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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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TWO GREAT LIGHTS

"GOD made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night" (Gen 1:16). For hundreds of years Christendom believed that these two great lights were the sun and the moon, until through the new tongue of Christian Science we learned that "spiritual teaching must always be by symbols." (S&H 575)

Symbols

The sun is "the *symbol* [emphasis added] of Soul governing man" (S&H 595). As reality permeates consciousness the symbols will disappear because no longer necessary. "When we get near enough to God...the springtide of Truth in Christian Science will burst upon us in the similitude of the Apocalyptic pictures. ...There will be no need of the sun, for Spirit will be the light of the city, and matter will be proved a myth." (No 27)

If we would hasten that glorious day let us seek to learn the *realities* of the two great lights which the sun and moon symbolize.

The Firmament

"God made two great lights...And God set them in the firmament of the heaven" (Gen 1:16,17). Our textbook tells us that the firmament is "spiritual understanding."

What are the two *great* lights that infinite Mind has

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set in spiritual understanding? Are they not Christianity and Christian Science?

The Light of the World

Jesus brought the greater light, the Science of Christianity, to the world but no man could comprehend it, - not even his most spiritually minded students. "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." (John 1:5) Jesus worked to penetrate this darkness of human consciousness. "He suffered because of the shocking human idolatry that presupposes Life, substance, Soul, and intelligence in matter,-- which is the antipode of God, and yet governs mankind." (No 35:16-20)

To Rule the Night

Those in governing positions did not want Truth and plotted his death. Nonetheless Jesus' demonstration of Science rent the veil of the temple "from the top to the bottom." (Matt 28:51) The concealment of hypocrisy could no longer blind spiritual understanding with the many gods of matter. So a resisting world received half of the light Jesus had brought,--that is, Christianity.

Despite pagan resistance and the cruel persecution of Christians the light of Christianity did rule the night of the Dark Ages and the ensuing Reformation until "across a night of error should dawn the morning beams and shine the guiding star of being." (S&H vii)

The Veil Rent Again

Until the spiritualized thought of Mary Baker Eddy perceived the *Science* of Christianity, Christians along with all the rest of the world believed in the reality of matter and matter's many gods. Once again the veil hiding realism had to be rent. "Christian Science rends this veil in the pantheon of many gods, and reproduces the teachings of Jesus, whose philosophy is incontestable, bears the strain of time, and brings in the glories of eternity; 'for other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.'" (No 21:20-24)

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The Greater Light--The Daystar

“The greater light to rule the day” had dawned in the consciousness of Mary Baker Eddy. Her mission to mankind began where Jesus’ had left off and she spent the next forty years and more proclaiming the Allness of God and the nothingness of matter. “This knowledge came to me in an hour of great need; and I give it to you as death-bed testimony to the daystar that dawned on the night of material sense.” (Mis 24:4-7)

Material Resistance

After thirty-four years of incessant toil to “give” her great revelation of Light to mankind, Mrs. Eddy wrote in December, 1900:

At the present time this Bethlehem star looks down upon the long night of materialism,-- material religion, material medicine, a material world; and it shines as of yore, though it “shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” But the day will dawn and the daystar will appear, lighting the gloom, guiding the steps of progress from molecule and mortals outward and upward in the scale of being. (My 110:5-12)

Wisemen

In the very first edition of *Science and Health* in 1875 Mrs. Eddy said: “Over the night of error dawn the morning beams and guiding star of Truth, and the wise men are led by it to Science, to that which repeats the eternal harmony reproduced in proof of immortality and God.” (p. 3)

Christian Science Encircles the Globe

There seemed to be more traitors led by envy and hatred than there were wise men in Mrs. Eddy’s experience but she pressed on alone with her God-given mission. And with the help of God alone she saw Christian Science encircle the globe. She also saw a few honest investigators beginning to perceive the Daystar of divine Science and wrote in her *Message to The Mother Church for 1902*: “While Christian Science, engaging the attention of philosopher

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and sage, is circling the globe, only the earnest, honest investigator sees through the mist of mortal strife this daystar, and whither it guides." (1:20-23)

Earnest, Honest Investigators

Very few Christian Scientists were earnest, honest investigators. Most came for healing (and some for place and power). But healing is the bugle call to thought which leads to earnest, honest investigation which in turn leads us to see this daystar, through the mist of mortal strife, and to see whither it guides.

Consciousness of Light

Where does it guide? It guides us to eternal Truth and Truth's knowledge of its own infinitude. "It is Truth's knowledge of its own infinitude which forbids the genuine existence of even a claim to error. This knowledge is light wherein there is no darkness,...This consciousness of light is like the eternal law of God, revealing Him and nothing else." (No 30:18-23)

Sin and Sorcery

This greater light to rule the day has revealed some startling things which had been hidden in the darkness of the night. Sin and sorcery, lust and hypocrisy have ruled the world in the name of God and under the guise of benevolence. In the poet's words: "Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne."

The Searchlight of Science

But the night is far spent. The searchlight of Science has revealed "spiritual wickedness in high places" which has enslaved mankind. The greatest hoax of all is the pantheistic belief that man is mortal and lives in a material body. "Mortal man has but a false sense of Soul and body. He believes that Spirit, or Soul, exists in matter. This is pantheism, and is not the Science of Soul." (No 29:4-7) The "Scientific Statement of Being" has begun to dissolve this

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monumental error. Let us see that not a day goes by that we fail to use this battleaxe in our warfare with sorcery.

The Night Is Far Spent

The sin and sorcery that have so long held sway are on slippery footing today as the greater light penetrates their darkness. Paul's words which were important when he wrote them are imperative now: "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."(Rom 13:12)

The Armour of Light

God's two chosen witnesses have completed their work. "And there was war in heaven...and the dragon fought and his angels" (Rev 12:7). Both Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, clad in their "armour of light," overcame the dragon, malicious animal magnetism. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, [He also has some nice names that deceive the very elect.] which deceiveth the whole world" (Rev 12:9).

The Dragon Defeated?

Are we through with the dragon? No! "He was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Rev 12:9,12) Thus it is *imperative* that we "put on the armour of light" if we will "cast off the works of darkness."

Material Progress

As students study and endeavor to practice spiritual healing, spiritual thinking, and spiritual living the dragon would outdo all our efforts *materially*. These are signs of the times. If Spirit had not first spoken, the dragon would have nothing to imitate and reverse.

We benefit from human invention, but must be ever aware of the difference between human invention and

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spiritual progress. "We welcome the increase of knowledge and the end of error, because even human invention must have its day, and we want that day to be succeeded by Christian Science, by divine reality." (S&H 95:19-22)

The End of Error

"We welcome...the end of error." Do you know what that means? It means the end of the world as we have known it! For mankind that presents a rather alarming scenario. In Jesus' words: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

The Elect

Who are the elect? You are. Why will those days that shall destroy *all* flesh be shortened for your sake? Because through the greater light, Christian Science, you have learned how to *work* metaphysically as Jesus did and as Mrs. Eddy did. You have learned that "In Science there is no fallen state of being; for therein is no inverted image of God, no escape from the focal radiation of the infinite." (No 17) "The night of materiality is far spent, and with the dawn Truth will waken men spiritually to hear and to speak the new tongue." (S&H 354:23-25) The new tongue which has taught us to interpret symbols, or to look beyond the symbol to the *reality* it represents, has also taught us that it is absolutely essential to "put off...the old man" and to "put on the new." (Eph 4:22,24)

Annihilation

Mrs. Eddy's prophecies of the end of the world, though worded more gently, are just as dire as are those of Jesus. "Divine Science shows it to be impossible that a material body, though interwoven with matter's highest stratum, misnamed mind, should be man...Were it otherwise, man would be annihilated." (S&H 477:13) "if man

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should be governed by corporeality instead of divine Principle, by body instead of by Soul, man would be annihilated." (S&H 536:14-16) "Truth, Life, and Love are a law of annihilation to everything unlike themselves" (S&H 243) "This carnal material mentality, misnamed *mind*, is mortal. Therefore man would be annihilated, were it not for the spiritual real man's indissoluble connection with his God, which Jesus brought to light." (S&H 292:27-31)

Under Constant Pressure

Does not our textbook make it plain that mortal mind, the Adam man, is doomed? Where are we in this drama? Once we see that life is not organic we are under constant pressure to refute the false pantheistic claims of paganism. "Knowing the claim of animal magnetism, that all evil combines in the belief of life, substance, and intelligence in matter, electricity, animal nature, and organic life, who will deny that these are the errors which Truth must and will annihilate? Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate." (S&H 450)

The Way--Obedience and Suffering

John foresaw earth's drama and foretold it for our benefit in his wonderful book of Revelation. "With his spiritual strength, he has opened wide the gates of glory, and illumined the night of paganism with the sublime grandeur of divine Science, outshining sin, sorcery, lust, and hypocrisy. He...lifts on high only those who have washed their robes white in obedience and suffering." (S&H 571)

God's two witnesses who brought the two great lights have washed their robes white in obedience and suffering. They are our ensamples. They are to be emulated but not worshipped. Their words are to be studied and pondered and practised daily and hourly. Failing to do this "there should no flesh be saved" from the prophecied and fast-approaching "great tribulation such as was not since

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the beginning of the world.” But we can rejoice because the truth and the power and the glory and the grandeur of the words and the lives of Mary Baker Eddy and Jesus are the two great lights which rule our experience. We have seen beyond the symbols.



INDIVIDUALITY *VERSUS* PERSONALITY

Joyellen Edwards Reaves

SOME dictionaries tell us that personality and individuality are synonymous terms. However if we delve into the scientific meanings and origins of the words we will find they are opposites. In pondering these two words we find many negatives associated with personality. For example: personality conflicts, dual or split personality, personality clashes. We do not find these negative concepts associated with individuality. Why is this so?

Root Words

Perhaps the root words will enlighten us. Webster gives the root of individual as Latin *individuus*, meaning indivisible, not divisible. Among the definitions we find, “of one essence or nature; a state of oneness; unity.”

The root of person is Latin *persona*, meaning a mask used by actors and the definition “distinctive personal character.” A mask hides the true identity of an individual so we see that personality would try to hide our true individuality. Personality is a very material sense of man. Whereas individuality is his spiritual identity as the reflection of Mind. “[M]aterial personality...is...but man’s counterfeit, the inverted likeness, the *unlikeness* called sin, sickness, and death.” “Material personality is not realism; it is not the reflection or likeness of Spirit, the perfect God.” (S&H 285, 337)

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Personality and Personalities

World belief would try to get us involved with persons, or personalities. It may appear as husband, wife, children, business or social associates, or just casual contacts. It claims to be an unfriendly, obstinate, vascillating, or perhaps a friendly, cooperative, or loving person. So long as we view it as a personality we have taken the material viewpoint of ourselves and others. This is accepting a selfhood, ourselves or someone else, apart from God. There is no unity; nor oneness in this concept, only division and discord.

False and True Selfhood

Another aspect of personality that we hear much about today is the split or multiple personality. The names given to this by psychiatry are dementia praecox or schizophrenia. This person attempts to withdraw from the realities of life, tries to erect a barrier against the world, and develops a state of interest in himself only. Are not all of these manifestations only an attempt at a mental mask? Mortal mind is endeavoring to escape from itself. But instead of realizing the nothingness of matter and a material sense of life, it becomes absorbed in self, which Mrs. Eddy defines as "the adamant of error" (S&H 242). Finding one's true selfhood in our oneness with God, our true individuality eliminates this false sense. "He sustains my individuality. Nay, more--He *is* my individuality and my life." (Un 48:7-9)

Mask of Personality

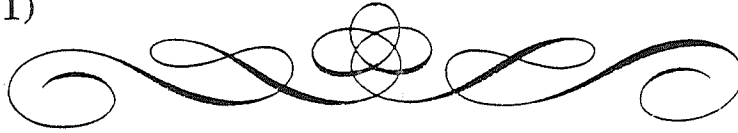
Many people have a veneer of personality in order to defend themselves from the world. It can be a pleasant or unpleasant veneer, but this is all the mask, or mortal belief that must be stripped away to reveal the perfect man of God's creating.

Individuality

We must constantly see each one as an individual

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expression of God, never separated from his divine source, never expressing any ungodlike quality. This is seeing through the mask of personality. Jesus commanded us to love all mankind, and Mrs. Eddy showed us that loving mankind is to see them as God sees them-- whole, perfect, and Godlike. This establishes and restores your and their individuality. This is the indivisible nature of God's universe-- "of one essence or nature; a state of oneness." "You have simply to preserve a scientific, positive sense of unity with your divine source, and daily demonstrate this." (Pul 4:9-11)



THE SEARCH FOR HEAVEN

Frank G. Bishop

A PRIMARY theological objective of much of Christianity for centuries has centered on getting mankind to heaven after death to escape a fiery and eternal torment of hell. Literal interpretations of some symbolic language contained in the Bible canon have given rise to this situation.

The word *hell* is frequently translated from the Hebrew word *Gehenna*, a term thought to be applied to a burning garbage dump outside one of the walls of Jerusalem where the city's refuse and dead animals were thrown to be burned. The dump was kept burning constantly. The *Dictionary of the Bible* edited by James Hastings and others states that *Gehenna* is always translated in English as hell, and in Jewish apocalyptic was employed "with the purpose of warning and awakening responsibility."

Scientific Understanding of Heaven and Hell

After Christian Science was discovered by Mary Baker Eddy and its principles were carefully detailed in her

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book *Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures*, a new scientific approach to an understanding of heaven and hell was established, namely that heaven is harmony which is immediately available to man here and now to redeem humanity from the hellish beliefs of mortality.

The Master Christian, Christ Jesus, explained to the Pharisees that heaven, God's kingdom of harmony, is not a locality nor the reign of Divinity at a special period in the future. When they questioned him when the kingdom of God should come, he answered: "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:20-21) In other words, Jesus asserted that heaven is experienced in consciousness.

Atmosphere of Thought Beyond the Physical

Heaven is so frequently construed as a place which is available to mankind upon their decease as a reward for righteous living or for accepting Jesus as their Savior. The following definition of heaven given in the Christian Science textbook denotes a current attainment possibility with rich fulfillment from this atmosphere of thought:

HEAVEN. Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government by divine Principle; spirituality; bliss; the atmosphere of Soul.
(S&H 587)

beyond the physical senses. The physical senses can testify as falsely about earth as they can about heaven, so spiritual sense necessarily must go beyond the physical senses to comprehend spiritual realities.

Present Earth and Heaven Must Be Outgrown

Mrs. Eddy writes in the collection known as *Miscellaneous Writings*: "What mortals hear, see, feel, taste, smell, constitutes their present earth and heaven, but we must grow out of even this pleasing thralldom and find wings to reach the glory of supersensible Life; then we shall soar above, as the bird in the clear ether of the blue temporal sky." (Mis 86:28-2)

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Spiritual development is contingent on a clear comprehension of spirituality. Spirituality is a response to undeviating law that operates universally to produce harmony, joy, freedom, flexibility, wisdom, love, substance, purpose, and well being. The ultimate of spiritual comprehension can only be reached in the realm of the metaphysics of Christ— that which is above and separate from matter and material hypotheses.

If God is infinite and all presence, then we are in God— in His infinite consciousness— and thus are able to share in His unlimited goodness, partake of His unrestricted freedom, and manifest His unbounded intelligence. Thus those beliefs often expressed that we live in matter, are separate and apart from God, are not worthy of God's goodness, etc. subject us to all kinds of self-imposed physical and mental limitations attended with inharmony. In the Christian Science textbook Mrs. Eddy writes: "Man is neither self-made nor made by mortals. God created man."

False Selfhoods

The belief that matter is real and is the substance of man gives rise to the belief of false selfhoods. These false "selves" make up a large and infamous family, some of the principals being self-indulgence, self-conceit, self-justification, self-pity, self-serving, self-consciousness, etc.

To rid ourselves of this motley clan of "selves" and to grow spiritually in order to achieve a heavenly existence, we need to employ two "selves" of a beneficial species— self-examination and self-knowledge. These latter two "selves" expose the machinations and fallacious nature of the other "selves" which claim to be real and viable. Self-examination and self-knowledge pave the way for error to be self-destroyed and for the purity of man to be realized.

True Selfhood

True selfhood does not involve avarice, cowardliness, or any error in self-identification. It is free of error and impurities. True selfhood is courageous, stead-

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fast, and vigorous in the pursuit of spiritual goodness. Our true selfhood is governed by the Christ, the spiritual idea which originates with God and encompasses the universe and all of man.

The selfhood of the Christ cleanses and purifies. It provides man with a correct identification without flaws and inconsistencies and enables him to make right decisions accompanied with beneficial results. The Christhood gives man protection against all that is unlike good. The mortal consciousness which argues for a mortal selfhood cannot be real, because it is foreign to the consciousness of God, infinite Mind. Any seeming limitation of goodness, paucity of joy, restraint of freedom, or lack of intelligence or judgment can only be the false testimony of the physical senses which mars a heavenly experience.

Locating Heaven

The search for heaven always has to begin somewhere. Knowing the correct identity of our objective, having a brief description of what we are looking for, and knowing its location are helpful in any search. Perhaps the following verse will be helpful to fellow searchers for heaven's harmony.

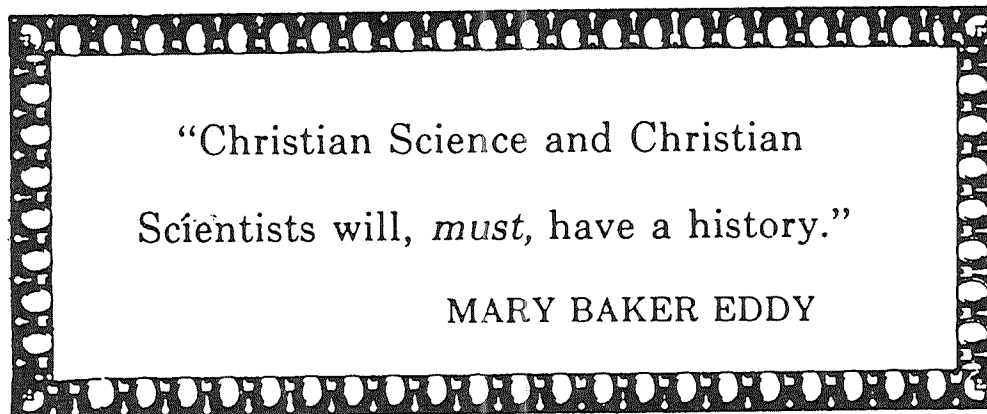
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I seek that grand place
Of beauty and grace,
A place where the heart
Has Love's sweet embrace;
A place where one's thoughts
Have Mind's constant hue
That place is within
Where God's light shines through.

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LIFE AT PLEASANT VIEW IN 1906

Rebukes

ALL of Mrs. Eddy's lieutenants needed stern rebukes from time to time to stop them from doing the work of animal magnetism and to keep them doing the work for the Cause in the world as the Leader outlined it.

Lives of Workers Attacked

The enemy was always attacking Mrs. Eddy's leadership and her life. It also attacked the lives of her workers at Pleasant View, but they were unconscious of this because they were kept constantly at work for God. The Truth and Love their Leader poured into their thoughts was an impervious armor. Only the Leader understood the deadly thrusts of evil against her and her household. After many years of analysis Gilbert C. Carpenter began to comprehend the situation and wrote:

Think what it would have meant, had some student fallen violently ill and passed on in the home of the greatest healer...in this age! It never happened at Pleasant View, although it was a constant threat. And it was our Leader's wisdom that was responsible for this protection of her home.

Calvin Frye Under Attack

The Leader knew when any particular student was under attack and assigned other students to help him or her. Calvin Frye wrote in his diary on January 11, 1906: "Mrs. Eddy says I was under the spell of m.a.m. all day today and she could not by mild methods waken me." [Hence the need for severe rebukes.] It may have been January of 1906 Mr. Carpenter was recalling when he wrote:

...during one of the general Watch Hours, Mrs. Eddy sent the following directions written in her handwriting, covering work for Calvin Frye, who was in need of help at that time: "No arsenical or mercurial rheumatism or neuralgia; no effect of arsenic on the nerves, stomach or liver. No relapse nor return of these beliefs. It does him good to work for me. This with all else God gives use in argument for F."

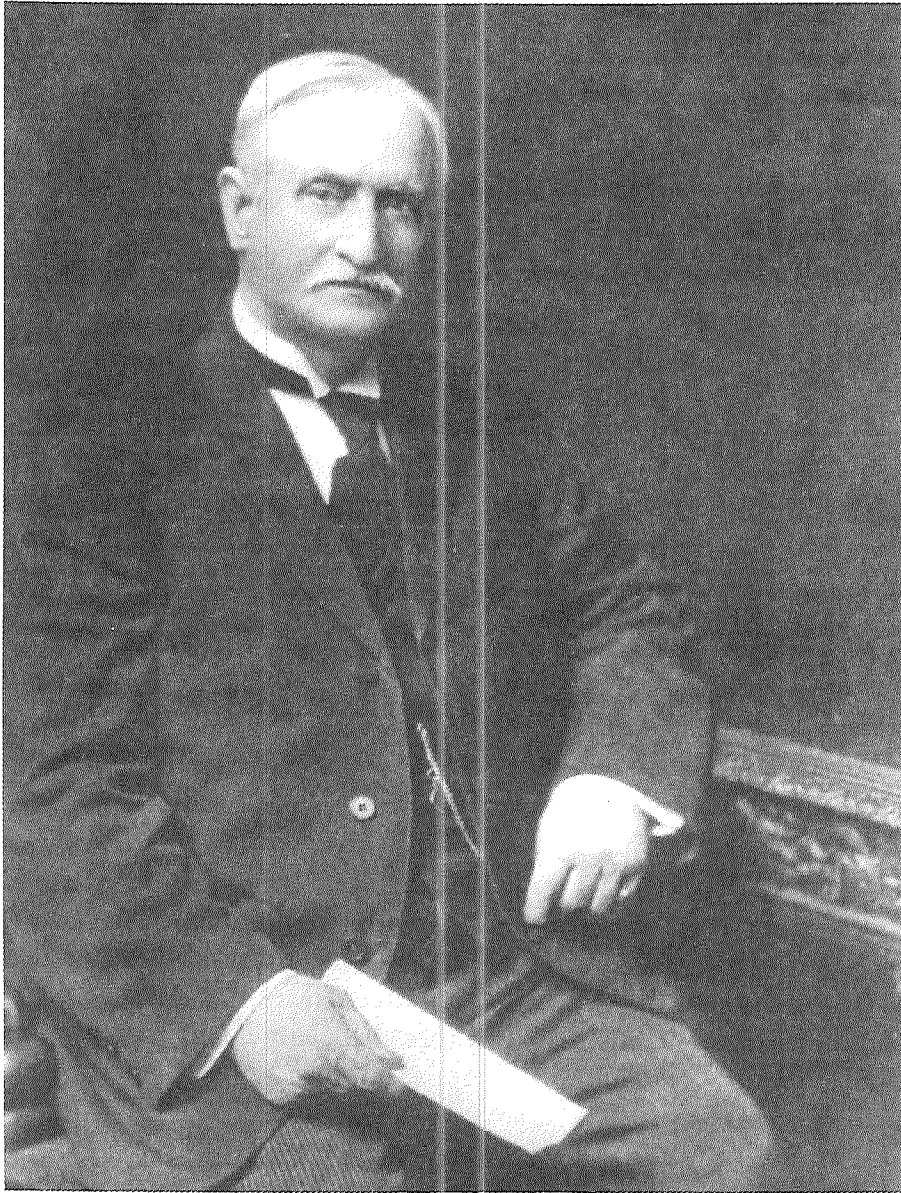
Mrs. Eddy's Diagnosis Always Correct

Mr. Carpenter also said regarding the scientific correctness of Mrs. Eddy's diagnosis:

Mrs. Eddy could tell from Mr. Frye's symptoms of depression and unconsciousness that mortal mind was affecting him like a poison. Hence she was able to point out the remedy... while I was at Pleasant View, I saw her bring him back from what seemed death after all of her students had failed.

Calvin Frye Her Best Helper

Calvin Frye was a greater help to the Leader than was any other of her students. In 1906 he had been by her side every day for twenty-four years, and when Calvin was not himself Mrs. Eddy suffered. On the night of January 25 discord and suffering caused the Leader to have three of the students, Laura Sargent, Julia Prescott, and Gilbert Carpenter, to keep unity watches every three hours throughout the night. Probably Lewis Strang [who had just entered her employ] was not yet trained for such work, and



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perhaps Calvin Frye was not himself. The next afternoon, according to Calvin's diary, Mrs. Eddy told him that he had gained his natural, strong, clear sense of Christian Science, and she thanked God for it. ...

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Caroline Foss' Experience

Miss Caroline Foss was a student of Laura Lathrop in New York, where Miss Foss was a listed practitioner. In April when Caroline was called to Pleasant View she was given the special task and privilege of being Mrs. Eddy's personal maid. One experience that was helpful to her at that time has helped many another student since then. That was the making of Mrs. Eddy's bed. Laura Sargent told Caroline Foss that no one seemed to be able to make the bed to satisfy Mrs. Eddy so that she rested comfortably:

As Miss Foss was working to smooth out the lumps in the feather mattress, she thought, "This bed belongs to God. I am making it up for Him, and not for any personality. He sent me here to do it, so I can do it right." There never was one complaint from Mrs. Eddy, during the whole time Miss Foss was there as to the condition of the bed. But she confessed that among her many duties, the bed making was the only one she really tried to demonstrate consistently.

All Students Rebuked Except John

Caroline Foss received her share of rebukes from the Leader as did every student at Pleasant View with the exception of John Salchow. Mr. Carpenter recorded that John Salchow served the Leader faithfully for fourteen consecutive years and during all that time she rebuked him but once. It has been said that John was so devastated by the one rebuke Mrs. Eddy gave him, that she never gave him another. This circumstance alone is proof (if mortal mind needs proof) that the Leader's rebukes were *never* for the work done or not done, but *always* for the development and progress of the student. However in 1906 none of the students knew this, and all of the students who served in her home were surprised and sometimes shocked to learn how "fussy," exacting, and demanding the Leader was. They often thought that she made everything as difficult for them as she could, which she did, because she was endeavoring to

force them to turn to God, divine Mind, for *everything*, as she did. How many students, even today, turn to Mind *first*? Are not most satisfied with a *human* sense of good and accomplishment? It is this human sense of accomplishment and good that is the greatest stumbling block to the student's progress Spiritward.

The Divinity Course

The Divinity course at Pleasant View was not to teach the students *about* divinity nor how to *become* divine. It was to waken them to the reality of their own divinity and unlimited potential which was already a present fact. But this *wakening* was not an easy task. It took sharp rebukes of their humanhood and seemingly impossible demands upon them to jolt them out of a complacent sense of *human* good. Even then, many a student left the Leader's home only to cherish his bruised and battered sense of humanity and to whisper about the Leader's unreasonableness. It became official policy to ignore and bury out of sight these invaluable lessons that were so largely misunderstood.

"The Mystery of Mrs. Eddy's Life"

But there were a few who pondered deeply the rebukes they received and lessons they learned. We can thank God for Mr. Carpenter who devoted all his years to pondering and endeavoring to unravel what he called the "mystery of Mrs. Eddy's life." He may not have known that she was God's chosen witness on this planet, but he did discover the key to unraveling what others had considered her inexplicable behaviour. When Mr., Carpenter accepted the premise that Mrs. Eddy was always right and for that reason not to be criticized in any degree, the "mystery" of her life began to unfold to him. He began to see that had she explained the reason for some of her requests and demands, the effect would have been lost.

Work Day and Night

In the spring of 1906 Caroline Foss and Lewis Strang

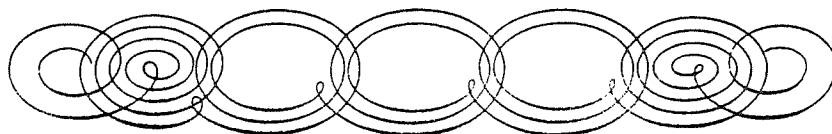
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were receiving some of the lessons that Gilbert Carpenter had received a year earlier. One of these lessons was being called to work for Mrs. Eddy in the night. Few students ever knew how often the Leader worked day and night. But after thirty years of pondering Mr. Carpenter came to the conclusion that when she called upon new students to treat her audibly it was mainly for that student's training and not because she needed help. In his words:

When Mrs. Eddy called upon me to help her audibly at night during my stay in her home, I had to feel that her harmony and rest through the night depended wholly on my demonstration. Otherwise I would not have worked as I did. Had I believed that she gave me that task merely to train me--as I now believe--I would not have been so zealous, as careful, or eager as I was, nor would I have put into the work the extreme unction that I did.

By endeavoring to understand and *explain* what was in essence the Divinity course at Pleasant View, Mr. Carpenter has enabled earnest, loyal students today to take the Divinity course in Mrs. Eddy's home.

Excerpted from *The Forever Leader*
By Doris Grekel



"When we...admit the total depravity of mortals, *alias* mortal mind,-- and that the Adam legacy must first be seen, and then must be subdued and recompensed by justice, the eternal attribute of Truth,-- the outlook demands labor, and the laborers seem few."

Mary Baker Eddy
Miscellaneous Writings 2:9-14

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The information about the picture I copied and sent to you is: When Eadie and I were living in Hixson, Tennessee, we would drive over to Ashville, North Carolina. We liked to drive the back roads and this is where we found the most interesting antique and book stores. In the one particular shop in a small town near Ashville I picked up this book titled *Light of the Ages*. As I started looking through it I saw a picture of Jesus of Nazaareth and a few pages later a picture of Mary Baker Glover (Eddy) 1867. My first thought was it could be a book smearing Mrs. Eddy...so for fifty cents I could destroy it if that was the case. When we got home and I started reading it, it was a Gem. It was not a smear book; it was a book that picked up the "Light" from Jesus' time down to Mrs. Eddy.

The book is divided up into several sections and the part on Primitive Christianity is very interesting.

After reading this book several times I have come to realize Jesus taught his disciples more metaphysics than we find in the Bible. The author of this book *Light of the Ages* (Her name is Myrtle Strode Jackson.) writes of ministers who have the writings of the early Christians right after Jesus and what she writes is very interesting. Justin the Martyr who is one of these early teachers asks, "Is there any Science which furnishes us with the knowledge of things which relate both to God and Man? Yes said I."

A lot of these early writers bring out their unfoldment along the lines of scientific thought and Mrs. Jackson corroborates their unfoldment with writings from Mrs. Eddy.

One of the tenants these early writers discovered there is no evil. And the one thing I believe that caused the stopping of healings after 300 A.D. when Mohammad wrote his book and in it he said there was a God of light and a God of darkness which destroyed the One God concept and Christianity began to be bogged down in rites and creeds and then healing began to wane.

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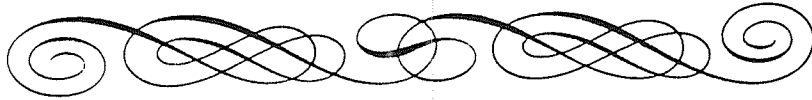
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If you should go looking around in old bookstores, be on the lookout for this one. I know I have a very rare bool

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KNOW THYSELF

WHATSOEVER seems to be good, and yet errs, though acknowledging the true way, is really evil. (Ret 94)

When God heals the sick or the sinning, they should know the great benefit which Mind has wrought. They should also know the great delusion of mortal mind, when it makes them sick or sinful. Many are willing to open the eyes of the people to the power of good resident in divine Mind, but they are not so willing to point out the evil in human thought, and expose evil's hidden mental ways of accomplishing iniquity..

Why this backwardness, since exposure is necessary to ensure the avoidance of the evil? Because people like you better when you tell them their virtues than when you tell them their vices. ...

Through trope and metaphor, the Revelator, immortal scribe of Spirit and of a true idealism, furnishes the mirror in which mortals may see their own image. In significant figures he depicts the thoughts which he beholds in mortal mind. ...

At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil. Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you. The cement of a higher humanity will unite all interests in the one divinity. (S&H 570-571)

Mary Baker Eddy

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AUGUSTA E. STETSON, C.S.D.

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THE time has come, in the latter days of the Twentieth Century, at the approach of the Millennium of Biblical prophecy in the year of our Lord 2001, to examine the role of Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., in Mary Baker Eddy's plan of establishing the Church of Christ, Scientist.

We are all familiar with the general story of the establishing of the organization known as The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, also known as The Mother Church, by Mrs. Eddy, in 1879. What we are not so familiar with, however, is her establishment and launching of the spiritually organized church at the latter end of the first decade of the Twentieth Century, near the very end of her earthly sojourn.

This story is far more obscure, and has generally been distorted or misunderstood, if not ignored or suppressed, by biographers and historians in their attempts to relate the story of the Christian Science Movement.

This essential chapter must be included if an accurate and universally helpful account is to emerge that will meet the needs of mankind in this hour of Millennial anticipation and spiritual awakening.

Augusta E. Stetson was summoned by Mary Baker Eddy in 1884 to enter one of Mrs. Eddy's classes in Christian Science. This was followed by healing work on Mrs. Stetson's part in northern New England. Mrs. Stetson's healing work was so successful that she was recalled to the Boston area by Mrs. Eddy, in order to be of more value to her Leader. This was accompanied by an appointment to serve as an alternate pastor in Mrs. Eddy's pulpit in Boston.

In 1886 Mrs. Eddy sent Mrs. Stetson to New York City to establish the "Christianity of Christian Science." Mrs. Stetson had been graduated from the Normal Class taught by Mrs. Eddy in 1885, followed later by a review class. Mrs. Eddy conferred upon her the degree of C.S.D., and she was one of three women to whom Mrs. Eddy gave the title of Reverend.

Mrs. Stetson's success in New York City is well known,

but there are many aspects of her experience there that are either obscured or distorted, which, at this hour are timely for clarification and illumination.

After occupying three churches, after building the beautiful First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, paid for on dedication after its completion in 1903, at a cost of \$1,250,000; after a grand career of healing and teaching, having been granted a charter from the State of New York for the New York City Christian Science Institute in 1891; and after having occupied her pulpit for 17 years, Mrs. Stetson was prepared for the events that were destined to follow. What started the unusual chain of events was a letter to Augusta in 1907, in which Mrs. Eddy invited her to "'Come out from the world and be ye separate'— in the sense of Science." This was the forerunner to Mrs. Eddy's invitation in January 1909 to her "dear brethren in New York" to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other."

These invitations were followed by replies, assuring Mrs. Eddy of the willingness of Mrs. Stetson and the New York Church to begin to build on a wholly spiritual foundation. These events, and many others, led to the "composite letter" to Mrs. Stetson from her students, in 1909, assuring their teacher of their loyalty and willingness to begin to thus build.

The foregoing events culminated in the so-called "trial" of Mrs. Stetson by the Christian Science Board of Directors in November 1909, and the dismissal of Mrs. Stetson from the roll of membership of The Mother Church following their withdrawal of her license to teach and practice Christian Science.

Thus the way was prepared for the launching, building and establishing of the wholly spiritually organized church. The events of the succeeding 19 years tell the story of these activities and movements of this spiritual organization, as shown by the extensive record in the accompanying bibliography. Mrs. Stetson's own voluminous publications are the primary testimony for the accuracy of these observations. But the record of over 400 letters from Mrs. Eddy to Augusta during 25 years are the most eloquent, and hitherto almost hidden testimony of Mrs. Eddy's love for Mrs. Stetson, her "best beloved," and the placing on her of the most solemn responsibility of **demonstrating** the true idea of Church. Thus Augusta E. Stetson became the chosen **demonstrator** of the

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divine Science of which Mrs. Eddy was Discoverer, Founder and Leader.

In these latter days, with the Millennium upon us, we as scientific Christians, need proof and guidance as to the course we should be following and diligently pursuing. Social, civil, political, governmental and personal disorder and unrest are altogether too prevalent for any complacency on the part of Christians, and most other citizens, as well. The organized Christian Science church is in disarray, as evidenced by its declining membership and gradual loss of branch churches and healing practitioners listed in *The Christian Science Journal*. The time is surely right for the reemergence of Mrs. Eddy's provision for the spiritually organized church, or the rediscovery of the record left by Mrs. Stetson as the right example for genuine Christian Scientists at the right time. And that time is now.

The evidence for all this may be found by anyone who is earnestly interested, in Mrs. Eddy's own published writings. The following citations are there for any individual to see for himself. To grasp their import leads to the discovery of Mrs. Eddy's provision, or the example of Augusta E. Stetson and her **demonstration**, as the illustration for the spiritually organized church.

"Love's spiritual compact"

Miscellaneous Writings 90:21-20 n.p.

"It is not indispensable to organize materially Christ's church. It is not absolutely necessary to ordain pastors and to dedicate churches; but if this be done, let it be in concession to the period, and not as a perpetual or indispensable ceremonial of the church. If our church is organized, it is to meet the demand, 'Suffer it to be so now.' The real Christian compact is love for one another. This bond is wholly spiritual and inviolate."

Miscellaneous Writings 135:23-29 n.p.

"I am still with you on the field of battle, taking forward marches, broader and higher views, and with the hope that you will follow."

Miscellaneous Writings 137:1 to 139:7

"Remember that the first and last lesson of Christian Science is love, perfect love, and love made perfect through the cross."

"I once thought that in unity was human strength, but

have grown to know that human strength is weakness,— that unity is divine might, giving to human power, peace.”

“...whenever they are equal to the march triumphant, God will give to all His soldiers of the cross the proper command, and under the banner of His love, and with the ‘still, small voice’ for the music of our march, we all shall take step and march on in spiritual organization.”

Miscellaneous Writings 139:8 to 142:5 [“Hints for History,” *The Christian Science Journal*, July 1892, pp. 133-135]:

“Built on the rock, our church will stand the storms of ages: though the material superstructure should crumble into dust, the fittest would survive,— the spiritual idea would live, a perpetual type of the divine Principle it reflects.”

“...a type morally and spiritually inalienable, but materially questionable— even after the manner that all spiritual good comes to Christian Scientists, to the end of taxing their faith in God, and their adherence to the superiority of the claims of Spirit over matter or merely legal titles.”

“All loyal Christian Scientists hail with joy this proposed type of universal Love; not so, however, with error, which hates the bonds and methods of Truth, and shudders at the freedom, might, and majesty of Spirit,— even the annihilating law of Love.”

Miscellaneous Writings 143:13 to 146:3 “Address,— Laying the Corner-stone”:

“...the time cometh when the religious element, or Church of Christ, shall exist alone in the affections, and need no organization to express it.”

“When the *hearts* of Christian Scientists are woven together...”

Miscellaneous Writings 158:9, 19:

“But now, after His messenger has obeyed the message of divine Love, comes the interpretation thereof. But you see we both had first to obey, and to do this through faith, not sight.”

“All God’s servants are minute men and women. As of old, I stand with sandals on and staff in hand, waiting for the watchword and the revelation of what, how, whither. Let us be faithful and obedient, and God will do the rest.”

[*Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D.* by Gail M. Weatherbe will be continued in a future issue.]

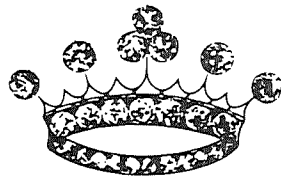
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