

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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Her embossed border design of four's, seven's and twelve's remained the same on *Science and Health* through 1910.

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

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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 MOTHERHOOD OF GOD

PAGANISM with its many material gods and goddesses has dominated and continues to dominate the thought of the world. Our textbook states: "One infinite God, good...annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry,—" but for thousands of years ONE God was known only to the Hebrew race.

A Tribal Jehovah

A few devout Hebrews suffered the lions' den and the fiery furnace for their understanding of and their steadfastness to the one true God, and thus set examples not only for their race but for all the world for all time. However, most of the Hebrews knew not the one true God but worshipped a tribal Jehovah. "The Jewish tribal Jehovah was a man-projected God, liable to wrath, repentance, and human changeableness." (S&H 140)

The true spiritual leaders of ancient times knew not the tribal Jehovah, as God stated to Moses in Exodus (6:3): "And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty; but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them." Nonetheless the Israelites continued to worship a tribal god, a "man of war" who would fight their battles for them.

God As Father

There was a remnant in Israel that was watching for the Messiah and that responded to Jesus' teaching. To that remnant he was able to impart the Fatherhood of God. Although it took hundreds of years, Christendom finally encircled the earth and this new concept of God as a living Father elevated all who heard it and said in their hearts "Our Father which art in heaven."

Male Dominance

Jesus knew that God's Fatherhood was but half of the equation, but there was not a disciple on earth to whom he could impart the other half in that male dominated world. Jesus had some women among his disciples, but *The Gospel According to Thomas* states: "Simon Peter said to them: Let Mary go out from among us, because women are not worthy of the Life." That thought of woman precluded any understanding of the Womanhood of God even though Mary was the *first* to see the risen Jesus.

When Peter wanted to send Mary out from among them because "women are not worthy of the Life," Jesus defended Mary in these words: "See, I shall lead her, so that I will make her male, that she too may become a living spirit, resembling you males. For every woman who makes herself male will enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Entering the Kingdom

Regarding entering the Kingdom of Heaven, Thomas also recorded Jesus as saying: "When you make the two one, and when you make the inner as the outer and the outer as the inner and the above as the below, and when you make the male and the female into a single one, so that the male will not be male and the female not be female...then shall you enter."

Our Leader has entered and told us how to "make the two one."

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Completeness

This is my support that the male and female natures are equally expressed coexistent in me. This is the way that I exist and is the reason I never lack. It is because I am of the nature of infinite completeness; there is never anything in my experience in which the male and female qualities are not infinitely at one, supporting each other. It is because my spiritual inspiration is perfectly balanced with scientific understanding; because my joy is perfectly balanced with courage, and because my love is perfectly balanced with strength. My tender emotional nature is perfectly balanced with thought, reason and understanding; therefore I am a state of perfect protection, perfect substance, and I am supported by my own infinity. I am the presence of substance because there is no unsupported idea in me.

My manhood takes care of my womanhood, defends, protects, and supports her. My joy is defended and protected by my courage. My love is protected and defended by my understanding, by the strength of my scientific understanding which is omnipotence. I am never undefended and my womanhood cherishes my manhood. My tender affection cherishes my scientific understanding and unfolds love to it, takes care of it, watches over it with love, and gives it every opportunity to unfold and demonstrate itself in perfect harmony, unity, equality, and unfoldment. So my nature is complete. (DCC 73)

Yet Many Things

In Jesus' last instruction to his disciples before the crucifixion he said: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." (John 16:12) And, "the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance" (John 14:26).

John the Revelator

Many years later the beloved disciple who recorded those words and who in the ensuing years of tribulation had seen and stated that "God is Love" (I John 4:8), was on the Isle of Patmos "for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." (Rev 1:9) This intended imprisonment for John became the isle of Revelation for at last Jesus had one

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disciple to whom he could reveal God's womanhood.

Womanhood Seen At Last

John saw many things in vision but the central theme of Jesus' revelation to him was the elevation of womanhood to its rightful status. Man can never be complete until he sees, appreciates, and understands his own womanhood. To John "there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev 12:1).

Revelator to this Age

All the world shall know that Mary Baker Eddy fulfilled this prophecy of John's. God revealed to her spiritual consciousness the Science of all being and commissioned her to impart this understanding to all mankind which mission made her the Revelator to this age. That was not an easy task for a woman to perform in a world that was still male dominated in 1866.

SHE

To the biased thought of the first century Jesus could not say: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, SHE shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance." It was Mrs. Eddy's mission to give to a resisting world the Motherhood of God. In an early edition of Science and Health Mrs. Eddy used the feminine pronouns She and Her for God in place of He and Him. Even her own students resisted every forward step she took which is probably the reason she reverted to the masculine pronouns in the next edition. Nevertheless the example is there and is one of the reasons she said that the early editions were a "treasure trove" and should be studied.

Many of us have said "Father-Mother God" from childhood but how often do we use She when referring to God? If it is not fifty per cent is our loving Mother God equal

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in our consciousness to our Father which art in heaven?
Male and female must be in perfect balance.

Cast Mary Out

The evil that used Simon Peter to try to cast Mary out is using Christian Scientists today to cast the nineteenth century Mary out of her own church. In a notebook kept in Mrs. Eddy's handwriting (EOF x) is a short article entitled "Catholicism— Protestantism— Christian Science." It closes thus: "Not one of these three religions— misused— is the Rock on which Christ, Truth, builds the church against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. And the last one is named the final one; therefore, it holds the most relentless war against the woman." (EOF 55)

America's Role

John foresaw in the first century that when the dragon persecuted the woman "the earth helped the woman." The nation that arose proclaiming equality and "liberty and justice for all" became the United States of America and was destined to help the woman bring forth the Motherhood of God. In an essay entitled "Woman's Hour" our Leader has written:

Prophecy is but history written in advance. The beloved disciple of Jesus on the Island of Patmos, from the spiritual heights of revelation, foresaw human history and recorded the events of these "latter days." He did not leave the ages comfortless. He saw the final readjustment of all things, and in the vision he saw symbolically the crown of power and revelation placed upon the head of womanhood.

May not America's greatest gift to the world be the gift of God's Motherhood proclaimed and woman's equality demonstrated in the substance, essence, and science of true democracy, the broader fulfilment of the message, graven for universal humanity upon the Great Seal of the United States— *Novus Ordo Seclorum*— the "new order of the ages"? (EOF 19)



GENERIC MAN

“SCIENCE and Health makes it plain to all Christian Scientists that the manhood and womanhood of God have already been revealed in a degree through Christ Jesus and Christian Science, His two witnesses. What remains to lead on the centuries and reveal my successor, is man in the image and likeness of the Father-Mother God, man the generic term for mankind.” (My 346)

“Mrs. Eddy was showing Mrs. Gragg and three other students a beautiful quilt that had been made for her by loving hands. She turned to them saying, ‘I thank you for it.’ Mrs. Gragg said, ‘But Mother, we were not privileged to help make this for you.’ ‘Yes you were, dear, yes you were,’ was the reply.”

The foregoing paragraph is in the Blue Book (DCC) on page 254. Many students have read it with interest and some have pondered over it.

The following paragraphs on generic man from Clarence Steves’ Association Address on Love may help to give meaning to the quilt incident.

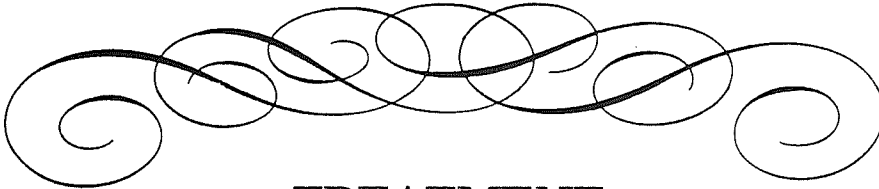
“Christian Science is the most glorious thing that ever happened to what is called the human being. It shows us what God is and what man is. This is heaven here and now. Man is simply the term for all that God is being, the expression of God’s being, the reflection of God. The reflection gives back everything that the original has, is, or can be. Nothing is withheld. There is no personal man. Man is generic. Get used to being generic man. Whenever something knowable, something grand, something glorious, is being done, or said, or heard, or seen, it is always the one I. It is the one I, God, being what I AM, doing it all.

“Generic man does not permit identity to be here, and not there. Man is the infinite expression of infinite Mind. Acknowledging and living generic man permits one to live unlocalized. It permits one to experience infinity, without going or coming. This is to experience the universe of Love. ...To be generic, universal, everywhere present,—

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this is to be the Father's full reflection. Acknowledge your generic nature. This brings with it such a sense of Love, universal Love, that we need not stand in awe of it, because identity is the loving of the Love that is God."

[Association Address— LOVE by Clarence Steves is available from The Bookmark, P.O. Box 801143, Santa Clarita, CA 91380]



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Joyellen Edwards Reaves

MANY years ago a young woman who had gone through the Christian Science Sunday school told me an interesting anecdote about herself. She said that whenever the Sunday school teacher asked what they should do about a situation, her stock answer was, "Know the truth." She used this for years until one teacher said, "Right! What does it mean to know the truth?" That made her stop and think.

Many Christian Scientists, when confronted with a problem, grab a book or article and start to read. Knowing is not reading. We read to learn. We do not read ourselves or any one into harmony. Reading and studying are important, but when we are treating, that is the time to "*know* the truth," to apply the truth we have learned in our studying. When teaching a student arithmetic you do not wait until he has a multiplication problem to do to teach him his multiplication tables. That was done before the problem was presented. In like manner when we are correcting a belief of error, we *apply* our understanding of the facts, we do not sit down to study them.

Study Requisite

A sincere student of Christian Science spends many hours in study, unfolding the word of God. Jesus, after

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being baptized by John, went up into the wilderness. Here he met the temptations of mortal mind. The Bible tells us "he had fasted forty days and forty nights." (Matt 4:1-2) Our Leader gives us the definition of fasting as "refraining from admitting the claims of the senses." (My 222:14) Jesus was preparing his thought for his ministry. When errors appeared to him, he was ready to see their nothingness because of this fasting. Gaining the understanding of God as Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love and man as His image and likeness is done before the error appears. When we have unfolded our God being, we are ready to meet the lie with the truth.

It is reported that Mrs. Eddy once asked a student, "Are you working?" His answer was to tell her how many hours he spent in study and work. Our dear Leader said, "When you see old age, do you declare that Life is eternal activity, beauty and joy? When you see the leaves falling and hear the wind blow, do you declare that there is no change, decay or cold? When you see deformity and disease, do you declare that man is made in the image and likeness of God?"

The student answered, "Mrs. Eddy, I am not working." (DCC 59) Are we working?

Starting Point

First of all who is giving the treatment? The only practitioner is the one divine Mind. "No treatment is exact unless it starts from God and starts as God and so continues." This is how Mrs. Eddy stated it. (Lessons of the Seventh Day, p. 5) It is always Mind unfolding Itself. There is never a person involved either practitioner or so-called patient, only the God, Mind, intelligence revealing itself. This Mind knows all, understands all, is all. When we start our treatment from this standpoint the truth will unfold. If you think you are a person knowing the truth, you have not started rightly. If there is only one Mind, and there is, then that is the only one knowing, the only starting point.

What is a patient? The suggestion to our

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consciousness that there is something besides God, good, going on. Where do you handle it? At the door of your consciousness. Knowing is conviction. Conviction is a state of being convinced. When you know something you are thoroughly convinced of it. You can not be dissuaded by suggestions or arguments. Our Leader said, "We do not heal by faith, but by conviction." (DCC 194) Knowing is absolute. "Be thoroughly persuaded in your own mind concerning the truth...and you will be the victor." (S&H 412) Jesus and Mrs. Eddy spoke with authority. They spoke as the God, Mind that they knew they were. Reflection can not speak with authority. When you give a treatment you speak with authority as the God, Mind.

Be Instant

This knowing must be swift. In *Humanity's Divinity* Helen Wright says, "[Mrs. Eddy] admonishes us to 'stand porter,' and deal 'with thine adversary quickly, whilst thou art in the way with him.' The first five seconds is the best time." (p. 173) In DCC we read of Martha Wilcox's experience in learning to be instant in the truth. When Mrs. Eddy sent her upstairs to write out a treatment for rain, it seemed to Martha that immediately Mrs. Eddy rang for her. When she arrived our Leader asked for her treatment. That was within five seconds was it not? This showed that Mrs. Eddy expected the work to be done at once. So we must reverse the lie instantly and hold our thought to the facts of being. Jesus and Mrs. Eddy were living the truth all the time. When an error presented itself to their consciousness, they were each instant in rejecting the lie and replacing it with the truth of being.

Precision

This knowing must be precise. If you were working a mathematical problem you would use the facts that apply to the problem you are working. If a person's error in numbers is $3 \times 3 = 10$, all the math facts you may give him will not help unless you correct the specific mistake. All you tell

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him may be true, but you are missing the mark. "One cannot scatter his fire and at the same time hit the mark." (S&H 457)

The aforementioned experience of Martha Wilcox and the treatment for rain illustrates this point. When Martha told Mrs. Eddy that she did not have time to write out the treatment, our Leader asked her to tell it to her. Martha said, "So I started in to show God's allness, but she soon stopped me and said, 'Now, Martha, come down from sailing around up there. It's rain we need. Let's have rain.'" (DCC 201)

In Calvin Frye's diary he tells of the time he and Joseph Mann were "to constantly hold the thought, the sun will not appear for three days and three nights, and there will be a constant rain; the clouds will be continually replenished." (DCC xii) This was precise and to the point.

Thoroughness

When you are instant and precise, then you must be thorough. If you are treating by argument be sure to cover every aspect of the claim. Reverse every lie and replace it with the truth about the situation. "Christian Science destroys material beliefs through the understanding of Spirit, and the thoroughness of this work determines health." (S&H 186)

Persistence

This brings us to our next point of persistence. We read in Luke 11:8 that Jesus said of the friend who had been asked to give bread at midnight, "I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth."

Emma Easton Newman tells a story in the First Series of *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy* of what happened in the March Primary Class of 1889. Mrs. Eddy had asked one woman what she would do if the case she was treating did not yield. After her answer Mrs. Eddy repeated what would

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she do if it still did not yield. The woman answered again. The third time Mrs. Eddy posed the same question, “the woman said, ‘I suppose I’d give it up.’ ‘And that,’ Mrs. Eddy said, ‘is just what you should *not* do.’” The marginal note on page 412 of our textbook is “Insistence requisite.”

Handle Animal Magnetism

We always must handle animal magnetism, hypnotism, or mesmerism. Really that is all any claim is. How do we handle animal magnetism? Certainly not by building it up in thought as a great evil to be overcome. Ella Peck Sweet in Mrs. Eddy’s class of 1887 defined animal magnetism as “the sum total of all error, and that in itself nothing until you attach belief to it.” (DCC 258) It was reported that Mrs. Eddy literally applauded this answer. It is important to handle animal magnetism as nothing. It is the zero. It has no power or presence. But we must know this with conviction. God is the only power. In the Blue Book we read that Mrs. Eddy “always started her handling of error by the following method: ‘There is no animal magnetism; there is no hate, no electro-magnetism, no esoteric magic, black art, hypnotism, etc., for God is All-in-all.’” “Animal magnetism, you are a non-entity, nowhere, nothing. Animal magnetism cannot think or feel. It has no existence nor creation. It never has been nor ever will be.” Notice Mrs. Eddy began by knowing there is no animal magnetism. “Animal magnetism is powerless— but you must declare against it as though it had *all power*.” “How to handle M.A.M. Love is all-powerful. Love is omnipotent. Love is All. Thy kingdom has come. Thy will is done on earth as it is in heaven, and earth is heaven.” (DCC 255, 77, 198, 189)

Impersonal and Universal

Our treatment must be impersonal and universal. Remember we must never personalize good or evil. Jesus said, “Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God.” (Matt 19:17) “Deny all sickness and

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discord, but do not restrict it to personality...Deny *all* but Him, and realize there is none beside Him; then you will reach not only the one case, but all error." (DCC 194)

When we are knowing the truth as the God-Mind with conviction, swiftly, precisely, thoroughly, persistently, impersonally, universally, and knowing the nothingness of animal magnetism and the allness of divine Love we are blessing all mankind.

Recorded by a student in Mrs. Eddy's last class in 1898:
"We should not substitute Science and Health reading in place of our mental action. We need energetic mental activity."

From Lessons of the Seventh Day



ONE TEACHING

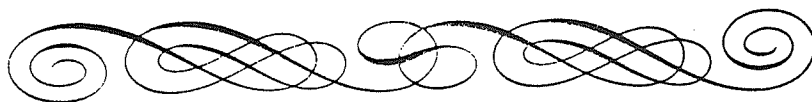
IN Christian Science, we are not followers of anyone. In Christian Science, we live the Christ. In Christian Science, we do not follow persons because we are not persons to follow persons! When we speak of following our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, we do not mean we follow her person. We follow the Christ teachings that she has so clearly given us. Mrs. Eddy says, "The Christian Scientist is alone with his own being and with the reality of things." ('01) If someone sees us as person, corporeal and finite, we are not responsible for what he or she sees. But we are responsible to "see" that we have never followed any person. This teaching cannot be compared. It is incomparable, because it is proceeding straight from divine Principle, Love. Paul said, "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ. Is Christ divided?" If we accept that there are different kinds of teaching in Christian Science, with which we agree or disagree, we sap the movement of its vitality! Let us never do this ignorantly or maliciously. We should embrace the

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Christian Science movement in the only *one* true teaching, the one Teacher, and feel so keenly that this teaching embraces all, that the movement *is* this teaching made manifest! This love of the teaching will dissolve any misinterpretation or misconception. We must be certain that we never add fuel to the argument that there are different kinds of teaching. Christian Science is absolute. It is final. It cannot be diluted by whatever false theology would say. Christian Science must be practised from the standpoint of its absoluteness. Never forget that Christian Science is the Science of Love, and this Love must be felt as conscious identity. The Love that is Principle is never cold or harsh. This Love is exact. Love is final. Love is orderly, always sparkling, shining, scintillating, kind and gentle.

From *Love*

By Clarence W. Steves



THE WORD

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

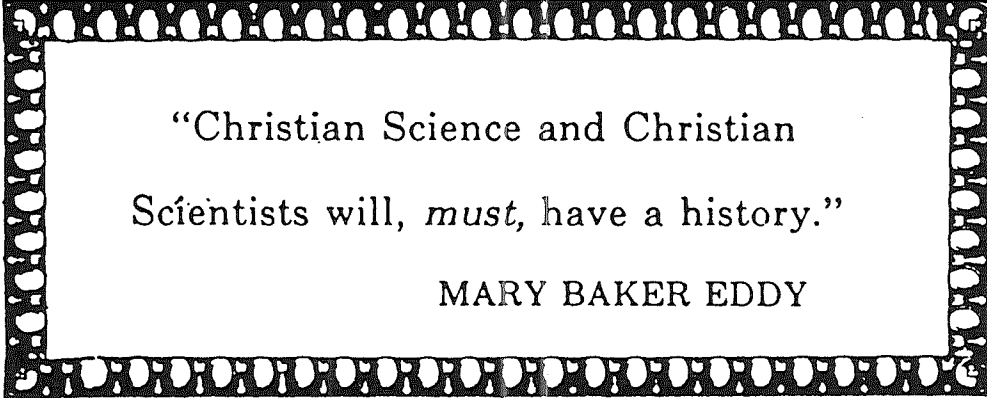
For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. (Deut 30:11-14)

H I S T O R Y



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

MARY BAKER EDDY

CROWN OF DIAMONDS

ANYONE who is familiar with portraits of Mary Baker Eddy is also familiar with her cross of diamonds pin which she wore on many, many occasions. A great many who may have noted her cross of diamonds are not aware that she also had a crown of diamonds breast pin which she seldom wore. There were a great many crosses and very few crowns in the Revelator's experience of founding Christian Science on this planet.

There is a record of the Leader's wearing this crown of diamonds on one occasion. In 1907 the enemy brought suit against Mrs. Eddy in the attempt to gain control of her person and her property by claiming that she was incompetent. In June at a crucial point in the proceedings Mrs. Eddy had great difficulty in convincing her attorneys that they should reverse their plan of action. When finally they acted on her advice, they admitted that she had been right. Before the end of June the tide began to turn in her favor.

Occasion for the Crown

On June 28 of that year the Leader granted a press

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MRS. AUGUSTA E. STETSON
of New York City wearing the crown of diamonds

interview to William E. Curtis of the Chicago *Record-Herald*. It was said that Curtis' words would be read by millions but it is improbable that any of those readers took note of this one sentence nor saw any significance in it if they did. "A gauze scarf was thrown over her shoulders and a brooch of diamonds with delicate settings in the shape of a coronet was fastened at her neck." On June 28, 1907 Mrs. Eddy wore her exquisite crown of diamonds pin.

Crown Bequeathed

In December of 1910 those who read Mrs. Eddy's will were surprised to find therein: "I give and bequeath...to Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson of New York City, my 'crown of diamonds' breast pin." The last time that Mrs. Eddy had seen Mrs. Stetson she had said to her: "O my beloved Augusta, God bless you forever and forever and forever." Since that blessed benediction Mrs. Stetson had experienced severe criticism and extreme persecution. This bequest from her Leader gladdened her heart and gave assurance to her footsteps, and she wore the crown of diamonds as can be noted in her pictures.

"My Mary"

The last paragraph of a letter Mrs. Eddy wrote to Mrs. Stetson on October 3, 1904 says: "Darling, *rise* each hour; now is the resurrection morn and I want Augusta to be my Mary." What does that mean? "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week [the third day after the crucifixion], he appeared first to Mary Magdalene" (Mark 16:9). Did Mrs. Eddy want Augusta to be the first to see her after she had risen? Perhaps so, and perhaps she was. In the summer of 1906 Mrs. Eddy called Mrs. Stetson to Pleasant View to help her. During one of their conversations she said to Augusta: "I have risen. Don't look for me in matter. I have risen." The next month the *Christian Science Sentinel* had a new cover design. The torch and the Christian Science seal were both removed and in their place was the lady with a lamp together with

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ELIZABETH G. NORTON

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Longfellow's words:

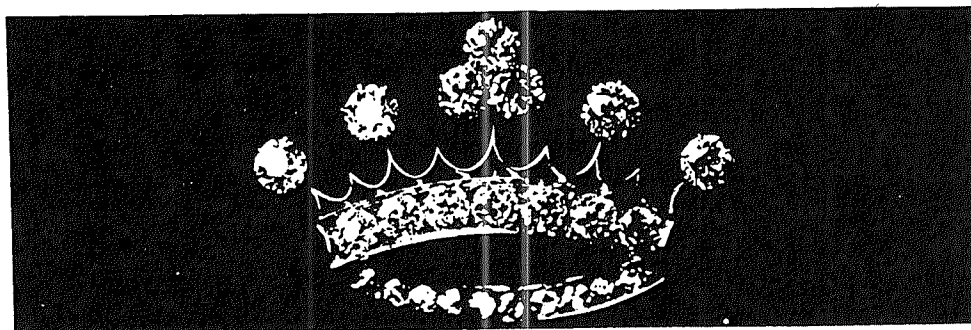
A lady with a lamp shall stand
In the great history of the land,
A noble type of good,—
Heroic womanhood.

A Great Noise

On the third day after the crucifixion “came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And behold there was a great earthquake...” (Matt 28:1-2). On December 6, 1910, the third day after Mrs. Eddy's passing, two of her disciples, Elizabeth Norton and Grace Collins had come “to see the sepulchre,”— that is, they were at Chestnut Hill in the room where the body lay. Calvin Frye and two directors were in the next room. Suddenly there was a great noise, almost like an explosion. The men went to investigate. They went through the house and to the cellar, but found no cause for nor effect from the explosion.

In the other room, immediately following the great noise Mrs. Eddy appeared to Mrs. Norton and Miss Collins. She appeared as youth, dark hair, and radiant. She walked across the room and disappeared through the wall. Mrs. Norton turned and said, “Grace, did you see what I saw?” Grace answered, “Yes.”

In this picture of Elizabeth G. Norton it appears that she is wearing the crown of diamonds breast pin that Mary Baker Eddy bequeathed to Augusta E. Stetson.



MARY BAKER EDDY'S
CROWN OF DIAMONDS BREAST PIN

WOMAN'S CAUSE

Note: Elizabeth Griffin married Carol Norton in 1901 thus becoming Mrs. Elizabeth G. Norton. In 1891, at the age of twenty, Carol Norton had turned as a last resort to Christian Science for healing after failing to find help from several physicians. He was healed almost immediately of a serious illness which caused him to devote himself whole-heartedly to the Cause of Christian Science.

In 1892 Mr. Norton wrote and published *The New World*, a poem illustrated in photogravure, dedicated to Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

In 1895 Norton wrote a booklet entitled *Woman's Cause* "What the Work of the Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Has Done for It." Following are some excerpts from this booklet.

WOMAN'S CAUSE

Carol Norton

The Woman's Cause is man's; they rise or sink
Together, dwarfed or godlike, bond or free.
—Tennyson

"THE test of civilization is the estimate of woman," said George William Curtis; and the closing days of this century present many proofs of the truthfulness of this utterance.

The present is certainly woman's hour in a larger and purer sense than that of any previous epoch of human history.

From early days until now, a noble army of consecrated, unnamed women in every age and clime has uplifted mankind in an unseen ministry of devotion, purity and goodness.

To the work of Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, the "Cause of

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Woman" owes endless homage and gratitude. To her, in a larger sense than to any other woman, does humanity owe everlasting indebtedness. ...Truly can it be said that her characteristics are pre-eminently those of a great spiritual Reformer and Teacher. Spiritual might to which is allied meekness, a depth of love that blesses the race and includes all who would array themselves against [her] exalted teachings,...patience, moral courage, unchanging purpose, a modesty akin to selflessness, and a lofty optimism, which amidst storms of misrepresentation and materialism has held bravely to the great fact of the eternal supremacy and reality of Good as the One-God, and of evil's unreality,— these have been her conspicuous characteristics from the inception of her labors, as the Founder of the great Christian Science Movement.

Looking backward down the vista of time we halt at the year 1866. The great struggle that had brought about the end of human slavery on the American continent was just at its close, when in the old Bay State, that center of religious growth, liberalism and freedom, one brave woman stepped out of the beaten path of traditional theology, medicine and popular scientific systems, and rising above the mists of materialistic codes, announced in tones at once Scriptural and Christian, logical and metaphysical, the great truth that Mind is Causation, and that the so-called miracles of early Christianity were not supernatural, but divinely natural, and capable of perpetual demonstration in all ages.

From Puritan parents, Mrs. Eddy inherited that natural love of freedom that so conspicuously marks all her writings and work. Her chief desire had always been to bring freedom to all who were in bondage to sin and disease, and we have but to turn to the results of the Movement, born of her self-sacrificing labors, to witness the fulfilment of her long cherished desire. Her voice was raised, the message fresh from the hands of God went forth, the blessed discovery of the Truth that had so long existed unseen in the very midst of men, ushered in "with signs

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following," was given to a hungry world sorely in need of health, of scientific religion, and of Christly grace.

Did an army rush forth to accept the message of this lone brave woman? Did a host advance— recognize the teaching of this new herald as Christian and Scientific? Did the pulpits of liberal Massachusetts accord it the welcome due to "tidings of great joy"? Did its press grasp the holy import of the teaching, or see in it the Gospel of the Nazarene? Not so...It was as of old, the "light shining in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not."

Meanwhile the Founder of Christian Science went on with her divine mission. *She* knew the divinity and scientific nature of her discovery. She had received orders higher than any within the grasp of man to issue, and through the help of that Infinite Father and Mother God, who never forsakes, she went in and out among the sinful, the sick and the sorrowing, breaking the bread of Life, explaining the Scriptures, aglow with the holy enthusiasm that is born of a divine certainty; healing all manner of disease, and meekly rising above the opposition that so many times tested the brave heart almost to its limit of endurance.

It is well here to say that Christian Science counts not its strength from a numerical standpoint, but from the power it has among men as a quickener of spiritual discernment; a healer of disease, a reformer of the depraved and vicious; a purifier of social, moral and business methods; a saviour of men from the miasma of materialism, skepticism and "science falsely so-called," a deliverer from the awful dogma of eternal punishment, and a verifier of the promises of Jesus Christ.

The work of Rev. Mary Baker Eddy is rounded and symmetrical. The religious system which she has founded and developed bears the imprint of a divinely guided hand. She has sanctified the word "Science" by wedding it to that of "Christian," and in Christian Science as a code of law incorporating within itself Science, Theology and Medicine, we can truly say, she has welded with the hammer of metaphysics upon the anvil of revelation, the three great

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Sciences, and using them not as three diverse systems, but as one, she has proved the existence of but one God, or Mind, with but one governing *spiritual* law, ruling the whole creation, including man. A certain judge, after reading her immortal book, *Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures*, said: "The wisdom and logic of that book is not the product of a man's mind, nor of a woman's, but of Divinity."

Mrs. Eddy's work has given dignity to womanhood, made it synonymous with that grace of graces, spiritual discernment, and has given in words sublime and marvelous, a glimpse of the resurrection state, and of the reflections of the Fatherhood and Motherhood of God.

History will not only record Mrs. Eddy as the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, and as Author, Teacher, Reformer and Philosopher, but as Poetess. Her poems and hymns are gems of rarest thought set in the pure gold of spiritual vision, tenderness and deep consecration..

The higher and divinely spiritual significance of "Woman's Cause" is beautifully set forth in Mrs. Eddy's poem entitled Woman's Rights.

WOMAN'S RIGHTS

Grave on her monumental pile,
 She won from vice, by virtue's smile,
Her dazzling crown, her sceptered throne,
 Affection's wreath, a happy home.

The right to worship deep and pure,
 To bless the orphan, feed the poor;
Last at the cross to mourn her Lord,
 First at the tomb to hear his word.

To fold an angel's wings below,
 And hover o'er the couch of woe,
To nurse the Bethlehem babe so sweet,

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The right to sit at Jesus' feet.

To form the bud for bursting bloom,
The hoary head with joy to crown;
In short, the right to work and pray,
"To point to heaven and lead the way."

As the warm gulf-stream flows on its course year after year, changing the climatic conditions of vast stretches of territory,— a beautiful type of the great current of Spiritual Truth that has come down through the centuries, illuming the hearts of men, and giving birth to heavenly aspiration,— so the life and inspired teachings of the Founder of Christian Science can be well termed an "eddy" or counter current, that like those so common along our New England coast, runs directly contrary to the main stream of worldly ways and means, materialistic systems and dogmas, but once the vessel of our lives and hopes enters into it, it is borne along by the tide of the Divine Law of Love, to the port of Salvation, wherein we cast anchor safe within the harbor bar, secure in the eternal haven. Then open to our gaze the gates of the Celestial City "beside the tideless sea" and entering in we awake in His likeness, at one with Good— the everlasting Father, *and we are satisfied.*



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How gentle God's commands,
How kind his precepts are;
Come, cast your burden on the Lord,
And trust his constant care.

Hymn 124

"How gentle God's commands"— "God's law is in three words, 'I am All.'"— so gentle as it holds the universe in infinite oneness.

"How kind His precepts are;"— God's law of kindness

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I wanted to send you this "Letter to the Editor" in the April 9 *Wall Street Journal*...It is so good to see letters like this, that present Christian Science in a strong, clear positive light. ...I was very grateful that David L. Keyston used this opportunity to speak in a clear, bold way on Christian Science.

Gail Weatherbe
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Enclosure:

Christian Science: Divine Healing

It is regretted that you chose to mention Christian Science in the same breath as Scientology (March 25, Review & Outlook). Christian Science is not a cult. It never has been, despite malicious attempts to paint it as such. It demonstrates the spiritual law behind the inspired words of our beloved Master, Christ Jesus, to "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils." It does this more consistently than has any religion during the past 1,900 years by spreading the "gospel," the "good news" of Jesus' dispensation of healing far and wide in a practical, regenerative way. Christian Science illustrates the efficacy of the divine Law in the human condition.

This is brought to your attention not only because this respondent is a Christian Scientist, but because I have been privileged to prove Christ's words all my life in healing. Through the divine laws discovered by Mary Baker Eddy and revealed in her inspired work—"Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures"—the healing truths of the Bible can be practically employed in daily life.

Seattle

David L. Keyston

THE COMMANDMENTS (continued)

is, "Be ye therefore perfect for I am perfect."

"Come, cast your burdens on the Lord"—Come, cast aside the burdened sense of an I apart from God.

"And trust His constant care." Man's conscious identity is forever cared for, for Love never loses sight of loveliness.

...We are not radical because we refuse to see a doctor but radical because we insist that man is the compound idea of God. "The divine Principle of the First

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Commandment bases the Science of being" (S&H 340), and the scientific statement of being declares: "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation for God is All-in-all." This is declaring— "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Are God and man separate or are they "coexistent and eternal"? Let us see the Ten Commandments from the standpoint of the inspired Word and so make them practical.

The human consciousness is basically rebellious; it is enmity against God. It can't receive the divine idea; it is not becoming a better mind. Mind is God only. Our present Mind is God. The human mind is basically dishonest and must have law to give it discipline.

Don't just follow the letter of Science for fear of punishment. The Psalmist said, "How love I thy law." Lawful living is requisite. The Pharisees chided Jesus' disciples for sitting down to eat without washing but Jesus told them to make the whole platter clean. The Commandments are laws by which the human consciousness lives.

The "Thou shalt not" of the Commandments has been lived negatively. When we begin to see them (live them) positively, the veil is removed, the veil of satanic suggestion that man is a person. Personal sense needs "Thou shalt not." The disappearance of human sense *appears* as consciousness becoming more spiritual but it is not the human becoming more spiritual but the human disappearing, thus permitting the spiritual to become *more apparent*. Living the Christ will let the human fade. Mrs. Eddy brought this LIVING spiritual understanding to Christianity. "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

FIRST COMMANDMENT

Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

The First Commandment declares the universal oneness of God, the flawless, unlabored functioning of divine Principle. When the Pharisees brought the woman taken in adultery to Jesus, they said according to their law,

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she should be stoned. They wanted Jesus to deny the universal oneness of God. Living the Christ, he could know no accused and no accuser. The scribes could write the law but they were not living it. Jesus stooped and wrote on the ground. Living the Christ, he saw only the immaculateness of being. "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appeared to mortals." This was not Jesus seeing man, but "in Science" Jesus saw God. There was nothing *but* God to be seen. Hence he said, "Go and sin no more."

The First Commandment does not permit any personal sense of self. "The first demand of this Science is, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me.' This *me* is Spirit. Therefore the command means this: Thou shalt have no intelligence, no life, no substance, no truth, no love, but that which is spiritual." (S&H 467) Thou shalt have no Ego separate from the divine. "When will the ages understand the Ego and realize only one God, one Mind or intelligence?" (S&H 204)

The First Commandment declares thou shalt have no personal sense of *me* – only God, the "only I or US". "As a drop of water is one with the ocean, a ray of light one with the sun, even so God and man, Father and son, are one in being." (S&H 360) The very moment a personal sense of I is immersed in the infinite ocean of Love, it takes on the essence of Love, the power and glory of God and ceases to be a drop. There is no other substance but God, Spirit.

Thou shalt have no other presence but My Presence, no other seeing but My seeing, no other action but the action of Mind, no other consciousness but the divine. Thou shalt have no other feeling but Soul, feeling its own well-being; no other taste but the love of good; no other embodiment but the embodiment of divine ideas; no other individuality but the indivisible oneness of infinite Love, immaculate and blessed. Thou shalt have no other breath but the deep-drawn breath fresh from infinity; no other hearing but that which hears the still small voice; no other activity but the rhythm of Spirit; no other good but inexhaustible infinity; no other being but the one I AM.

The First Commandment does not permit *anything* but God to say *I AM*.

[Excerpted from *The Ten Commandments* by Clarence W. Steves]

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