  
SCIENCE AND HEALTH  
WAS MOMENTOUS.

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her 1866 great revelation and on her nine years of demonstration, teaching and practicing. It pours forth its God-revealed truth without reservation. In its pages the unveiled revelation, clear and powerful, sounds as a trumpet blast to awaken sleeping human consciousness to our true identity as one with Infinite Good.

But many people in 1875 were not ready for such a forthright summons. It was misinterpreted and rejected. She herself was denounced by pulpit, press, and faithless students. Realizing most people needed to

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MRS. EDDY MUTED  
THE CLARION CALL.

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be slowly prodded awake, Mary Baker Eddy restated her revelation in softer terms. Translating divine inspiration into arguments more familiar to her readers, *she brought God's womanhood down to them*. Through the following 418 editions she muted the clarion call. Finally in 1910 she said she had taken this truth and "hidden it, and hidden it, and hidden it, and if I hide it any more they will never find it."

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LITTLE CHANGE  
IN "PRAYER  
AND ATONEMENT"

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But not Chapter V, "PRAYER AND ATONEMENT"—its truth was never hidden! Mary Baker Eddy retained this portion almost word for word, changing it only to make it more prominent.

In later editions "PRAYER" became the first chapter.

In the first edition ATONEMENT is discussed together with Prayer. In later editions "ATONEMENT AND

EUCCHARIST" became the second chapter. "At-one-ment" is an exact Science. To be understood it must be demonstrated individually. We can never demonstrate the Principle of being until we make our at-one-ment with it. An insight into the unity— the at-one-ment— that exists between God and man is the most profound knowledge that can come to the human consciousness.

Here we might ask, "How do I know that Mind is conscious of itself as me? I \_\_\_\_\_

am conscious of myself: I  
am aware that I exist.

ATONEMENT IS

UNDERSTANDING THE

With what other Mind could  
I be aware of my existence?  
My consciousness of myself

REAL "I" OF US.

as existing is Infinite \_\_\_\_\_

Good being conscious of Itself as existing as me.

We have no place in the At-one-ment unless we understand the real "I" of us is God, as Mrs. Eddy states on page 588:9 of our textbook. "On this statement that 'I' is God and not man, was built the church of Christ" (first ed. p. 210). We must find Principle as our own Mind which expresses itself as what is called man. "Man is not God, and God is not man"— Cause is not effect, and effect is not Cause, but they remain one. A correct view enables us to overcome the world, materiality, since this world is only as material as our belief of it. ...

Prayer and Atonement,  
the fifth chapter in the  
first edition of Science  
and Health, opens us to  
our true being. Students  
of Christian Science have  
found that Mrs. Eddy's

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A REAL STUDENT CAN-  
NOT STAY WHERE THE  
MESSAGE FINDS HIM.

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chapter on Prayer is of such searching character that no one who really studies it and abides with it can remain unreformed, untransformed. He cannot stay where its message found him. These pages tell us that for which we earnestly pray is already an established fact within our own individual consciousness since infinite Good is the reality and substance of our true individual consciousness.

The 70 pages of this wonderful first edition chap-

ter, "Prayer and Atonement," boldly, unreservedly tell us of our at-one-ment with the infinite good called God. They tell us that Infinite Good or God, our Mind, includes its manifestation, man, and that what is called "man, or image," is our likeness. We should stand in awe before these divine facts. But

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THESE PAGES CALL  
FOR REFORMATION—  
RESTRUCTURING.

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these 70 pages call for reformation; Mrs. Eddy knew the cross was necessary to obtain the crown. In the business world today the buzzword is "restructuring" — often a euphemism for sad

layoffs— but in this chapter restructuring means "laying off the old man with his deeds" and recognizing our present divinity, our Christhood, our oneness with God. ...

Jesus prophesied the coming of the "Comforter," and at the end of "Atonement and Eucharist" Mrs. Eddy says, "This Comforter I understand to be divine Sci-

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JESUS REVEALED  
THE COMFORTER AS  
"A LITTLE BOOK."

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ence." Jesus revealed to St. John, on the Isle of Patmos, that the "Comforter," the Christ, would come in the form of "a little book" brought by a "mighty angel," meaning the spiritual con-

sciousness of Mary Baker Eddy who represented the God-crowned woman. He prophesied that this woman, the woman of the Apocalypse, would bring forth the "man child"— the full and final revelation of God, teaching us our true divine Christ-identity, the kingdom of God within our own consciousness.

Jesus, understanding the oneness of being, said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but *my words shall not pass away*" (Matt 24:35). As century followed century, his words have been heard with awe and reverence, but the vast Science that lay behind his sacred words and deeds remained to be discovered by "God's messenger" to this age. Fulfillment of prophecy can take the fullness of time. Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin Mary, and of Jesus, came to pass seven hundred years after it was given. Jesus' pro-



phesy of the Comforter, and his revelation to St. John, came to pass nearly two thousand years later. Then the "little book" Jesus spoke of to St. John, the Revelator, was written by a "scribe under orders" whom "God had been graciously preparing...during many years for the reception of this *FINAL* revelation of the absolute divine Principle of scientific mental healing [that should come at 'the time of the end' (Dan 12:4,9)]," and that will unfold forever.

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THE BOOK WRITTEN  
BY A "SCRIBE  
UNDER ORDERS"

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Mrs. Eddy assures us, "God ['the Mind of man'] wrote the textbook" which teaches that "in divine revelation, material and corporeal selfhood disappear, and the spiritual idea [true identity, the reflection of Truth, or Christ] is understood" (Mis 311:26; S&H 107:3, 561:20).

This has come to pass in our time. Mrs. Eddy was made the Wayshower. (See DCC p 23) "There is too much looking backward two thousand years," she said.

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THERE IS TOO MUCH  
LOOKING BACKWARD.

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"They will find there is a *Way* here in Concord as well as in Palestine."

(MBE Recollections, p 81). Mrs. Eddy is NOW. She said (My 318:31), "I do not find my authority for Christian Science in history, but in revelation. If there had never existed such a person as the Galilean Prophet, it would make no difference to me. I should still know that God's spiritual ideal is the only real man in His image and likeness." ...

Regarding the appearance on earth of the "little book" clothed with a *cloud*, Mrs. Eddy explains: "To mortal sense Science seems at first obscure, abstract, and

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THE "LITTLE BOOK"  
CLOTHED WITH  
A CLOUD

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dark." Then she interprets the prophecy "and his face was as it were the sun," saying: "When you look it fairly in the face, you can heal by its means...for God is the light thereof" (S&H 558:10). ...

How fortunate we are, and "privileged in having the untranslated revelations of Christian Science." Now it is up to us to live it, knowing that infinite Good exists as you and me. There is only God. There is not God and something called a mortal. As we learn

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READ THE BOOK WITH  
THE SAME MIND  
THAT WROTE IT.

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to read the textbook with the same Mind that wrote the textbook, the healing ministry of Christian Science will be restored. Why? Because as we study and *learn* the truth, this

truth will become fact to us just as  $2 \times 2 = 4$  is a fact that we can focus on at any time, anywhere. Then we can say, "I am the light of the world," and there is no boundary for the "light" that I AM. ...

The torch has been passed from Mrs. Eddy to us. She looked forward to advancing thought to carry this torch of liberty. She pleaded: "Judge not the future advancement of Christian Science by the steps already taken...Let the Word have free course and be glorified. The people clamor to leave cradle and swaddling clothes."

Excerpted from *Humanity's Divinity*  
By Helen Wright



## A TORCH BEARER

"IT was healing that permanently brought my family into Christian Science many years ago. It was a case

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"MAN'S EXTREMITY  
IS GOD'S  
OPPORTUNITY,"

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of 'man's extremity is God's opportunity.'

"Through an accident my mother had lost her sight. After several excruciatingly painful operations through which the best eye

specialists endeavored vainly to restore at least partial sight, all hope was abandoned. My father at that time was suffering from an incurable disease and doc-

tors gave him but a short time to live and advised him to put his affairs in order. In this dark hour a man to whom my father confided his dire circumstances said, 'My friend, be of good cheer. You and your wife can both be helped. I sat in a wheelchair many years, thinking there was no cure for the rheumatism. But I heard of Christian Science and was completely healed.' He advised my father to go \_\_\_\_\_ and see a Mrs. Coulter, C. S., who had her home and office in the Lincoln Hotel, Seattle.

HE HAD READ THAT  
HIS DIFFICULTY  
WAS FATAL.

"Greatly encouraged, my father took my mother to see Mrs. Coulter. My father at that time did not think his own difficulty could be healed, as he was somewhat steeped in medical lore, and had read in his 'Doctor Book' that his difficulty was fatal. When my mother's sight was fully restored after three visits, unbelievable joy and prayerful thanksgiving reigned in our home. It was then that my father decided perhaps he, too, could be helped. He was perfectly healed in one treatment.

My mother then confided to \_\_\_\_\_ the practitioner that my little brother had been wearing a truss for what the doctor had diagnosed

"GO HOME AND READ  
THE TEXTBOOK."

as hernia. Mrs. Coulter said, 'You have seen what God can do. Go home and read the textbook, and you will find your little boy is all right.' The next morning when Mom was dressing this little boy she found him entirely healed. Mrs. Coulter at that time was in her ninety-first year. I was about seven years of age then, and these wonderful healings made a profound impression on me. In heartfelt gratitude I would sometimes climb up to the attic and in the corner where the chimney ran through I would kneel down and ask God to help me understand this marvelous Science so that some day I could help and heal people in the way my mother and father and little brother had been healed

"These healings have overshadowed everything in my life, and my prayer, 'O God, feed my famished affec-



HELEN M. WRIGHT

tions for a higher holier understanding of what God and man *is*' has been answered in ever-increasing comprehension of the Science of Christian Science."

The foregoing is Helen Wright's testimony of her introduction to Christian Science which was published in her book *Mary Baker Eddy: A New Look* in 1980.

In the ensuing 15 years Mrs. Wright has written and published many more books devoted to Mary Baker Eddy, her wondrous discovery and world-revolutionizing life work. Thousands of Christian Scientists have been roused by her book *If Mary Baker Eddy's Manual Were Obeyed*.

Those who have read all her books are aware that God has indeed answered her prayer "feed my famished affections for a higher holier understanding of what God and man *is*."

# 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

## D I V I N E   P R O V I D E N C E

BEHIND what looked to mortals like the discovery and settling of America, was always the one Mind, God. Though invisible, it was ever-present, guiding, leading, imparting vision, will, wisdom. As Mind urged forward the heroes...the path behind them was "with glory crowned"...Principle was showing itself forth in examples of its infinite ability to create love in the hearts of men—  
love that urged them to  
act in the cause of justice, mercy, and Christianity. ...

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THE HOLY SPIRIT  
COMFORTED ME.

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When Queen Isabella asked Columbus if he was ready, he answered: "Yes, your Majesty, God is with me. I could not be more ready." He then explained: "It was the Lord who put it into my mind. I could feel His hand upon me...There was no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous illumination from the Holy Scriptures, for the execution of the journey." ...



What vision guided the Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower?...It was a vision of hope, a vision of freedom.

On November 9, 1620, after a two month voyage braving seas and winds which took them far north of their expected destination, those on board the Mayflower wept with joy as they sighted land. Two days later

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THEY PLANTED  
A NATION'S HEART.

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the vessel reached Provincetown bay in Massachusetts. Of their landing Mary Baker Eddy writes:

"On shores of solitude, at Plymouth Rock, they planted a nation's heart,—the rights of conscience, imperishable glory. No dream of avarice or ambition broke their exalted purpose, theirs was the wish to reign in hope's reality—the realm of Love." (Pul 10:10)

"When first the Pilgrims placed their feet on Ply-

mouth Rock, frozen ritual and creed should forever have melted away in the fire of love which came down from heaven. The Pilgrims came to establish a nation in true freedom, in the rights of conscience." (Mis)

...Their Mayflower Compact, signed Nov. 11, 1620 reads: "We...having undertaken for THE GLORY OF GOD AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH...a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia..."

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PILGRIMS WERE  
BLOWN OFF COURSE.

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By divine intervention the Pilgrims were blown off course. Had they reached the destination *man* willed for them they would never have enjoyed the religious liberty God had planned for them, since the Virginia colony had its roots deep in the Church of England.

On May 19, 1643, several of the colonies decided to get together and draw up a document they called The New England Federation...

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NEW ENGLAND  
FEDERATION

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"Whereas we all came in- to these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, namely: to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in purity, with peace..."

These liberties didn't come all at once. Much was learned the hard way. An example was the Pilgrim's experiment with communal farming which caused them almost to starve during the first two years.

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ONE SMALL CANDLE  
MAY LIGHT  
A THOUSAND.

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Facing their third year of starvation, the elders of Plymouth demanded the institution of a biblically-based free enterprise system in order to prevent the total destruction of their colony. ...

Of this solution to poverty Bradford wrote: "As one small candle may light a thousand so the light kindled here has shown unto many, yea, in some sort, to our whole nation" (*History of Plymouth Plantation*).

That light did keep on shining, and the nation kept

growing and prospering. As Saint Francis of Assisi advised: "Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

By 1732 America was made up of thirteen colonies. During this first century God blessed the colonies beyond measure. Then like a slowly dying fire the spiritual light and faith began to dim. By the mid 1700's what had been a blazing light had become only a faint glow. Had prosperity made them forget God? It took the breath of God's spirit to revive our national faith— to cause an awakening.

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The revival of our national faith, called "The Great Awakening," was triggered by the anger aroused in the colonists because of the heavy taxation levied on them by the British Parliament. They called it taxation without representation. The Molasses Act of 1764, followed by the Stamp Act and other taxations, were resented

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NATIONAL UNITY  
READIED THEM  
FOR THE CRISIS.

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Because many wanted to seek new farmland, the British Ordinance of 1763 *restricting Western settlement* had also aroused great indignation. ...

In 1775, the restrictions regarding western settlement and the revenue-raising acts by the British Parliament, though they provoked great ire, also created a sense of national unity. This unity helped foster resistance against the expanding power of Parliament and showed once again how "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." When the time of crisis came, the colonists were ready.

That decisive turn came in April, 1775, when the Revolutionary War really began. ...More than a year of fighting followed the critical juncture of 1775 before the colonists could formally agree to break their ties with Britain. But on July 4, 1776, the unanimous declaration of the thirteen United States



of America, called the Declaration of Independence, was signed. It begins:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights. That among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights...

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"WITH FIRM RELIANCE  
ON THE PROTECTION  
OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE"

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And for the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Our forefathers understood that it was *God*, not man, who was responsible for supplying them with rights. And we today should never for an instant forget to be thankful that they believed in those rights enough to *fight* for them.

As so clearly stated in the Declaration, the colonists fought the Revolutionary War with a firm reliance on divine Providence. ...

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It was only through the most miraculous intervention of divine Providence that the ragged and tattered little band, "the continental army" led by General Washington, survived and eventually won.

An illustration of this divine protection occurred early in the struggle for independence. At about the same time the Declaration of Independence was being signed, the British general, William Howell, had a well-disciplined fighting force of over 32,000 troops. Washington had barely 8,000, pitifully few of them trained. The Americans were gathered near the town of Brooklyn on the western end of Long Island. The British moved in with their 32,000 troops, and by August 27, 1776 our entire Continental Army was surrounded.

At this point— and there can be no doubt that it was the result of providential intervention— General

Howell did not attack for two whole days. Had he attacked, the war would have been over. Obviously the prayers of General Washington and his men had been effective. To fight would have been suicide, to surrender was unthinkable. The only other way was to transport 8,000 men across the East River, more than

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PROVIDENTIAL  
INTERVENTION

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a mile wide, without the British detecting the operation.

That night as they crossed the East River in small boats, not a sound was heard. But time was against them. Many were still on the Brooklyn side when the sun began to rise, which meant potential death for the Americans who had not yet crossed.

Major Ben Tallmadge, one of General Washington's officers there that morning, described what happened:

"As the dawn of the next day approached, those of us who remained in the trenches became very anxious

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SETTLED OVER BOTH  
ENCAMPMENTS IN A  
PECULIAR MANNER

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for our own safety; and when the dawn appeared there were several regiments still on duty.

"At this time a very dense fog began to rise (out of the ground and across the river) and it seemed to settle in a peculiar manner over both encampments. ...So very dense was the atmosphere that I could scarcely discern a man six yards distance. [The fog remained long after] the sun had risen..." (Major Benjamin Tallmadge, *Memoirs*, 12-14).

When the last man, horse, artillery and General

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"PROVIDENTIAL  
ACTS OF GOD"

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Washington had safely crossed, the fog lifted. Washington and his men knelt in prayer to thank God for this blessing from heaven.

Before the war ended, many more similar instances of answers to fervent prayer were recorded in diaries and documents. They were called "providential acts of God." Christian Scientists would call them "demonstrations." It was all part of divine Love's plan to provide the cradle for the Second Coming of the

### *The Prayer at Valley Forge*



Sharing the fate of his small ragged patriot army whose endurance and courage defied a king and built a nation, Washington said, "The event is in the hands of God"; and during the bitter Valley Forge winter he wrote: "Even if the rest of the world continues to ignore us, we will fight on. For we are fighting not only for ourselves, but for all mankind. We are fighting for freedom and human dignity and the right to worship the God of our choice."

Christ, the impersonal Christ, and its permanent establishment as the kingdom of God in the consciousness of humanity.

Excerpted from *America: Cradle for the  
Second Coming of the Christ*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Again the T.I.C.S. sentiñel is so welcome.

It meets the needs of each one in their present state of consciousness.

I am especially impressed with the article "Individual Sovereignty."

Yes, if each student of C.S. had awakened to know that they were standing on Holy ground as did Moses, they would not have to be leaning on "a material staff,— a broken reed which pierces the heart" S&H 66.

It is sad when I think of the many years that I have been in this work that it has been mostly Christian Scientists that have been calling for help.

If each one had put their hand to the plow, I am sure we would be seeing the world as the healing of the nations, "thus to reflect in some degree the Church Universal and Triumphant," Church Manual, 19.

Name withheld by request



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A few sentences of the science of being, understood, would enable man to grasp the standard of liberty. Citizens of the world, accept their glorious import and gain your freedom! This is your divine right; a belief and not law has bound you, and to a condition of mind and not matter; all the sickness, sin and death on earth are caused by mind, even the belief of man; matter is not cause, and when you destroy the belief that it is, its power over you will flee; you possess your own body and make it harmonious and immortal, or discordant and mortal. You, the Intelligence, embrace the body in comprehension and completeness; put away, then, the error of belief that matter embraces you in mystery and disease; "you," the Soul and circumference of being, (for the body is but the idea of "you,") are a law to your

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Ralph Waldo Emerson

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,  
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,  
Here once the embattled farmers stood,  
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;  
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;  
And Time the ruined bridge has swept  
Down the dark stream that seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,  
We set today a votive stone;  
That memory may their deed redeem,  
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those spirits dare  
To die, and leave their children free,  
Bid Time and Nature gently spare  
The shaft we raise to them and thee.

(Sung at the completion  
of the Battle Monument,  
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