

A lady with a lamp shall stand
In the great history of the 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*

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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| S&H - <i>Science and Health</i> | Man - <i>Manual of The Mother Church</i> |
| Hea - <i>Christian Healing</i> | Pan - <i>Christian Science versus Pantheism</i> |
| Mis - <i>Miscellaneous Writings</i> | Peo - <i>The People's Idea of God</i> |
| No - <i>No and Yes</i> | Ret - <i>Retrospection and Introspection</i> |
| Pul - <i>Pulpit and Press</i> | Rud - <i>Rudimental Divine Science</i> |
| Un - <i>Unity of Good</i> | Chr - <i>Christ and Christmas</i> |
| Po - <i>Poems</i> | |
| My - <i>The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany</i> | |
| '00 - <i>Message to The Mother Church, June 1900</i> | |
| '01 - <i>Message to The Mother Church, June 1901</i> | |
| '02 - <i>Message to The Mother Church, June 1902</i> | |
| DCC - <i>Divinity Course and General Collectanea</i> | |
| EOF - <i>Essays and Other Footprints</i> | |
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"WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL — WATCH" JESUS

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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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THE LAST LESSON

THE "last lesson that Jesus taught his students was the most advanced," (EOF 131) and this was the text of one of Mrs. Eddy's Bible lessons based on John 21:5 "Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No."

Perhaps Christian Scientists today need to study and learn this most advanced lesson, for many seem to be where Jesus' disciples were on the eve of this final instruction.

Where Were the Disciples

Where were they? They were sad, dejected, disappointed men. They had expected their great master to proclaim his sovereignty and to establish his rule as a worldly king would have done. When he tried to explain what worldliness would do to the Christ, Peter, who was most often the spokesman, rebuked him. They had not yet learned that their Master *knew* and he was right. Many Christian Scientists have yet to learn that their Leader *knew* and she was right.

Students Cling to the Ways of the World

The missions of Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy were entirely spiritual. Jesus' rebuke was fearful and struck at the core when his disciples rejected spirituality for

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worldliness. He turned and said to Peter: "Get thee behind me, Satan, thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." (Matt 16:23) To savor is to appreciate discriminatingly. Are we savoring worldly success and prosperity, material wealth, fashion, praise, etc.?

The disciples were, and that is why they were disappointed, dejected, mistaken men after the crucifixion. "In his palmy day, when the full-orbed glory of divine power— healing the sick and raising the dead— shone as the very Shekinah in their midst, and the anointed of his Father rode triumphantly into the city that stoned the prophets, his disciples appeared to follow him; but when the pall of crucifixion was enshrouding them, and the Master bade them watch with him one hour, they slept. When...the finger of scorn was pointed at them, their pride overcame their pity, and Peter profanely denied that he knew him."

Desertion of Christ

They deserted Jesus in his hour of trial, forgot all that he had taught them, and turned back to worldly ways. Once again, when seven were gathered together, Peter was their leader and said, "I go a fishing." (John 21:3) The others followed his lead and these seven toiled all night with no success. "They whom Jesus had called away from their nets are now ensnared in them. The teachings of Jesus that had made them fishers of men are cast aside. The allurements of the world have won them into by-paths. They had promised to Christ more than they had given, hence their present loss." (EOF 130)

Darkness Before Dawn

This was the nadir of their experience. They must have been thinking all that long, dark night of how the Master had made them fishers of men, of how great it was to draw men unto them, to be able to heal the sick and reform the sinner. Now that they had abandoned the Christ, even the fishes avoided them. "It was the darkest hour

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before the dawn. ...The Christ had not departed from them, but they had left him, and lost him, because they would not watch and work in the hour of his crucifixion.” (EOF 130) But their fruitless toil in the dark made them more humble.

Self-surrender the Turning Point

At the moment of their self-surrender (as the day begins to dawn) across the dark water they hear his voice calling, “Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find.” (John 21:5,6)

The Last Lesson from Jesus

The “last lesson that Jesus taught his students was the most advanced, and this was that lesson: repentance, humility, self-consecration.” (EOF 131) Our textbook says: “What a contrast between our Lord’s last supper and his last spiritual breakfast with his disciples in the bright morning hours at the joyful meeting on the shore of the Galilean Sea! His gloom had passed into glory, and his disciples grief into repentance,— hearts chastened and pride rebuked. Convinced of the fruitlessness of their toil in the dark and wakened by their Master’s voice, they changed their methods, turned away from material things, and cast their net on the right side. ...This spiritual meeting with our Lord in the dawn of a new light is the morning meal which Christian Scientists commemorate.” (S&H 34:29)

The Truly Last Supper

Many churches have communion every Sunday to commemorate the last supper. The *morning* meal was truly Jesus’ last supper with his students (and their first spiritual meal with him) and we should be certain to commemorate it at least weekly if not daily.

How should we commemorate it? The new light of Christian Science teaches us to go beyond the symbols to the meaning they symbolize. We need to learn this last lesson that Jesus gave to his disciples of repentance,

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humility, self-consecration, and cast our nets on the *right* side. The disciples learned it. They who once had baskets full left over could now rejoice to sup with their Lord with *one* fish and *one* barley loaf. “[F]or the first time without a single consideration of self [they chose] the right side, the spiritual side.” (EOF 130) They had seen the folly of their ways and were now ready to follow Christ more faithfully than before.

The Right Side

This last supper in the dawning light should always remind us of repentance, humility, self-consecration. They in turn will always lead us to know which is the right side. This morning meal “was the disciples first and last spiritual supper with their great Teacher. This supper with their Lord was the perpetual passover; it pointed the way to everlasting victories, the final destruction of sin, sickness, death, victories spiritually made through that which held no fellowship with material modes, the crucifixion of the flesh, and the faith that cometh by works, the demonstration of the divine Principle that governs man in the order of Science.” (EOF 131)



In a Bible lesson given in 1886 Mrs. Eddy said: “Every epoch of time has unfolded the fact that progress at every point indicates a step more spiritual. Yet, we of the nineteenth century have not the longevity of the Antediluvians who lived nearly a thousand years, by taking less thought than we about the suppositional life of matter, and what they should eat, drink, or wear; neither have the floods of error ceased; its troubled sea still overflows, and will until there is no more sea, until divinity is understood to flow through channels of humanity.” (EOF 101)

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THE purpose of this book is to help us see that *our own Mind is the power for good*— that we need only awaken out of the Adam dream to find ourselves “Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love,” which Mrs. Eddy’s divine revelation in the first edition tells us we are. Once we see that “God [our Mind] is the source and condition of all existence” (S&H 181:1) we can say as Jesus said, “All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth,” and as St. Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ.”

Study and Spiritual Growth Necessary

Eventually, through consecrated study, we will all reach that spiritual plane where the *divine system* is understood and we can use it just as we today use the system of mathematics and music once we have learned them. We will find the treasure that was ours before this Adam dream overtook us— that was ours “before Abraham was.” Once this system is understood, it will be seen there is only the recognition of the God-character— infinite good. “Then shall [we] press on to Life’s long lesson, the eternal lore of Love; and learn forever the infinite meanings of these short sentences: ‘God is Love’; and ‘All that is real is divine, for God [*our real Mind*] is All-in-all” (Mis 125:17).

All our efforts and energies of the past and present are working together for our good. The time is coming when we will realize we do not have to beg God for His Love anymore than we have to beg the sun for its rays. James Russell Lowell in *The Vision of Sir Launfal* said, “Heaven is given away and God may be had for the asking.” We must cast out the belief that we are not there yet. Jesus said, “Know that you already have what you are asking for.” But this “knowing” requires study, imbibing the spirit, and application.

Rote Learning

Rote learning will not suffice. We must work to

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understand, or our fate will be like that of the man who bought the preacher's horse. "I must warn you— this animal only responds to 'church talk,'" the preacher told him. "Go, is 'praise the Lord,' and stop is 'Hallelujah.'"

"I've worked with horses all my life," said the buyer, "and I've never heard of anything like this." Mounting the horse, he said skeptically, "Praise the Lord." The horse began to trot. He repeated, "Praise the Lord" and the horse broke into a gallop.. Suddenly the buyer saw a cliff dead ahead. Frantic, he yelled "Hallelujah," and they came to a dead stop a foot from the edge. Wiping the sweat from his brow the buyer said, "Praise the Lord!"

The Printed Word

It is important to have the right words, the right commands, if we don't want to go over a cliff. We need to place control in something safer than the shattered traditional notions of security. "Man is properly self-governed [and all harmonious] only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker"— your own right Mind, divine Truth and Love (See S&H 106:9).

To help us in this "proper self-government" we need the printed word, that can be studied until understanding reigns and we realize "Thy kingdom *IS* come." A hundred years ago when Baron Buliver Lytton wrote, "The pen is mightier than the sword," he could have had no idea how prophetic those words would be. In the Information Age, the ultimate weapon against any adversary is information. The more infinite good is *communicated*, the more it will grow in the understanding of men. For this communication that results in our wedding to God, the printed word— the word that can be *studied*— is needed. ...

Written Records

In our progress we are immeasurably helped by the written record left by those who have gone before. All through the ages there have been spiritually endowed men and women who have known conscious union with infinite

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good. Moses, Elijah, all the Old Testament prophets, along with Christ Jesus, John, and Paul, were great spiritual thinkers. Though they were not widely known and their teaching was not widely practiced during their own time, their words have come down to us in Scripture to be understood in a new spiritual way in Christian Science.

The Temple of Learning

Truly our Christian Science library is the temple of learning. Even Jesus' teaching was not understood for nearly two thousand years, until the advent of Mary Baker Eddy and the "little book" that brought the Second Coming of the Christ as a Science.

The light we have today is the result of the work of the prophets, of Jesus, the apostles, and of Mary Baker Eddy who so faithfully transcribed the great revelation of infinite good's Allness and evil's unreality. Their work is done and ours is before us. It is up to us to grasp it— to continue the struggle of learning to bring spiritual sense and joy into a world of darkness, cruelty, poverty, and misery.

System

Learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history. Jesus foresaw that the final unfoldment of the Christ would appear in the form of a book. (See Rev 10:2). Embedded in this textbook is the *system* of Christian Science which must be learned just as the system of mathematics or music is learned, but *learning* the system of divine Science takes deep consecrated study. "Centuries will intervene before the statement of the inexhaustible topics of that book become sufficiently understood to be absolutely demonstrated" (Mis 92:4).

Patience

The task we face takes time, persistence, and the pressure of Truth. In this work let us not forget that "a diamond was a chunk of coal that made good under

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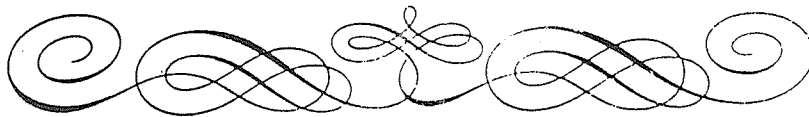
pressure.” When shortcuts tempt us we will do well to remember the experience of the impatient scholar.

Bored with meditation, he asked his guru for a quicker route to self-knowledge. The teacher advised him: “Go out into the rain and lift your arms upward; that will bring you revelation.” The next day the scholar complained: “When I followed your advice, all that happened was that water flowed down my back. I felt like a complete fool.”

“For the first day, that’s quite a revelation,” replied the guru.

Let us not be so impatient. However long our journey takes, let us press on. After all, Moses went into the land of Midian and spent forty years of his life in the wilderness, as a shepherd. There he gained the divine schooling necessary for his great future lifework. You and I in our land of Midian, our own “wilderness,” may not be sheep herders, but we are getting the training that “helps to precipitate the ultimate harmony” (S&H 324:3).

Excerpted from *MADE WHOLE Through Our Marriage to God*
By Helen M. Wright



That which bloomed out of the life of Jesus, filling the world with the odor of divinity, was the ensample for man, and this coincidence of the human and the divine must yet appear in our lives. It may take a longer life than that of mortals to quicken it into vitality. Buried deep it may be from human sight, and lie dormant for thousands of years, like the wheat found in Egyptian tombs, but in the Father’s house— the many chambers of Soul— it must sometime fully disclose its identity with the spirit of Jesus. Heaven only knows what searching methods, what agonies, what ages of crime, what revolutions, may be required for this imperishable germ of greatness and goodness, to struggle up to freedom.

Mary Baker Eddy
From *Essays and Other Footprints*

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HAVE BUT ONE FEAR

Frank G. Bishop

THE only fear which man is spiritually justified in having is the fear of God. And this fear should not be a dread or uneasy feeling about Deity, but should be an awe or reverence of God. The latter was a definition of the word *fear* that was commonly employed during the time when the King James translation of the Holy Scriptures was made from their original languages into English.

A reverence for God comes from understanding the allness, goodness, purity, and sovereign power of the creator of the universe. Reverence is a deep love for God, a veneration of His omnipotence and omnipresence. Reverence must necessarily include a feeling of closeness to God, a realization that He is the cause of our being as the Psalmist proclaimed: "Know ye that the Lord is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves." (Ps 100:3)

Denial of Oneness

Even though we may have a keen recognition of God's might, any sense we entertain in consciousness that we are separated from the power and harmony of God, divine Love, is an erosion of reverence. Such is a claim that man, an idea of God, is not in the infinite Mind (the singular Consciousness of the universe) and that man can be separated from the allness of God. Thus a lack of reverence for God is really a denial of man's oneness with God.

Belief in Matter Brings Fear

Fear in the mode of English spoken today is usually an uneasy or mentally uncomfortable feeling. It is a restless sense, an anticipation of danger, loss, or deprivation. Matter is commonly claimed to be the substance of the world and the universe. This concept of substance occasions much fear, either due to the belief of lacking enough high quality matter, the presence of too much matter, the supply of matter is being dissipated or is

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undergoing decay, or that matter is present in some objectional or fearful form.

A careful examination of the so-called substance-in-matter theory needs to be made to determine the nature of fear's foundation. Materialism and all of the other *isms* which derive from a belief in matter need to be evaluated for their avowed validity. In *Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures*, a textbook that deals more summarily with matter and concerns about it than any other work, its author, Mary Baker Eddy, writes: "Matter disappears under the microscope of Spirit." (S&H 264:21)

Matter Is Not Found

Under the focus of such an all-powerful force as Spirit, matter is found not to be an entity or reality but only a belief or a misconception of being. It is therefore pointless to study matter under a less powerful microscope or telescope than Spirit to determine its real nature or makeup of existence.

The author of the Christian Science textbook also makes this uncompromising statement about the nature of matter: "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter." (S&H 468:9) If this statement is accepted to be true, then matter has no ability to produce feeling, no validity or power to govern feeling, no intelligence to transmit feeling, and no substance to sustain feeling.

Condition

Thus fear is seen to be a substanceless feeling, a non-entity that can only be classified as a belief. Fear is nothing more than a suggestion which attempts to authenticate itself by claiming to be a condition. With error or evil under this masquerade, the medical faculty and others are prone to consider inharmony in the body as a condition, to diagnose and analyze the condition, to deliberate over the condition, to lament about the condition, and to treat the condition as being real without a firm conviction that the condition can be changed.

Mrs. Eddy states in her *Miscellaneous Writings*

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collection: “Divine Love, as unconscious as incapable of error, pursues the evil that hideth itself, strips off its disguises, and – behold the result: evil, uncovered, is self-destroyed.” (Mis 209:32) When error’s mask is uncovered, its most prevalent identity is seen to be fear–

false
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appearing
real,

an erroneous suggestion. The other identities of error are ignorance, sin, disease, and death. In the Christian Science textbook Mrs. Eddy tells us: “The procuring cause and foundation of all sickness is fear, ignorance, or sin.” (S&H 411:20) This triad of error, unless uncovered and destroyed, crowns its achievement with death– the ultimate false condition.

Always Allay Fear

In the chapter entitled “Christian Science Practice” in the textbook Mrs. Eddy gives this fundamental rule for Christian Science treatment: “Always begin your treatment by allaying the fear of patients.” (S&H 411:27) Later she describes the results of this removal: “If you succeed in wholly removing the fear, your patient is healed.” (S&H 411:32)

Most all great leaders and movers of world thought have had to cope with fear, handle it, recognize its assumed threat and importance, and destroy it in the consciousness of those who entertained it. Moses, a sheep herder at the time, was called upon by God to lead the Israelites from their sordid Egyptian captivity and expressed fears of inadequacy, lack of authority, and possible outright rejection by the Israelites.

Moses Met Fear

However, Moses was directed by God to handle the error typified by a serpent and was told to throw down his rod, a sheep herding tool. When Moses obeyed the divine

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directive, his rod assumed the appearance of a serpent. Fear then seized him, and he retreated from the serpentine appearance. But God directed him to "Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail" (Ex 4:5-6)— a procedure which venomous snake handlers would strongly caution against.

Moses was obedient, however, in following the divine direction of handling this serpent threat, and it became again a rod in his hand. This victory of handling fear through obedience to God became a rod on which Moses relied in meeting the many challenges of fear which he had to face and conquer in the exodus of the Israelites from their material bondage and their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness until his followers mustered the courage to enter the land which God had promised to them.

Perfect Love

In his first general letter to the early Christians, the Apostle John wrote: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear." (4:18) This perfect love involves our recognition of our constant oneness with God, the all powerful, all protecting, and all directing divine Love. This removes the temptation to entertain a fear of any condition, any thought, any force, any power, any environment, any *ism*, any disguise of error, or anything that is unlike God.

Fear destroyed is an experience of love in divine Love.

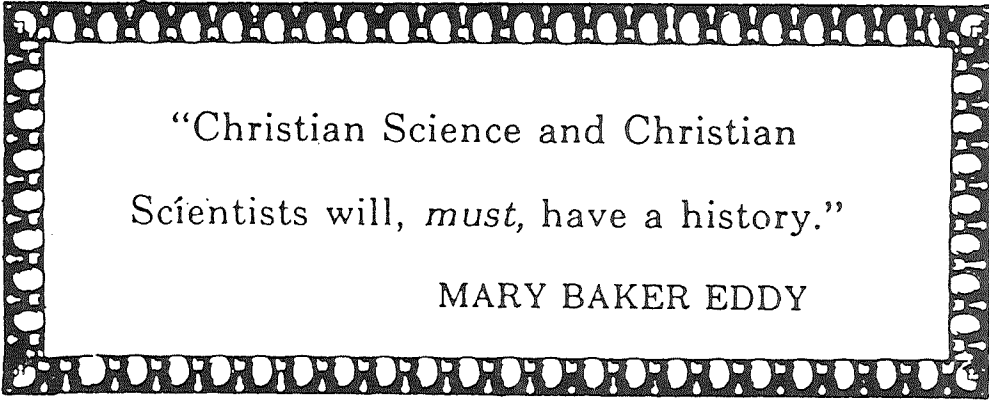
STATEMENTS BY MARY BAKER EDDY

When love can love stronger than hate can hate, the demonstration is instantaneous.

To look into the world and see sin, sickness and death, this is hate— to look out into the world and see everything in God's image and likeness, that is love.

Statements preserved by students
From *Mary Baker Eddy's Lessons of the Seventh Day*

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“Christian Science and Christian
Scientists will, *must*, have a history.”

MARY BAKER EDDY

TRUTH-TELLING REQUISITE

IN recent years a friend requested that we visit her neighbor who was trying to dispose of a Christian Science library. The neighbor was not the least bit interested in Christian Science but felt that her mother's estate contained rare and costly Christian Science literature which she was eager to sell.

My husband and I examined what she had— none of which was rare nor worth what the mother had paid for it. But what looked like a very new pamphlet caught my eye.

Falsehoods Published

In *Footprints Fadeless* Mrs. Eddy has written: “No bygone history of the dead would ever be reproduced by me were it not drawn out by falsehoods published concerning it.” Once again falsehoods were being published by malice and ignorance which require the publication of facts in refutation.

From earliest childhood Mary Baker Eddy was spiritually gifted and displayed unusual abilities including second sight which she tells us in *Science and Health* really “is first sight instead of second, for it presents primal

facts to mortal mind.” (p. 87:14) She also suffered severely from ill-health, most especially from dyspepsia. She describes her case in *Science and Health* on page 221 although in later editions she changed “she” to “he.”

A Vow to God

In about 1859 at the very depth of her suffering and despair, Mrs. Eddy (then Mrs. Patterson) made a sacred vow to God that if He would restore her health she would devote all her years to helping sick and suffering humanity.

An Unorthodox Doctor

She had exhausted the skill of the allopathic physicians, studied and successfully practised homeopathy but found no more than temporary relief for herself. In 1862 at another very low ebb and in severe ill-health she enlisted the aid of her eldest brother Samuel and his wife Mary Ann to take her to the unorthodox Dr. Quimby in Portland, Maine. Mary Ann Baker wrote in retrospect: “Both my husband and myself made careful inquiries in regard to Mr. Quimby’s system of treatment while Mrs. Eddy was under his care, and we considered his methods to be the essence of quackery.” (EOF 151)

But Mrs. Eddy (Patterson) thought that God had answered her prayer. A week earlier acquaintances at Vail’s Hydropathic Institute thought she could not live to travel so far as Portland and after Dr. Quimby’s treatment she climbed with them seven flights of stairs to the dome of the “New City Building.”

Mind Power

She had also found in Dr. Quimby a rare specimen of humanity and they enjoyed long conversations together. Phineas Quimby was greatly impressed with Mary’s spirituality, and she learned from him the power of mind. But, Alas! it was mortal mind, the lie and not the Truth of being. After her great discovery that God, Mind, is All-in-all, “and that there is no other might nor Mind” (which she

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termed the second scientific statement of being, S&H 275:6-17), she had to *unlearn* all that she had absorbed in her conversations with Dr. Quimby.

Beginning of the Lie

But an even harder task fell upon her. She was forced to repudiate Dr. Quimby's work. Recalcitrant students and calumniators publicly proclaimed that she had stolen Dr. Quimby's discovery and called it her own. This lie began in the summer of 1871 when her second student, Richard Kennedy, succumbed to envy and set about to destroy his teacher and her discovery, Christian Science.

It is sad that that lie continues to this day, but that was the text of the new-looking pamphlet that had caught my eye,— with a picture of Dr. Quimby on the cover.

The Search for Science and Health

Mrs. Eddy had spent 25 years seeking *health* and the *science* of being. In the fall of 1862 she *thought* she had found a man who had found it. She spent the winter of 1862-63 in Portland combining her understanding of God, her theories, her spirituality, and her faith with Quimby's theories of healing,— all of which she put in writing.

The "Quimby" Manuscripts

Phineas Quimby was a good man but not godly, an intelligent man but not educated, and he greatly admired and appreciated Mrs. Eddy's (Patterson's) spirituality, scholarliness, and ability. He gratefully accepted and preserved the numerous pages she composed that winter and graciously gave to him.

In his wisdom Solomon wrote: "Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?" (Prov 27:4) And the first recalcitrant calumniator made many more. His accomplice Edward J. Arens in a pamphlet of confused metaphysics included over 30 pages quoted verbatim from Science and Health. Mrs. Eddy was forced to take legal action in 1883 to stop this plagiarism and



PHINEAS PARKHURST QUIMBY

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adultery of God's word.

In answer to her charges Arens "alleged that the copyrighted works of Mrs. Eddy were not original with her, but had been copied by her, or by her direction, from manuscripts originally composed by Dr. P. P. Quimby." (EOF 158) The only manuscripts in the possession of Quimby's heirs which bore any resemblance to Mrs. Eddy's writings were her compositions given to Dr. Quimby twenty years earlier. Had these manuscripts, all in Mrs. Eddy's handwriting, been presented as evidence, the lie would have been exposed. So no evidence was presented (See Mis. 381), and Mrs. Eddy's students who had turned to malicious mental malpractice, that is, had chosen to follow Satan's lead, continued their clandestine work in the dark.

Dark Work

And some of this work was very dark indeed. It had already culminated in the mental assassination of her beloved husband, Asa Gilbert Eddy, in June of 1882. On June 3 of that year she had written to one of her sincere students whom Arens had succeeded in alienating from her:

With the cold form of [my] beloved husband lying on his bier in my desolated home I appeal to you once more, and if you are not darkened to the sense of the awful crimes I know you will stop them by every influence in your power.

I have power to discern the cause of his death...and what I say the future will declare, namely that Edward J. Arens has caused the death of my husband in connection with his co-operators...

Little wonder that one of the imperative instructions that Mrs. Eddy gave to her students in the textbook is: "heal the sick when called upon for aid, and save the victims of the mental assassins." (447:10)

Error Found Out

In *Miscellaneous Writings* she says: "Christian Science never healed a patient without proving with



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mathematical certainty that error, when found out is two-thirds destroyed, and the remaining third kills itself.” (210:4) If our wrong answer is in a mathematical problem, we go over it to find our error. The moment we find that we have added where we should have multiplied, two-thirds of the work is done and the remaining third is easy.

The great majority of the people who are working erroneously are doing so ignorantly. Once they see the error they have been supporting they begin to change their ways.

Adamant Malice

It is only the malicious thought intentionally and knowingly indulging in evil that does not turn from it when its wickedness is found out. It fell Mrs. Eddy’s lot to expose such wickedness once she had uncovered it. After many sad experiences she wrote this advice for her followers:

O friendly hand! keep back thy offerings from asps and apes, from wolves in sheep’s clothing and all ravening beasts. Love such specimens of mortality just enough to reform and transform them,— if it be possible,— and then, look out for their stings, and jaws, and claws; but thank God and take courage,— that you desire to help even such as these.” (Mis 294:17)

Mrs. Eddy desired and endeavored “to help even such as these.” But those who clung to their wickedness after it was two-thirds destroyed by exposure, suffered when the remaining third destroyed itself. It is recorded that within a few years Arens became violently insane and ended his days in a state institution.

Truth-Telling Always Effective

On a brighter side Truth-telling helps to waken the ignorant thought even when the specific evil is not exposed. In the 1980’s when the dedicated evangelist Billy Graham was invited to preach behind the Iron Curtain he determined to preach the gospel of the Christ and not to touch political issues.

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According to his son Franklin Graham who accompanied him on a trip to Russia in 1984, the agenda planned for them included two or three formal luncheon and dinner meetings with Communist officials every day. At each meeting Soviet leaders gave long, boring, political speeches defending communism and Russia's positions and damning America, Reagan, etc. Billy Graham neither reacted nor responded to these harangues, but when it finally became his turn to speak he talked from his heart, kept his message on spiritual issues, and told about his relationship with God.

A Witness' Account

In his autobiography, *Rebel With A Cause*, Franklin says: "Each time Daddy spoke I could see the Communists' rigid masks falling from their faces. Without fail, by the time Daddy finished the leaders had melted. They seldom said anything in response— but I could see the difference in their expressions.

"As Daddy was leaving these functions, the officials lined up to give him warm handshakes and enthusiastic words."

Is This Related?

Perhaps a news item that came to us in recent weeks is related to Dr. Graham's visits to Russia more than a decade ago. We were told that a General from the Russian Army in a radio interview said that he was a Christian and that there are eight generals in Russia's communist army who are now Christians. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

Christian Science has elevated faith to spiritual understanding and given us the "new tongue" foretold by Jesus. To whom more is given, more is also required. It is our responsibility to learn the truth and then to proclaim it. We need first to learn the truth about our Leader's life and experience and to silence the lies with our truth-telling. Then we need to uncover the wilful malice that would hold

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mankind in bondage. Once uncovered it is two-thirds destroyed, and the remaining third destroys itself.



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Joyellen Reaves

MRS. EDDY requires that teachers of Christian Science “be thorough English scholars.” (Man 90:1) This is most important because the word being God, we must understand the language to understand the word.

Four Types of Sentences

In studying English the student learns that there are four types of sentences; declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, and imperative. Each has a decided function in presenting ideas. All are used in our textbook. The declarative tells, interrogative asks, exclamatory exclaims, and the imperative commands.

Imperative

The use of the word imperative for a commanding sentence is interesting. Webster says of imperative “not to be avoided or evaded; obligatory, binding, compulsory .”

Jesus made many imperative remarks. He was constantly commanding, so much so that they said of him, “For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” (Matt 7:29) Our textbook is rife with imperative sentences.

Self Love

One thing we are constantly told to do by our Leader is to give up self. “Strive for self-abnegation...” (Mis 154:27). “Forget self in laboring for mankind...” (Mis 155:7). When she was asked what the anti-Christ was Mrs. Eddy said that some things must wait till we could bear them, but she could tell us how to avoid it. “Beware of self-love! Beware

acknowledging God and His Science, but all the while *loving yourselves* more!” (EOF 79)

Selfishness

We read in *Collectanea* that the root of mortal mind is selfishness. We must root it out to demonstrate the Science of being. “Self-sacrifice is the highway to heaven.” (No 33:13) “The only way into that eminent domain of character, where Principle rules a man, is by self-surrender.” (EOF 122)

Jesus and Mrs. Eddy were the perfect examples of total self-immolation. This sacrifice of the false self enabled them to “receive a higher selfhood, derived from God” (Un 6:6). We must go and do likewise.

Highlight Imperative Statements

There are many other commands in our textbook. Some time ago I went through *Science and Health* and highlighted all the imperative statements, the commands. It was quite a revealing exercise. I learned later that my teacher had done the same thing. Now I can pick up my textbook and find the divine commands quickly, some of which are: “Arouse the sinner...” (p 404); “Choke these errors...” (p 405); “Keep distinctly in thought...” (p 396); “Give up the belief...” (p 397); “destroy the illusion...” (p 398); “tell the truth concerning the lie...” (p 448); “heal the sick when called upon for aid and save the victims of the mental assassins.” (p 447); “Exercise this God given authority...” (p 393). And many, many more.

More Commands

Some of Jesus’ commands were: “Be ye therefore perfect” (Matt 5:48); “Fear not little flock...” (Luke 12:32); “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.” (Matt 10:8) In *Miscellaneous Writings* (154-55) there is a whole paragraph of commands to the church in *Lawrence*. If we were to follow all of these commands what a change we would find

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in our experience!

A good soldier would not think of refusing to obey a command of his superior. As soldiers of the Christ, Truth, we can not for one moment think of ignoring or evading the commands of our Leader and of Christ Jesus.

Live Christian Science

Go through your textbook and your Bible. Find these imperative sentences. Ponder them. Weigh the words. Take these commands. Do them. You will then be living Christian Science not just reading or theorizing. Remember imperative means, "not to be avoided or evaded; obligatory, binding, compulsory."



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IN *Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures*, page 461, Mrs. Eddy says, "...you must first see the claim of sin, and then destroy it." In the *Manual of The Mother Church*, Mrs. Eddy says that the instruction given to the children "must not deviate from the absolute Christian Science contained in their textbook" (p 63). This command includes all instruction in Christian Science. Therefore, one can conclude that instruction in Christian Science should be absolute, and that the claim of sin must be destroyed.

What Is the Claim of Sin?

What is the claim of sin? On page 67 of *Retrospection and Introspection*, Mrs. Eddy says, "error made its man mortal." Hence, the claim of error is that man is mortal, material, physical, structural, aging, sick, sinful, and dying. This is the "claim of sin" that must be destroyed.

Slightest Divergence Fatal

The above instruction by our Leader must be the basis of all Christian Science practice. Otherwise the instruction and practice are not Christian Science, but a philosophy of some

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recently I saw on C-SPAN a panel of representatives of the trade book publishing industry discussing the religious press. Apparently during the past several years there has been a 400+% increase in religious book publishing sales, and that religion is the fastest growing sector in American book publishing! *Publishers' Weekly* (the standard American book-trade journal) has come out with a special edition of *Publishers' Weekly* devoted exclusively to religious books. I am not aware of *Publishers' Weekly* having ever before issued a *Weekly* devoted exclusively to religious books (or any other subject).

As a former librarian, I was astounded at what I was hearing. (I was formerly head of the Philosophy, Religion and Education Division of Akron-Summit Public Library in Akron, Ohio, and selected all the books for the Main library and its seventeen branches in these, and other, subjects.) The representatives of major publishers seemed to feel that there is a *major religious revival* now occurring in this country, primarily Christian. (There is, apparently, also a surge of "new age" religion books; also Judaism and Islam.) But the main "revival" is in Christianity, mostly among small groups and individuals *not necessarily associated with the Main Line denominations.*

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kind. To depart from absolute Christian Science into some kind of philosophy is "fatal" to a true knowledge and practice of Christian Science.

A slight divergence is fatal in Science. Like certain Jews whom St. Paul had hoped to convert from mere motives of self-aggrandizement to the love of Christ, these so-called schools are clogging the wheels of progress by blinding the people to the true character of Christian Science,— its moral power, and its divine efficacy to heal. (Rud 17)

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One Principle, One Rule, One Opinion

Mrs. Eddy makes it abundantly clear that the future prosperity of Christian Science depends upon a correct perception of Christian Science "as taught by me [Mary Baker Eddy]" (Deed of Trust organizing The Christian Science Publishing Society) and any divergence from that true perception is indeed "fatal." She also says:

Diverse opinions in Science are stultifying. All must have *one* Principle and the same rule; and all *who follow the Principle and rule* have but one opinion of it. (Mis 265)

Will Science Be Lost from Earth Again?

It would seem that we stand at the crossroads of the future course of the great Cause of Christian Science on this planet. Christian Scientists will either unite behind their Teacher and Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, and unswervingly follow her leadings as to what are the true teachings of Christian Science; or, divergent views, "schools of thought," "conflicting mortal opinions and beliefs," will seemingly stultify, cripple, and render useless, for a time the great Movement known on earth as Christian Science. It is possible that Christian Science will, once again, be lost from our planet.

Uncontaminated Milk for Babes

We must of course take into account the states and stages of individual perception of Christian Science. Since perception is individual, we all advance from hope to faith, and from faith to understanding as the divine rays of Truth first dawn and then unfold in our consciousness. But Mrs. Eddy warns:

Posterity will have the right to demand that Christian Science be stated and demonstrated in its godliness and grandeur, that however little be taught or learned, that little shall be right. Let there be milk for babes, but let not the milk be adulterated. Unless this method be pursued, the Science of Christian healing will again be lost, and human suffering will increase. (Ret 61)

Purity Essential

We who call ourselves Christian Scientists, whether in or out of the material organization known as the Church of Christ, Scientist, are responsible for the purity of the teachings of

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Christian Science on earth today– “that however little be taught or learned, that little shall be right.”

Science Absolute

Christian Science is absolute. Mary Baker Eddy is the one divine metaphysician who has stated her discovery of Christian Science in absolute terms, and we do well to learn the absolute meaning of *her* divine metaphysics. There is only one version of Christian Science– Mary Baker Eddy’s version. There is only one school of thought– “the doctrines and practice of Christian Science as taught and explained by Mary Baker G. Eddy in...her book entitled ‘SCIENCE AND HEALTH.’” (Man 131)

How to Destroy the Claim of Sin

The Christian Scientists of the Latter Days must regain absolute Christian Science. They must destroy “the claim of sin”– which means to set the human mind aside and demonstrate the Mind of Christ, even as did our Lord and Master, Christ Jesus, and our Leader and Mother, Mary Baker Eddy. And as have done all the great Christians before us. In the Christian Science Textbook, Mrs. Eddy states that “man shall have no other spirit or mind but God,” and she defines man as “that which has no separate mind from God.” (S&H 340, 475)

Absolute Perfection

We who call ourselves Christian Scientists are responsible for restoring absolute Christian Science as taught and explained by Mary Baker Eddy in her book, Science and Health– and thus avoid “schisms in our Church and the possible loss, for a time, of Christian Science.” (Man 44) Mary Baker Eddy concludes:

Christian Science is absolute. It is neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing towards it; it is at this point and must be practised therefrom. Unless you fully perceive that you are the child of God, hence perfect, you have no Principle to demonstrate and no rule for its demonstration. (My 242)

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