

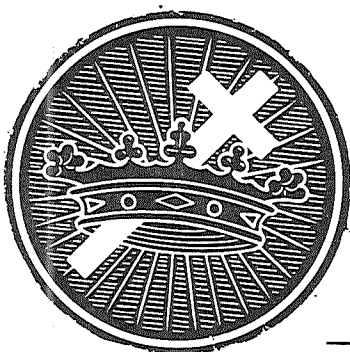
A lady with a lamp shall stand
 In the great history of the land
 A noble type of good
 Heroic womanhood.

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OUR COVER design is a reproduction of Mrs. Eddy's cover for Science and Health as it appeared in 1908. Previous issues have included Mrs. Eddy's original Christian Science seal as it first appeared on Science and Health beginning with the third edition in 1881 and continued to appear on all editions of Science and Health until she allowed her students to change it in the spring of 1908.

This is her original cross and crown design. Human opinion changed it somewhat although the wording in the border remained the same— "HEAL THE SICK, RAISE THE DEAD, CLEANSE THE LEPERS, CAST OUT DEMONS."

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 - *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*

'00 - *Message to The Mother Church, June 1900*

'01 - *Message to The Mother Church, June 1901*

'02 - *Message to The Mother Church, June 1902*

DCC - *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*

EOF - *Essays and Other Footprints*

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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 except that her name was written in her own handwriting, was 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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COME OUT

JESUS did not need to be baptized by John. And Mary Baker Eddy had no need for a material church organization, but the states of consciousness they were endeavoring to awaken to divine reality did seem to need those human footsteps. So in these two circumstances God's two witnesses each said, "Suffer it to be so now."

Baptism

Christian Scientists have understood the baptism of Spirit sufficiently to enable them to abandon the material rites and ceremonies connected thereto. Once we glimpse the real, who could be satisfied with only the symbol or material counterfeit?

New Ways and Means

Mrs. Eddy spent all her years with us endeavoring to teach spiritual organization that we might see this same great truth in all our church experience. In the fall of 1885 she wrote: "For many successive years I have endeavored to find new ways and means for the promotion and expansion of scientific Mind-healing" (Ret 52). This was followed by the formation of the National Christian Scientists Association early in 1886.

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Material Organization Requisite

In 1889 she wrote an article entitled "The Way" (Mis 355) in which she said: "Material organization is requisite in the beginning; but when it has done its work, the purely Christly method of teaching and preaching must be adopted." (Mis 359:2)

Dissolving Material Organization

Our Leader implemented these words as an example for us to follow. At the very height of its prosperity Mrs. Eddy closed her Massachusetts Metaphysical College to the utter consternation of some of her dedicated students who were leading lights in her "material organization." She explained this phase of development in *Retrospection and Introspection*: "The apprehension of what has been, and must be, the final outcome of material organization, which wars with Love's spiritual compact, caused me to dread the unprecedented prosperity of my College. ...Example had shown the dangers arising from being placed on earthly pinnacles, and Christian Science shuns whatever involves material means for the promotion of spiritual ends.

"...and the growing conviction that every one should build on his own foundation, subject to the one builder and maker, God,— all these considerations moved me to close my flourishing school" (pp 47-48).

Dissolving Material Church

At this time the Leader recommended that her church follow in her footsteps, and dissolve the bonds of material organization and advance in spiritual unity. The members responded to this call with glorious results. Mrs. Eddy wrote of this hour: "At this juncture I recommended that the church be dissolved. No sooner were my views made known, than the proper measures were adopted to carry them out, the votes passing without a dissenting voice.

"This measure was immediately followed by a great revival of mutual love, prosperity, and spiritual power.

"The history of that hour holds this true record.

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Adding to its ranks and influence, this spiritually organized Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, still goes on. A new light broke in upon it, and more beautiful became the garments of her who 'bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace.'" (Ret 44-45)

Material versus Spiritual Organization

Sad to say, this wonderful step Spiritward was taken in love and obedience without understanding. When aggressive mental suggestion influenced some members to demand proper material organization, divisions arose in the church. The Leader did her best to maintain and to sustain the wonderful step they had taken,— but to no avail.

Disorganize Material Organization

Mrs. Eddy sent a message to those gathered together in New York for the annual meeting of the National Christian Scientists Association in May of 1890. Her words included: "Now, dear ones, if you take my advice again, you will do— what?

"Even this: Disorganize the National Christian Scientist Association! and each one return to his place of labor, and work out individually and alone, for himself and for others, the sublime ends of human life.

"To accomplish this, you must give much time to self-examination and correction; you must control appetite, passion, pride, envy, evil-speaking, resentment, and each one of the innumerable errors that worketh or maketh a lie. Then you can give to the world the benefit of all this, and heal and teach with increased confidence." (Mis 137)

Prosperity Beguiling

Sincere seekers are very willing in adversity to follow the dictates of Spirit, but few can withstand the guile of prosperity. Mrs. Eddy dissolved the material organization of her college in its prosperity, but the students were not willing to do the same with the church despite her leading and pleading. They were determined to reorganize on a

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material basis. On May 8, 1892 the Leader wrote to the clerk of the church: "I tell you the consequences of reorganizing and you will find I am right. Open the eyes of the church to these facts. I have consented to whatever the church pleases to do, for I am not her keeper, and if she again sells her prosperity for a mess of pottage, it is not my fault." (EOF v)

But their eyes were not opened to discern between the bonds of material organization and the freedom of spiritual organization. The spiritual prosperity they had gained was abandoned for a material prosperity that the world could see and that seemed so desirable. More than a decade later Mrs. Eddy wrote in a letter: "Alas for the Sleepers and for me!"

Return to Material Organization

In 1892 she reluctantly let her church return to material organization with this admonition: "Now let her pass on to her experience and the sooner the better. When we will not learn in any other way, this is God's order of teaching us. His rod alone will do it. And I am at last *willing* and shall struggle *no more*." (EOF v)

Prosperity and popularity blinded the eyes of the Scientists in the 1890's. They could not *see* their Leader's spiritual steps nor *follow* her spiritual lead. But she was God's Chosen Witness to show the Way so she not only gave us precept upon precept to show us the way, she also gave us By-laws to guide us past the Siren's Isle. The broad road to destruction seems very attractive. Unless we follow her By-laws strictly we may miss the strait and narrow road to Life eternal.

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Paul told the Corrinthians to be "not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," but to "come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord" (II Cor 6:14, 17). Jesus revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos the fall of materialism (Babylon): "Babylon the great is fallen,

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is fallen..." And John "heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people" (Rev 18:2,4).

The Body Problem

We are faced with the belief of coming into this world encased in a body of organs. The problem all must solve sooner or later is how to come out of that false belief. If we make no effort to solve the problem but cling to the false belief, it deteriorates unto death, becoming more and more oppressive and restrictive as time goes on. Our Leader solved this problem and gave us the textbook, the Key to the Scriptures, to guide us "into the land of Christian Science, where fetters fall" (S&H 226:32).

Go Up Higher

All material organization follows the same pattern. Mrs. Eddy did not abandon her teaching when she closed her college but took it to a higher plane. We do not abandon the body when we deny the false belief that the body controls us. We "flee into the mountains" or go up on our housetop. That is, we elevate our thoughts of body and insist that "man is not material; he is spiritual."

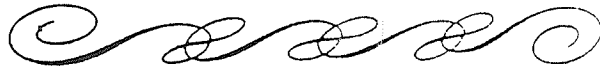
The Way

We must see the same thing about church when we close or dissolve the material organization. All must eventually waken to our Leader's instruction in "The Way": "When students have fulfilled all the good ends of organization, and are convinced that by leaving the material forms thereof a higher spiritual unity is won, then is the time to follow the example of the *Alma Mater*." (Mis 358:30)

We leave "the material form" but we never abandon church. We take it up higher in consciousness. Scientists have accepted spiritual baptism. When they accept spiritual church they will *find it*, and find it to be as our Leader wrote of it in 1889: "Adding to its ranks and influence, this spiritually organized Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, still goes on. A new light broke in upon it, and more

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beautiful became the garments of her who 'bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace.'"

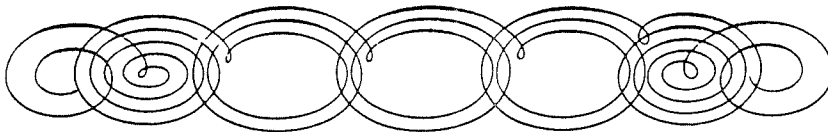


"Built on the rock, our church will stand the storms of ages: though the material superstructure should crumble into dust, the fittest would survive,— the spiritual idea would live, a perpetual type of the divine Principle it reflects."

Mary Baker Eddy
Miscellaneous Writings, p 140

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

Mary Baker Eddy
Miscellaneous Writings p 145



M. A. M.— HANDLING OR BEING HANDLED?

Joyellen Reaves

[Author's Note: This article was compiled largely from Mrs. Eddy's teaching to students as recorded in *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*. Unless otherwise noted the quotations in this article are from that book.]

IN the August Journal of 1890 Mrs. Eddy "had to advise Scientists to drop the discussion of malicious animal magnetism until they saw clearly how to handle this error— 'until they are not in danger of dwarfing their growth in love, by falling into this lamentable practice in their attempts to meet it.'" (EOF xii)

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M.A.M. Must Be Laid Bare

“There will be a time when [malicious animal magnetism] can be, must be, met and laid bare before the people.” (p 120) Today many alert Christian Scientists are awakening to understand that “Animal magnetism is the sum total of all error” (p 258) and that to handle it is laying “the axe at the root.” Unfortunately there are some who would frighten those whom they try to awaken by trying to attach it to a personality, or by describing in great detail its seeming operation. Then they would go to work to destroy it. This is working from a human standpoint not from the divine Mind. Anyone working thus is not handling animal magnetism, but is being handled by it. In his *Memoirs of Mary Baker Eddy* Adam Dickey quotes Mrs. Eddy as having said, “Where all students have failed is in not knowing how to handle animal magnetism. If we don’t break the belief that mesmerism has power, we are still the victims of mesmerism and it is handling us.” (p. 48)

Mind Knowing

We must always work from the standpoint of Mind knowing. In his beautiful analysis of his experiences in Mrs. Eddy’s home, Gilbert Carpenter iterates and reiterates in *Mary Baker Eddy, Her Spiritual Footsteps* that she insisted that everything be done from the standpoint of Mind doing it. When students were chastised it was because they thought that they were a human person doing something.

Mrs. Eddy tells us “sit down and first get yourself into a consciousness of your power with God,...Sit until this is clear,— if two hours.” (p. 48) “The first thing I do in the morning when I awake is to declare I shall have no other mind before divine Mind and become fully conscious of this and then adhere to it throughout the entire day, and then the evil cannot touch me.” (p 217) “God is your only Mind. Divine Love is caring for you...There is but *one Mind*. Truth, Life, and Love govern all your thoughts and annihilate all that is unlike them.” (p 48) “[W]e must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being.” (S&H 264:11)

“Be strong and clear in your convictions that God, not M.A.M., is influencing your actions. In order to be this, you surely must pray daily that God, good, divine Love— your only Mind— be followed, be loved, be lived by you.” (p 128)

Do Not Descend

Never approach the handling of animal magnetism from the man view point, for if you do there seems to be a terrible battle because you have accepted two powers— good and evil. “If you ‘take the sword you will perish with it.’ That was what killed my husband [Gilbert]— he would fight mesmerism on a material basis, with a human instead of a divine sense, and I could not be allowed to do this work for him. To make him see *this* was the effect on him of malicious mesmerism, was the point. His last moments opened his eyes and he said I was right.” (p 123) “Trust in God and leave evil to do its own work of self-destruction. Always overcome evil with good. Never descend to the warfare between evil and human will trying to do God’s will.” (p 96) “God alone can handle M.A.M. The divine idea, alone, can handle it. God knows there is nothing to hate” (p 208).

Stand on the fact that God is all, there is no evil. “Good is infinite. If we limit good and concede power to evil, how can we expect to escape that which we believe has power to hold us in bondage? The First Commandment forbids us to believe in a power apart from God.” (p 96) This standing gives you dominion. That does not mean that you do not have to persist and insist on the truth, but you have begun at the right place,— God, Cause.

“I have told you that evil has no power, yet I have told you to handle evil as though it had power. This is because of your place in growth spiritual. When the Allness of God is seen, the nothingness of evil is evident— hold to that.” (p 197) “Be careful not to use human will but speak in the power of divine Love that is a law to human hate and destroys it.” (p 49) “When students rise in the consciousness of *God alone* as reality, then error, animal

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magnetism will disappear. Why? Because it never was.” (p 198)

Love Is the Way

“If human belief handles A.M. there is a fight, but divine Love knows there is nothing to fight. God is all that will handle A.M.” (p 209) A sincere, dedicated Christian Scientist recently wrote, “Love is not enough.” Our textbook says, “The depth, breadth, height, might, majesty, and glory of infinite Love fill all space. That is enough!” (520:3-5) Love is the ONLY way to meet animal magnetism. Our dear Leader says, “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.” “Our salvation is through Love. Call God Love always and bend all your efforts towards achieving perfect love in thought, word and deed. This is the way. All is won through it. Its presence gives me all. Its absence takes all away from me; therefore ‘Love is the fulfilling of the law.’ Love is heaven, hate is hell.” (p. 181) “*Love* is the victor over all.” “Now arouse yourself, open your eyes and see what I say to you is the truth; error cannot reverse it. Hypnotism and M.A.M. is a lie. Love is all.” (pp 189, 120, 85) And in her beautiful words on Love she closes with this: “Love is the only and all of spiritual attainment in spiritual growth. Without it healing is not done and cannot be, either morally or physically. Every advance step will show you this until victory is won and you possess no other consciousness but *Love* divine.” (MBE Lessons of the Seventh Day, 338)

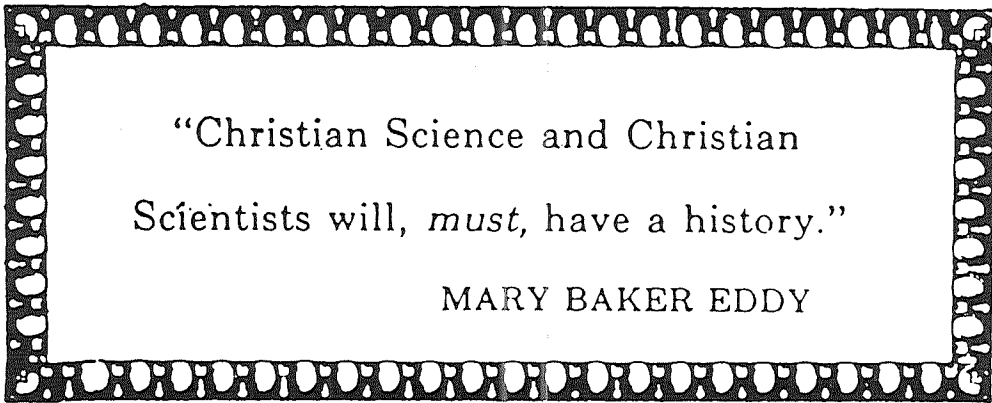
“Be positive in knowing that there is no animal magnetism. I KNOW THIS.” (p 277)



“Red tape (class instruction) is not all of my teaching. My wayside work is quite as much for you all, as the classified. You have *my* books, letters, conversation.”

Mary Baker Eddy
in a letter to Judge Hanna

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

MARY BAKER EDDY

THANKSGIVING

IN a letter to Judge Hanna Mrs. Eddy wrote: “All the truth and beauty of God’s creation is yours and you. Enjoy it in sincere prayer and thanksgiving.” Unlike other religions, the only holiday observed in Mary Baker Eddy’s Church is Thanksgiving Day. There is much food for thought in that fact.

There is also much American history that has been forgotten as our Thanksgiving holy-day has changed from thanking God for prospering us and become little more than a harvest festival.

Our first Thanksgiving Day was totally unrelated to the harvest season in New England and appears to have been an official expression of thanks to God for a respite in the Indian troubles which, nonetheless, were still troublesome fifty years later judging from a paragraph in *Retrospection and Introspection* (3:4).

It was on the 20th day of June in 1676 that a meeting was held by the council of Charlestown, Massachusetts to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. The result of this meeting was the first Thanksgiving Proclamation which designated June 29, 1676 “as a day of

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Solemn Thanksgiving and praise to God." By unanimous vote the council instructed the clerk, Edward Rawson, to issue our first Thanksgiving Proclamation reproduced here in its original wording and spelling.

First Thanksgiving Proclamation

The Holy God having by a long and Continual Series of his Afflictive dispensations in and by the present Warr with the Heathen Natives of this land, written and brought to pass bitter things against his own Covenant people in this wilderness, yet so that we evidently discern that in the midst of his judgements he hath remembered mercy, having remembered his Footstool in the day of his sore displeasure against us for our sins, with many singular Intimations of his Fatherly Compassion, and regard; reserving many of our Towns from Desolation Threatened, and attempted by the Enemy, and giving us especially of late with many of our Confederates many signal Advantages against them, without such Disadvantage to ourselves as formerly we have been sensible of, if it be the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed, It certainly bespeaks our positive Thankfulness, when our Enemies are in any measure disappointed or destroyed; and fearing the Lord should take notice under so many Intimations of his returning mercy, we should be found an Insensible people, as not standing before Him with Thanksgiving, as well as lading him with our Complaints in the time of pressing Afflictions:

The Council has thought meet to appoint and set apart the 29th day of this instant June, as a day of Solemn Thanksgiving and praise to God for such his Goodness and Favour, many Particulars of which mercy might be Instanced, but we doubt not those who are sensible of God's Afflictions, have been as diligent to espy him returning to us; and that the Lord may behold us as a People offering Praise and thereby glorifying Him; the Council doth commend it to the Respective Ministers, Elders and people of this Jurisdiction; Solemnly and seriously to keep the same Beseeching that being perswaded by the mercies of

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God we may all, even this whole people offer up our bodies and souls as a living and acceptable Service unto God by Jesus Christ.



MEN FROM VERMONT

THE state of Vermont gave the Discoverer of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, two outstanding helpers in her tremendous work of founding Christian Science on this planet. The first was Asa Gilbert Eddy whose example of a spiritual marriage is for all time. The five brief years of their marriage covered the trying time of severe persecution by and the total uncovering of malicious animal magnetism.

After the great loss of her dear husband, "the earth helped the woman." Many victories had been won in her battles against malicious animal magnetism when another man from Vermont "wandered" into her experience.

A Natural Artist

James Franklin Gilman described himself as "a homeless, wandering, self-taught artist whose native ability and application had enabled him to support himself with his paintings and sketches." (The Founding, p 115) Late in 1892 Gilman abandoned both Vermont and his art work because he felt a spiritual call to go to Concord, New Hampshire.

Gilman's Diary

Eight years earlier when James first learned of Christian Science he had adopted it immediately and become a serious student. His sensitive artistic nature and intuition at times gave him unusual perception. This did not escape Mrs. Eddy's attention at their very first meeting on the twentieth of December in 1892. Gilman kept a diary

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record of this period which gives a good deal of information and insight into the production and publication of Mrs. Eddy's illustrated poem *Christ and Christmas*. For that work with the Revelator to this age the name of James Franklin Gilman will go down in history.

"The New Story of Christ"

His native ability which was good, was at times elevated to greatness under the spiritual guidance of Mary Baker Eddy. The illustrations those two artists produced will become increasingly appreciated as Christian Scientists learn the import of the instruction Mrs. Eddy wrote to Gilman on the eighth of May in 1893: "Now carry out these designs with all the skill of an artist and my story is told in Christian Science, the new story of Christ, and the world will feel its renovating influence." (The Founding, p 129)

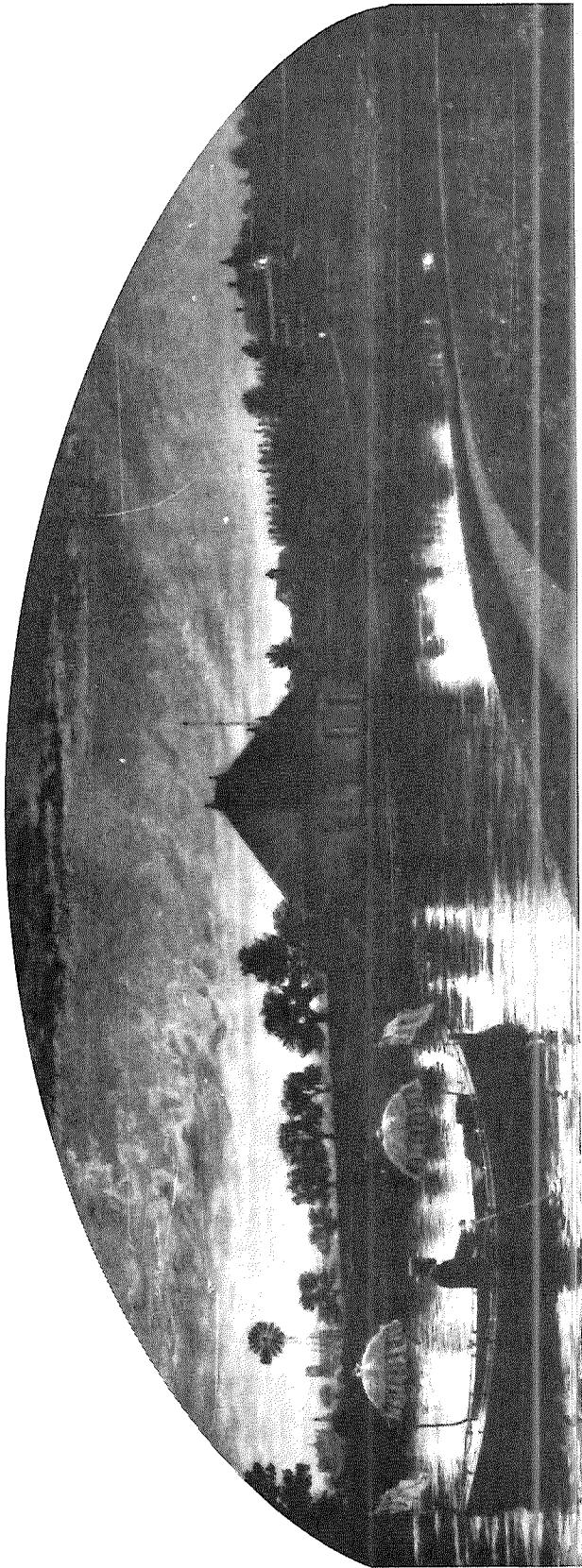
Picture Book of Pleasant View

In 1896 Gilman, together with H. E. Carlton, copyrighted and published a book entitled

PLEASANT VIEW
TWENTY PLATES OF THE HOME
SURROUNDINGS OF
REV. MARY BAKER EDDY
DISCOVERER AND FOUNDER OF
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Pictures of James Gilman are rare, but it is believed that he depicted himself rowing the boat on the pond at Pleasant View in one of the twenty plates in his book. This scene of the pond and boathouse is entitled "The Pond (Evening)". The darkness of evening makes the light quite conspicuous—the light which is emanating from Mrs. Eddy's tower room in the residence pictured in the distance.

Gilman spent many, many hours at Pleasant View and became familiar with many of the rooms in the house. His feeling for Mrs. Eddy and her surroundings is expressed



THE POND (Evening)

From the book "Pleasant View"

Produced and published by James F. Gilman and H. E. Carlton

"TAKE THE LITTLE BOOK...AND EAT IT UP"

in the poem he placed in the front of his book of Pleasant View:

By the bright, still glow through the window-pane,
And the emerald lawn where the snow has lain;
By the sun crowned hill* from which her eye
First looked in love to the summer sky;
By the dewy pine, by the very breath
Of the violet tufts in the grass beneath;
Upon thy heart there is laid a spell,
Holy and precious— Oh, guard it well!

* * * * *

And bless that love,— it hath gentle might,
A guardian power and a guiding light.

— Hemans

*The spot of her nativity.



"TAKE THE LITTLE BOOK...AND EAT IT UP"

Clarence W. Steves

MARY Baker Eddy, in speaking of the textbook, *Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures*, said, "It is the voice of Truth to this age, and contains the full statement of Christian Science, or the Science of healing through Mind."

"Only A Scribe"...

In *Miscellany*, Mrs. Eddy writes, "It was not myself, but the divine power of Truth and Love, infinitely above me, which dictated 'Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures.' I have been learning the higher meaning of this book since writing it. ...I should blush to write of 'Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures' as I have, were it of human origin, and were I, apart from God, its author. But, as I was only a scribe echoing the harmonies of heaven in

divine metaphysics, I cannot be supermodest in my estimate of the Christian Science textbook.”

“Read...From Beginning to End”

The purpose of this Association today is to give us the higher meaning of the textbook. It is to permit the Mind that is God to reveal itself. In Revelation, we read, “Go and take the little book...Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.” Mrs. Eddy says, “Mortals, obey the heavenly evangel. Take divine Science. Read this book from beginning to end. Study it, ponder it. It will be indeed sweet at its first taste, when it heals you; but murmur not over Truth, if you find its digestion bitter. When you approach nearer and nearer to this divine Principle...—thus partaking of...the primal elements, of Truth and Love,— do not be surprised nor discontented because you must share the hemlock cup and eat the bitter herbs; for the Israelites of old...thus prefigured this perilous passage out of bondage into the El Dorado of faith and hope.”

Beware Of Intellectuality

This means that we eat the book by acknowledging to one’s self that this divine man is one’s own identity, here and now; and approaching nearer and nearer the divine Principle, means that as we see man to be the functioning presence of the Mind that is God; then we cease existing as persons, as mortals trying so hard to understand, trying to find out what the book is saying, trying to demonstrate what we read; but when we read it, we eat it, and make it our own identification— no longer humans trying to be divine; but our divinity embraces our humanity, and from now on the digestion is sweet! There is no personal mind to digest the revelation. There is only the revelation to be lived and loved as oneself. When the human mind is believed to be digesting divine ideas, we have a dangerous situation. This intellectuality seems to get itself accepted as the Christ. But beware of intellectuality! It is the antichrist. There is no life

"TAKE THE LITTLE BOOK...AND EAT IT UP"

in it! High sounding words of man's wisdom are not divine Science. Willingness to let the old personal sense of self go, is the greatest sense of humility, because it is permitting the personal sense of ego to disappear in the Christly realization that the only ego is Mind, or God.

Humility Eliminates Human Egotism

No little ego, running everything from a personal, egotistical sense, but to experience this true sense of ego as Jesus and Mrs. Eddy exemplified, we permit the ego to go unto the Father and remain as the Father. It is this joyous willingness to let this evil, abortive ego go, and permit the Ego God to express Himself as the Ego man. This willingness opens the very gates of heaven that the personal sense of self has closed. Let us not read the textbook as egotistical persons knowing something of the truth, but rather let us permit the Mind that is Christ to reveal itself. This humility permits us to eat the little book with the joyous realization of self-identification. In reading the textbook, it must be carefully ascertained whether our Leader is speaking from the divine standpoint of revelation or from the limited human standpoint— that is, the Christian religious viewpoint. Educational statements gently lead the student on to the acceptance of the absolute, or divine; but this acceptance comes only as the student lives and loves the educational statements, until he can let go of the letter and experience the revelation.

In *Retrospection and Introspection*, Mrs. Eddy writes, "For many successive years I have endeavored to find new ways and means for the promotion and expansion of scientific Mind-healing, seeking to broaden its channels and, if possible, to build a hedge round about it that should shelter its perfections from the contaminating influences of those who have a small portion of its letter and less of its spirit. At the same time I have worked to provide a home for every true seeker and honest worker in this vineyard of Truth."

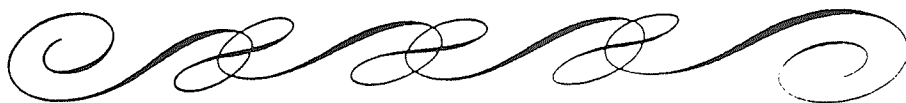
From Pale Star to Daystar

It is interesting that our Leader shows us that she has endeavored to shelter the beginner and find a true home for every seeker. She leads those that are with young so gently and quietly that the babe is born without effort or struggle. All are with young when they begin to glimpse that there is something divine about themselves— something to man besides what the senses are seeing and knowing. The pale star begins to disappear, and the daystar appears. What a marvelous journey there is in going from page to page, chapter to chapter, and seeing the new way, the new view, the new man. Be gentle with those who are with young. Help them bring forth the Christ man. Let us say and see, “His name is wonderful. Truly unto us a child is born and his name shall be called wonderful.” The wonder is that Mrs. Eddy could bring forth the Christian Science textbook. The marvel is that she could find English words to clothe this wonder— this divine revelation. Truly it is the descent of the Holy Ghost. Now be gentle with yourself. Let the Christ idea come forth. Mother it, nurse it, love it, cherish it. Then the babe ceases to exist, and the Christ man comes forth in all the glory of God. All can clap their hands and say, “My name is wonderful.” Then we see that “by flesh embound was but thy shade!” And the light grows brighter and brighter, the shade disappears and the Christ man, reality, the daystar appears, never to disappear. So I ask you with all the love of Principle— be gentle with those who are with young, who are seeing something of their divinity, struggling to attain true manhood, but still believing themselves to be persons struggling forward. Be gentle, be kind, because Mrs. Eddy says that she has given them a home in the Christian Science textbook. From the educational standpoint, we seem to be students studying this Science and endeavoring to put into practice what is being known, what is being understood. And this is perfectly normal from a standpoint of being a person— we use what we know; but the time comes in our study when this attitude will no longer work. If we are not alert, we will

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ask the question, Why has Science failed me? Why do I not demonstrate as readily? Why do I have to work and study so hard? We must stop and ask ourselves if we are at the place where we can no longer use Christian Science, and we must begin to live divine Science. The living Christ is the demand upon this Association. Only this living will bless the movement and the world. In order that this Association may live the Christ today, let us pick up the textbook with a new meaning.

[Excerpted from *The Higher Meaning of the Textbook*, 1959 Association Address of Clarence Steves. Available from The Bookmark, P.O. Box 801143, Santa Clarita, California 91380.]



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FROM the very beginning of her ministry Mrs. Eddy was reaching out to all humanity for there was not one Christian Scientist on the face of the earth. Her mission was to bring an understanding of divine Science to all mankind. God had given her the "little book" that John had seen in the hand of the angel on the Isle of Patmos (Rev 10), and she spent more than 40 years "in the wilderness" endeavoring to reduce this angel message to human comprehension.

"The Lost Sheep"

Jesus' mission was *not* to all mankind. He said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matt 15:24) But he knew that his message must spread to every receptive heart, for he said again, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold" (John 10:16).

The reason that "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" are lost is because they have lost (forgotten) their identity as the sons of God. They are the prodigal that has wandered from their father's house and wasted their substance in riotous living in a far country. The same is as true today as it was when Jesus

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explained it in a parable nearly two thousand years ago.

New Name

Jesus' mission renamed the Children of Israel (S&H 309:12-16) and they became known as Christians. Mary Baker Eddy saw very early that she must go *first* to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" and so renamed her "Science of Man" and titled it *Christian Science*. The total depravity of mortal mind repeatedly destroyed her founding steps forcing her to write the *Manual of The Mother Church* "the chief corner stone whereof is, that Christian Science...restores the lost Israel." (Man 17)

The Key

How does Christian Science restore the lost Israel? Through Science and Health, the Key to the Scriptures. Mrs. Eddy knew that her babe, Science and Health, that she brought forth and protected from the devouring jaws of the dragon, was the Key to the Scriptures, the Comforter which Christ Jesus said the Father would send in his name. But because the carnal mind resisted every step Spiritward, she had to make the title of her textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." However, she had published in the *Christian Science Journal* and in *Miscellaneous Writings* (92:25): "The opinions of men cannot be substituted for God's revelation. It must not be forgotten that in times past, arrogant ignorance and pride, in attempting to steady the ark of Truth, have dimmed the power and glory of the Scriptures, to which this Christian Science textbook is the Key."

It was 1908 or later when Adam Dickey was her secretary at Chestnut Hill that our Leader asked Mr. Dickey what he thought about deleting the word *with* from the title. Adam did not realize that she had done that 15 years earlier when she and James Gilman produced the pictures for *Christ and Christmas*. But he did answer that it was most appropriate, so Mrs. Eddy had Mr. Dickey enquire of her lawyers whether deleting the word "with" from the title of Science and Health would affect her copyright. They responded that it could, so that step was not taken at that time.



Science and Health—Key to Scriptures
From the Seventh Picture in Christ and Christmas

New Scripture- The Comforter

All students of Christian Science should know that all of Science and Health is the Key to the Scriptures for all time to come. It is even more than that. It is Scripture itself. And it is the only Scripture on earth today in its original form—untranslated. It is important that those students whose native tongue is not English become thorough English scholars to truly benefit from this untranslated Scripture.

Jesus was describing Science and Health or divine Science as set forth in Science and Health when he said: “But 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, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14:26)

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This brings us back to the lost sheep of the house of Israel wandering in a far country and wasting their substance. Science and Health teaches them the truth of their being and causes them to *remember* their one and only Father-Mother. The prodigal wasted his substance in riotous living followed by famine before "he came to himself" and returned to his father's house. Must we experience famine before we return? Each lost sheep must come to himself, and return to his Father's house—come to the understanding of his true identity as the son of God and return to divine Mind as the only cause and creator. This is not a new thing. It is bringing to our remembrance the reality of our being which we have so long ignored.

Famine

Although the word is seldom used, *famine* is being predicted for the very near future. This causes us to consider the passage on page 126 of Miscellany: "'Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; ...for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.' That which the Revelator saw in spiritual vision will be accomplished." A great deal is being said today about disaster at the end of the millennium—more from the news media than from the churches. Many Christians are calling it the "rapture"—a word I have not found in the Bible. As it has been explained to me by a Christian minister, the rapture is a literal acceptance of one isolated Bible verse: "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thes 4:17) The minister felt that Paul's meaning to the Thessalonians was more fully explained by reading I Thes 4:13-5:11. The limited viewpoint seems to engender a faith in deliverance without any effort to build an ark of safety. It would embrace faith alone overlooking the Christian endeavor of diligence, watchfulness, toil, perseverance, and preparedness. The foolish virgins did not prepare and tried to borrow oil at the midnight hour.

Build Your Ark

The media is saying such things as: "Prepare for a Giant Mess: Year 2000 Bug Looks Bad"—*Washington Post*; "Everyone Must Prepare for Disaster, Expert Says"—*Orlando Sentinel*;

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"The implication could affect everything from air traffic control to automatic teller machines to financial and other databases world wide."— *New York Times*. Mrs. Eddy said that everything Jeremiah prophesied would come to pass. Christian Scientists need to be building their ark. Noah was warned to prepare in advance. Joseph in Egypt was warned to prepare for the disaster (money failure and famine) that was coming.

In the summer of 1908 Mrs. Minnie Scott, who was Mrs. Eddy's maid at Chestnut Hill, heard that there was an organized effort to kill Mrs. Eddy. One day the Leader said to her, "Minnie, if you knew someone was trying to get into your home to bother you, would you just know that Love was your protection and that no harm could come to you?" Mrs. Scott responded, "Yes, Mother, that is what I would know; but at the same time I would see to it that the doors and windows were all tightly locked." Mrs. Eddy approved her answer saying, "There, you have given me both the Spirit and the letter, and there is nothing more to be said."

Harvest Hour

Perhaps the pending crisis is the harvest hour that Jesus foretold. Christian Scientists have been (or should have been) busy destroying the tares in their own consciousness. We must become more diligent in this area as we take to heart these words from *Miscellaneous Writings*: "The Christian Scientist cannot heal the sick, and take error along with Truth, either in the recognition or approbation of it. This would prevent the possibility of destroying the tares: they must be separated from the wheat before they can be burned, and Jesus foretold the harvest hour and the final destruction of error through this very process,— the sifting and the fire. The tendency of mortal mind is to go from one extreme to another: Truth comes into the intermediate space, saying, 'I wound to heal; I punish to reform; I do it all in love; my peace I leave with thee: not as the world giveth, give I unto thee. Arise, let us go hence; let us depart from the material sense of God's ways and means, and gain a spiritual understanding of them.'" (214:25)

Footsteps

Christian Scientists learn that an entirely spiritual state
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I was so pleased to read in one of your back issues Mrs. Eddy's statement, "We should not substitute Science and Health reading in place of our mental action. We need energetic mental activity."

So many dear, conscientious Christian Scientists think if they "get the lesson" each morning they have done their mental work for the day. In *Message '00* we read, "The song of Christian Science is, work— work— work— watch and pray." I do not recall reading in any of the biographies about members of Mrs. Eddy's household "getting the lesson," but I read often of their working and watching.

Perhaps the enclosed quotation will help to alert and awaken some of those sincere ones who feel that "getting the lesson" is their daily work. "John Lathrop told Mrs. Eddy he had been reading the lesson sermon and getting 'more out of it all the time.' 'Do you call that watching?' she asked. Then she told him the story of the Union soldier on guard duty and added: 'Don't be a soldier who only walks back and forth.'" (DCC 251)

Name withheld by request

The recent issue of *The Individual Christian Scientist* is gratefully appreciated, and especially the article by Martha Wilcox which is so timely. Truly, "We live in an age of Love's divine adventure to be All-in-all" (My 158:9-10). What a divine "advent"!

Malcolm W. MacDonald
Hunt, Texas

We TICS readers know what happened in the year 1866. January and March had two full moons. February had none. It was during the first week of February Mary Baker Eddy made her great discovery for the world.

Look at your calendar for the year 1999, which I think will be an unusual year. January and March have two

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full moons. February has none. My calendar shows January 31 and March 31 are Blue Moons.

What great event will take place in 1999 especially during the first week of February? I am expecting a great cosmic event to take place, but it will be insignificant to the secular world.

Lew Rekstad

Brevard, North Carolina

[Editor's Note: The following item appeared in the *Christian Science Weekly* (later *Sentinel*) of January 19, 1899 with no comment: "**Only Once Since the World Began** FEBRUARY, 1866, was in one way the most wonderful month in the world's history. It had no full moon. January had two full moons, and so had March, but February had none. This remarkable state of things has never happened before since the era we assign to the creation. Denver, Colo. *Weekly Times-Sun*, Jan. 4, 1899"]

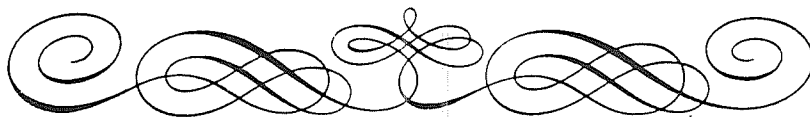
Helen Wright's new book, *Star of Boston*, fulfils a prophecy made by Mrs. Eddy to Mr. Gilman, and recorded by him in his *Recollections of Mary Baker Eddy*, where he says about his work, "It is doubtless occasioned by my connection with the work of illustration for Mrs. Eddy which is to deal a blow to error in a future day." (p. 24) And "She said she was sure I was to be a great factor in Christian Science experience or history sometime."

Now is the time! Helen Wright and Doris Grekel have given us new insights into this most wonderful Autobiography of Mrs. Eddy's. Mrs. Grekel in her trilogy of Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Wright in her *Star of Boston*.

As a life long Christian Scientist I find it a wonderful privilege to finally see *Christ and Christmas* in its true light!

Julie Olive

Laconia, New Hampshire



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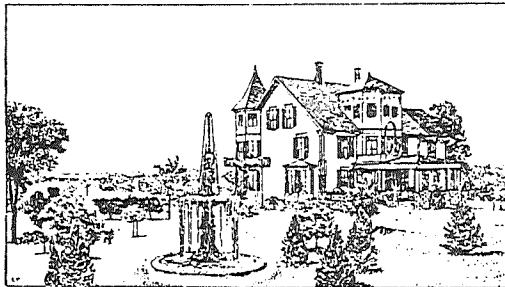
of consciousness is ascension. They also learn that every step up the spiritual ladder is attained by a great deal of effort, watchfulness, self-abnegation, and oftentimes suffering. Our Leader suffered every indignity and pain the world could heap upon her and overcame it all as she poured out the golden oil to restore the lost Israel and to redeem all mankind.

Have we wakened to our true identity as sons of God or do we act like a physical personality involved with other physical personalities in a night of discord? Have we returned to our Father's house or are we still prodigal wasting our substance in a far country? We need to ponder our Leader's question in *Miscellaneous Writings* (p 187): "Did the substance of God, Spirit, become a clod, in order to create a sick, sinning, dying man?" In the same paragraph she tells us: "The primal facts of being are eternal; they are never extinguished in a night of discord. ...The origin, substance, and life of man are one, and that one is God,— Life, Truth, Love. The self-existent, perfect, and eternal are God; and man is their reflection and glory."

"Break Earth's Stupid Rest"

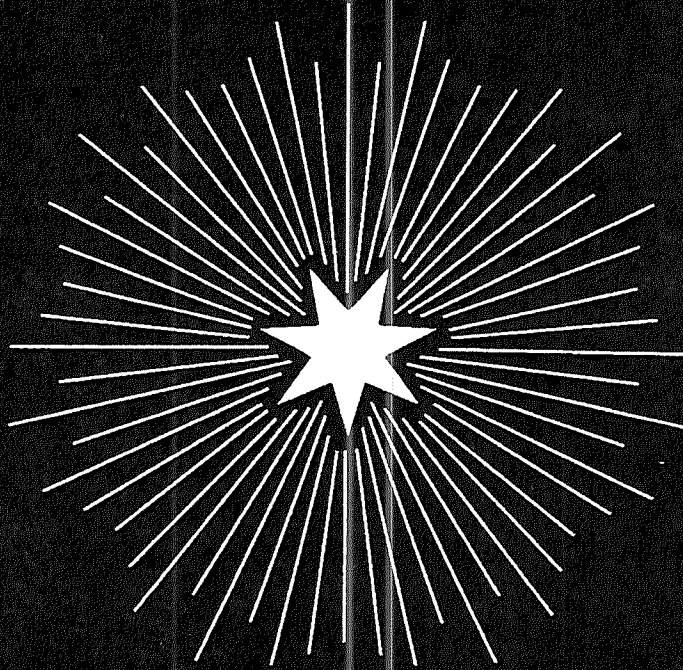
Our Leader's whole mission was to "Break earth's stupid rest!" that man might return to his Father's house, to the glory of his being.

When we truly return to divine Mind as all we will stop trying to "fix" matter, or to accumulate matter, or to deny matter, because there is no matter. "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation" "Insist vehemently on the great fact which covers the whole ground, that God, Spirit, is all, and that there is none beside Him." (S&H 421:15)



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