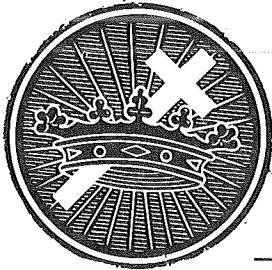


A lady with a lamp shall stand
 In the great history of the land
 A noble type of good
 Heroic womanhood.

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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 - <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>	
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"WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL — WATCH" JESUS

The individual Christian Scientist *is* the Christian Science sentinel.



Mary Baker Eddy

The frontispiece in *Science and Health* as Mrs. Eddy left it in 1910 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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“MATTER OF GRAVE WONDERMENT”

THIS issue begins our 24th year, and some of you have been with us all this time. It is the “profound thinkers” who will stand and prevail against “the entire current of mortality” as did our Leader. “A small group of wise thinkers is better than a wilderness of dullards and stronger than the might of empires. Unity is spiritual cooperation, heart to heart, the bond of blessedness” (My 162:10).

What Is This “Matter of Grave Wonderment”?

In unity let us search this “matter of grave wonderment”— what is it? It is that an *eddy* appeared in “the entire current of mortality.” What is an eddy? It is *a current at variance with the main current in a stream; also a current or trend, as of opinion or events, running counter to the main current.* [Random House Webster 1990] What better description of Christian Science in a world which accepts sin as normal and sickness and death as inevitable? But Christian Science is not “matter of grave wonderment.” Christian Science is forever fact as permanent and unchangeable as the multiplication table. It is divine Science, the Holy Ghost, the foundation of all being forever waiting to be discovered and practised.

Against the Entire Current of Mortality

Saint and prophet have caught glimpses of the Truth “since the fathers fell asleep,” (II Pet 3:4) but the great wonder appeared in 1866. “That one should have ventured on such unfamiliar ground, and, self-forgetful, should have gone on to establish this mighty system of metaphysical healing, called Christian Science, against such odds,— even the entire current of mortality,— is matter of grave wonderment to profound thinkers.” (Mis 234:18)

Do those who call themselves Christian Scientists today have an inkling of what it was for Mary Baker Eddy “to establish this mighty system of metaphysical healing called Christian Science”? Most do not. That is the reason they are not healing today as did their predecessors a century ago.

Faith Healing *Versus* Christian Science Healing

But even a century ago a great deal of the phenomenal “Christian Science” healing was faith healing and not the metaphysical healing of Christian Science at all. Mrs. Eddy’s understanding and unfailing healing ability engendered an absolute faith in her followers with glorious results. It was the manifestation of part of the first sentence in our textbook: “The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God...”

The rest of that sentence reads: “—a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love.” Scientists thought they had “a spiritual understanding of Him” because they had accepted and could recite the definition for God in the Glossary including the seven synonyms. But the Leader knew that there was little understanding of the Principle they espoused, hence her graphic depiction of their practice in 1893.

“Christian Science Healing” or “Treating the Sick”

Two pictures in *Christ and Christmas* need to be compared. The sixth picture is entitled “Christian Science



TREATING THE SICK.

The Eighth Picture in *Christ and Christmas*

Healing.” The eighth picture is entitled “Treating the Sick.” Because most students were treating the sick, very often with wonderful results, they identified with that picture and the message was lost on them at that time.

Christ’s Second Appearing

The story of *Christ and Christmas* is the story of Christ’s second appearing. It is the depiction of the Womanhood of God, “one lone, brave star” shining “o’er the grim night of chaos.” Nine of the eleven pictures in *Christ and Christmas* show this spiritual light shining in or on the scene depicted. Only two of the pictures have no spiritual light from above, and one of those two is “Treating the Sick.”

When comparing “Treating the Sick” with “Christian Science Healing” note the patients in the two scenes. The one being healed is waking, rising in his bed and reaching toward the light. The one being treated is sound asleep with an almost complacent countenance. The sickbed dominates this picture and is disproportionately large. The woman healing is *standing* in the light with eyes open looking and pointing upward to the light. The woman treating is *sitting* in a rocking chair, looking downward with closed eyes. This scene depicts a devout Christian attitude with no spiritual light from above.

Messages in Pictures

James Gilman, the artist at the easel, often objected to Mrs. Eddy’s instructions, which is not surprising. He was concerned with making the paintings more artistically beautiful and correct and had no inkling of the messages the Leader was portraying for the awakened scientific thought at a later date.

Travail Through the Long Night

With few if any exceptions, the students of that day – despite their worldly achievements – were, in the field of Christian Science, but callow youth, – green, immature. It is

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a matter of grave wonderment that the Mother in Israel was able to inspire, develop, direct, lead these children, this immature thought, into such magnificent world-wide accomplishments while “Traitors to right of them, M.D.’s to left of them, Priestcraft in front of them, Volleyed and thundered!” (Mis 106) Little wonder that she wrote: “Do the children of this period dream of the spiritual Mother’s sore travail, through the long night, that has opened their eyes to the light of Christian Science?” (Mis 253:27)

Self-Love

The three requirements for success in metaphysical healing enumerated in the first sentence in Science and Health are absolute faith, spiritual understanding, and unselfed love. Self-love caused much of the spiritual Mother’s sore travail. Student after student snatched her pearls from her hand and raced off to sell them to the ready market that her labors were producing at the same time denouncing denying, and defaming her. In *Miscellaneous Writings* we read, “The Science is hampered.. . especially by unprincipled claimants, whose mad ambition drives them to appropriate my ideas and discovery, without credit, appreciation, or a single original conception, while they quote from other authors and give them credit for every random thought in line with mine.” (p 263-4)

How was she able to retain hope? “And what of the hope of that parent whose children rise up against her; when brother slays brother, and the strength of union grows weak with wickedness?” (Mis 254:10) The same envy that caused Cain to slay Abel was endeavoring to slay the Leader and to destroy her Cause.

The Long, Long Night

Defection after defection by her most promising and capable students was heart-rending. The Revelator to this age wept to see many of these deluded ones misleading the public by practising mesmerism and animal magnetism in the name of Christian Science while the enemy gloated. In

the poet's words:

“Truth forever on the scaffold
Wrong forever on the throne.”

This hour and this material practice in the name of Science is described in *Miscellaneous Writings* (254:18) “Envy, the great red dragon of this hour, would obscure the light of Science, take away a third part of the stars from the spiritual heavens, and cast them to the earth. This is not Science. *Per contra*, it is the mortal mind sense— mental healing on a material basis— hurling its so-called healing at random, filling with hate its deluded victims, or resting in silly peace upon the laurels of headlong human will.”

Unselfed-Love

Those motivated by envy needed healing and their antidote and remedy is in the first sentence in Science and Health in two words— “unselfed love.” The victims of sickness desire healing, but the victims of sin usually do not. Nonetheless the Leader was the leader of all and explained this situation for the benefit of the faithless as well as the faithful in these words: “The victim of mad ambition that saith, ‘This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours,’ goes on to learn that he must at last kill this evil in ‘self’ in order to gain the kingdom of God.” (Mis 254:13)

The ambition among her loyal students, though not mad ambition, weighed upon the Mother's heart. She said one day to her banker (who was a devout Baptist), “Mr. Fernald, you are a better Christian Scientist than many of my students because you are a better Christian.”

“Who Shall Be Greatest?”

“Who shall be greatest?” was the same with the disciples of Mary Baker Eddy as it had been with those of Jesus. But as the serious student grows spiritually, worldly ambition fades. And all the Mother's efforts were for the spiritual advancement and spiritual understanding of her children as well as for all mankind.

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The time comes when the children must grow into manhood. Jesus, who had been a father to his disciples, said to them: “It is expedient for you that I go away.” (John 16:7) Mrs. Eddy did the same thing with her students in a slightly different way. She closed the Mother’s Room in The Mother Church.

Somnambulism

Her greatest concern for her loyal students was their lack of spiritual understanding. She said repeatedly that *healing* was what established her Cause and healing was the *only* important thing to maintain it— not church buildings, not lectures, not teaching nor writing, and never talking; but practice and healing. And the fact that the larger part of their healing was faith healing, not the metaphysical healing of Christian Science concerned her most. Many who thought they were practising Christian Science had an infantile understanding of Principle and had not wakened to the reality of being. Despite marvelous faith healings they were still sound asleep in the Adam dream, and if suddenly wakened would fail and fall. Our Leader likens this practice to somnambulism, saying, “we must first understand the Principle and object of our work... Then we shall demonstrate the Principle in the way of His appointment, and not according to the infantile conception of our way; as when a child in sleep walks on the summit of the roof of the house because he is a somnambulist, and thinks he is where he is not, and would fall immediately if he knew where he was and what he was doing.” (Mis 215:13) Are we somnambulists? We must waken and we must understand Principle in order to demonstrate healing “in the way of His appointment.”

Pyramid Capstone

The lengthy article entitled “Mrs. Eddy’s Explanation of the Illustrated Poem *Christ and Christmas* As Given by Judge Septimus J. Hanna” (booklet available from the Bookmark) has an interesting frontispiece. It is a

pyramid built by pairing the eleven pictures in *Christ and Christmas*. The foundation is a base labeled Christ and Christmas. The first row on this base is the first and last pictures, pictures number 1 and 11. The second row is picture number 2 paired with the penultimate illustration. This pairing makes the capstone picture number 6 which is "Christian Science Healing." This is also the missing capstone for The Great Pyramid. And it is the all-seeing eye capstone hovering over the pyramid on the Great Seal of the United States (which can be seen on the reverse side of our \$1 bill) for true Christian Science healing is the never-failing healing of spiritual understanding— the result of our communion with "the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving and eternal" (S&H 587).

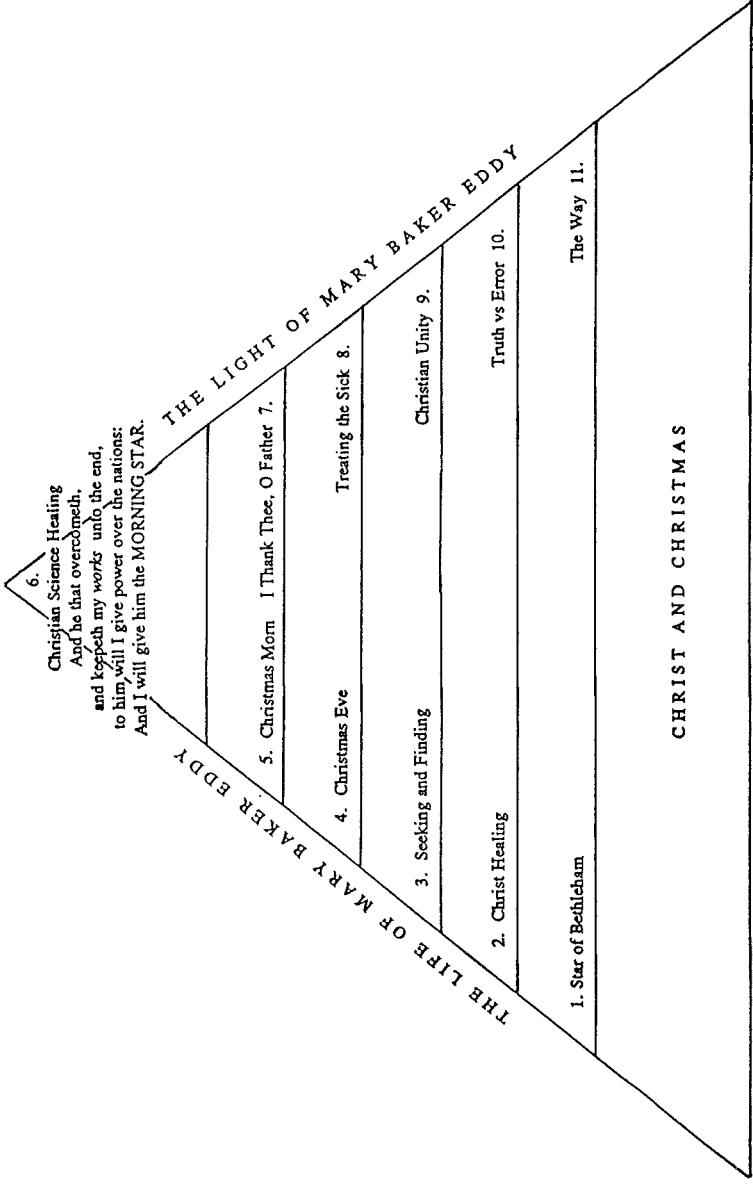
Returning to the pyramid of *Christ and Christmas* it is interesting to note that picture number 8 "Treating the Sick" is paired with picture number 4 which is the only other painting in this illustrated poem with no spiritual light from above.

True Capstone

It is essential that the guess work of sporadic faith healing be not confused with the ever-successful metaphysical healing of Christian Science. Even though the successors of Mrs. Eddy's Board of Directors dynamited the beautiful pyramid capstone in Bow, New Hampshire, that cannot destroy the true capstone of Christian Science Healing.

Principle and Practice

The only thing that can destroy the success of Christian Science healing is lack of spiritual understanding and consistent diligent practice, and the responsibility for that rests squarely upon the shoulders of each individual Christian Scientist. One of the last articles from our Leader's pen late in 1910 explains this very issue. It is entitled "Principle and Practice" wherein she says: "Christian Science is not a faith-cure, and unless human



Frontispiece from "Mrs. Eddy's Explanation of the Illustrated Poem *Christ and Christmas* As Given by Judge Septimus J. Hanna"

faith be distinguished from scientific healing, Christian Science will again be lost from the practice of religion as it was soon after the period of our great Master's scientific teaching and practice."

"The spiritual Mother's sore travail through the long night" that has opened our eyes to the light of Christian Science is "matter of grave wonderment to profound thinkers." "The time for thinkers has come." (S&H vii) It is time for us to think deeply concerning the eddy that Mrs. Eddy brought about running counter to the main current. Many students of Science have spent their lives wanting Christian Science to do or to get something for them. They must waken to the third requirement in the first sentence in our textbook, the one that so dominated our Leader's every thought,— "unselfed love." It is time to start giving and doing something for Christian Science, for our Leader, and for mankind.

Seedtime and Harvest

When the winter of the rejection of Truth had at last turned to spring, Mrs. Eddy wrote of that hour and of this one: "Spring is here! and doors that closed on Christian Science in 'the long winter of our discontent,' are open flung. Its seedtime has come to enrich earth and enrobe man in righteousness; may its sober-suited autumn follow with hues of heaven, ripened sheaves, and harvest songs." (Mis 332:6) All salvation depends upon a spiritual understanding of the Womanhood of God, of her message, and of her great life work. If we listen we can hear her saying to us today as Jesus said to Peter on the shores of Galilee, "Feed my sheep."

"By conflicts, defeats, and triumphs, Christian Science has been reduced to the understanding of mortals, and found able to heal them."

Mary Baker Eddy
Miscellaneous Writings, p. 260

PRINCIPLE AND PRACTICE

Mary Baker Eddy

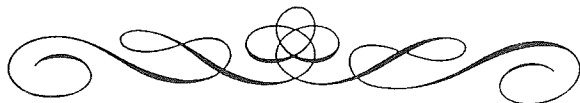
THE nature and position of mortal mind are the opposite of immortal Mind. The so-called mortal mind is belief not understanding. Christian Science requires understanding instead of belief; it is based on a fixed eternal and divine Principle, wholly apart from mortal conjecture; and it must be understood, otherwise it cannot be correctly accepted and demonstrated.

The inclination of mortal mind is to receive Christian Science through a belief instead of the understanding, and this inclination prevails like an epidemic on the body; it inflames mortal mind and weakens the intellect, but this so-called mortal mind is wholly ignorant of this fact, and so cherishes its mere faith in Christian Science.

The sick, like drowning men, catch at whatever drifts toward them. The sick are told by a faith-Scientist, "I can heal you, for God is all, and you are well, since God creates neither sin, sickness, nor death." Such statements result in the sick either being healed by their faith in what you tell them— which heals only as a drug would heal, through belief— or in no effect whatever. If the faith healer succeeds in *securing* (kindling) the belief of the patient in his own recovery, the practitioner will have performed a faith-cure which he mistakenly pronounces Christian Science.

In this very manner some students of Christian Science have accepted through faith, a divine Principle, God, as their savior, but they have not understood this Principle sufficiently well to fulfill the Scriptural commands, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." "Heal the sick." It is the healer's understanding of the operation of the divine Principle, and his application thereof, which heals the sick, just as it is one's understanding of the principle of mathematics which enables him to demonstrate its rules.

Christian Science is not a faith-cure, and unless human faith be distinguished from scientific healing, Christian Science will again be lost from the practice of religion as it was soon after the period of our great Master's scientific teaching and practice. Preaching without practice of the divine Principle of man's being has not, in nineteen hundred years, resulted in demonstrating this Principle. Preaching without the truthful and consistent practice of your statements will destroy the success of Christian Science.



**“SPIRITUAL DEVOUTNESS IS THE SOUL OF
CHRISTIANITY” (S&H 140:17)**

Stanford Veira

OUR beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, gives us the following wise counsel: “Avoid voicing error, but utter the truth of God and the beauty of holiness, the joy of Love and ‘the peace of God, that passeth all [human] understanding,’” (No 8:6). This is extremely important advice, as so-called mortal mind likes nothing better than to have us voicing error about ourselves, our fellow-man, our nation, the world, etc.

Handle Animal Magnetism

By so doing, our gaze is kept fixed on a material sense of things, which is only animal magnetism, which our Leader cautioned us very strictly to handle, if we would overcome the claims of evil. While Mrs. Eddy made it very clear to us that animal magnetism, or the belief of life in matter, is unreal and powerless; yet she warned us to handle it as if it had all power. That is, to be very alert to its false claims, which are legion, and very aggressive; such as claims of heredity, medical claims, so-called health laws,

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claims of age, etc. We must be very alert and vigilant and steadfast in denying any reality or power to these false, unreal claims. Obedience to the By-law of the Church Manual by Mrs. Eddy, on page 42, “Alertness to Duty” is very helpful in this regard. While great diligence is needed in handling animal magnetism, we must be alert not to let its false claims and beliefs seem real to us. As Mrs. Eddy has said: “You don’t handle animal magnetism unless you handle it as nothingness.”

Criticism

In very significant terms, Mrs. Eddy showed us how to advance in Christian Science. She said: “When you stop *criticizing, judging, and condemning* your fellow-man, then you’ll start making real progress in Christian Science.” (Emphasis added.) This is most important advice, as our salvation lies in seeing ourself and our fellow-man as God’s image and likeness, and not as sinning, sickly, imperfect mortals. Of course, there are times we have to point out, and rebuke an error, in order to correct it, and this should always be done in love; but just needless criticism of our fellow-man only darkens our spiritual sense. As Paul said: “Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.” (Rom 2:1) In other words, we are only judging our mortal thoughts— wrong thinking— about the other person. So, let us keep busy seeing the truth about man, and then we won’t be tempted to criticize, judge, or condemn our false concept of our fellow-man. Then, as Mrs. Eddy said, we’ll start making real progress in Christian Science, and we will “avoid voicing error,” and our right, spiritual thinking will bless ourself, those whom our thoughts rest upon (My 210:9), and go out to bless all mankind.

Let Us Practice

Let us keep busy putting this into practice this year and always, until this false, material, Adam-dream fades

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away into its native nothingness, and we awake in God's image and likeness, and behold God face to face, and know ourself as we are known of God, and we should never be satisfied until then. (Mis 358:12-13) "Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding and the consciousness of man's dominion over the whole earth." (S&H 14:25)

Chosen

"Rejoice with joy unspeakable." (I Peter 1:8). "The joy of the Lord is your strength." (Neh 8:10) "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." (II Tim 2:4)



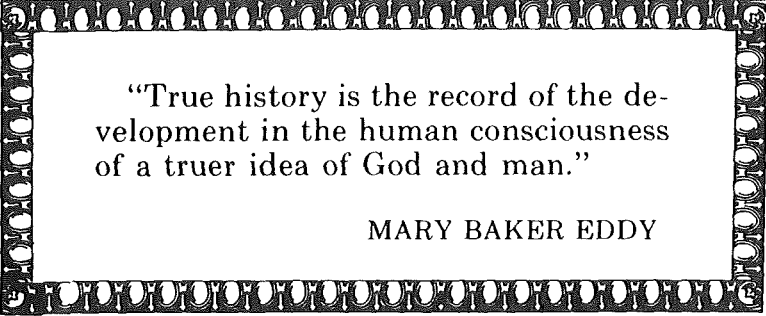
WHAT OUR LEADER SAYS

BELOVED Christian Scientists, keep your minds so filled with Truth and Love, that sin, disease, and death cannot enter them. It is plain that nothing can be added to the mind already full. There is no door through which evil can enter, and no space for evil to fill in a mind filled with goodness. Good thoughts are an impervious armor; clad therewith you are completely shielded from the attacks of error of every sort. And not only yourselves are safe, but all whom your thoughts rest upon are thereby benefited.

The self-seeking pride of the evil thinker injures him when he would harm others. Goodness involuntarily resists evil. The evil thinker is the proud talker and doer. The right thinker abides under the shadow of the Almighty. His thoughts can only reflect peace, good will towards men, health, and holiness.

Mary Baker Eddy
Miscellany, p. 210

H I S T O R Y



“True history is the record of the development in the human consciousness of a truer idea of God and man.”

MARY BAKER EDDY

A TRUE MAN

IN the early 1890's Mary Baker Eddy, Christian Science, and Truth were constantly traduced by a hostile press and antagonistic ministers and ministerial associations. In this worldly atmosphere of resistance to Truth one man in a high position not only perceived the truth of this new movement of God but spoke words publicly which penetrated the adamancy in human thought and would begin to dissolve it.

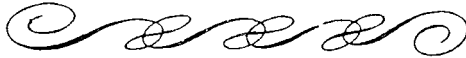
Mrs. Eddy's Appreciation

The Leader of all mankind (who knew her not when she was among them) immortalized this man's name. She wrote of him at that time (now in *Miscellaneous Writings*, p 312): “In honest utterance of veritable history, and his own spiritual discernment, this man must have risen above worldly schemes, human theorems or hypotheses, to conclusions which reason too supine or misemployed cannot fasten upon. He spake inspired; he touched a tone of Truth that will continue to reverberate and renew its emphasis throughout the entire centuries, into the vast forever.”

A Tone of Truth to Reverberate Forever

In 1893 when the World's Fair was in Chicago, Hon. Charles Carrol Bonney was president of the World's Congress Auxiliary. In his remarks before that body he stated: "No more striking manifestation of the interposition of divine Providence in human affairs has come in recent years, than that shown in the raising up of the body of people known as Christian Scientists, who are called to declare the real harmony between religion and Science, and to restore the waning faith of many in the verities of the sacred Scriptures."

Many who gave this utterance more than a passing thought resented Mr. Bonney's words with "reason too supine or misemployed." Many Scientists felt that this prominent man had helped their Leader, and some were grateful. Only Mrs. Eddy knew how the tone of Truth he uttered would reverberate "throughout the entire centuries" and would be a great blessing to him forever. The name of Charles Carrol Bonney would probably be forgotten today were it not for Mary Baker Eddy's recognition of him and her honor of him by titling this item "A Great Man and His Saying."



"I AM INFALLIBLE NOW"

Clara E. Choate

READING an article in *The Christian Science Sentinel* of September 13, 1913...by Samuel Greenwood, brings to mind the first time I heard Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy say the above words.

In the parlor of Mrs. Eddy's home, No. 8 Broad Street, Lynn, Mass., one evening in the spring of 1878, were seated Mrs. Eddy, her husband Dr. Asa G. Eddy, Mr. S. P. Bancroft, his brother Henry Bancroft, Mrs. E. N. Taylor, Mr. Choate, myself, and two or three other students of Christian

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Science, as I now remember.

A C. S. A. Meeting

This was a regular Christian Science Association meeting which had not been long formed, or not many years, and convened about once a week, mostly in Lynn, but sometimes in Boston, Roxbury, and Salem, in the different homes of the students. Once at Mrs. Reed's in Roxbury, then at Mrs. Frothingham's on West Newton Street, Boston, and at Mrs. Rice's and Miss Rawson her sister, who were also at this meeting.

After the usual opening of repeating The Lord's Prayer, of reading from the Bible and from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, its author, the business part was attended to, and questions for the good of the Cause were then propounded; remarks were made with a discussion of the same following.

Samuel Bancroft's Question

Among these questions, one was introduced by Mr. S. P. Bancroft, the oldest student of Mrs. Eddy then present. In his cautious but emphatic and impressive manner he said, "Should we say, or can we truthfully say, we as individuals are perfect, pure, holy, or infallible now?"

Mrs. Eddy who was then President of the Christian Scientist Association at once took up the subject. She arose quietly and with dignified composure of manner, in a firm convincing though seriously pleasant voice, asserted, "I am infallible, I am infallible now; *we* are infallible NOW."

Surprise and Shock

Of course we students were all more or less surprised and to some degree shocked at this great and then misunderstood statement, though we had read and studied Christian Science from the Bible and *Science and Health*, and heard wonderful teachings of Mrs. Eddy our beloved teacher and seen their more wonderful effects in healing the sick and other grand demonstrations.

Arguing for Error

Mr. Bancroft began an earnest expostulation against such a statement. It was not true. Everyone was expressing the very opposite fact. It would hinder, if not ruin the prospects and progress of Christian Science and its book *Science and Health* to make such statements, even if *they WERE true*, he continued to argue. He grew very red in the face and quite vehement in dispute, declaring such thoughts *preposterous*. Other students present sided with *him*, and with his thought, "*we might be sometime but not NOW.*" Even dear Dr. Eddy in his quiet patient manner and tender voice said, "Why Mary," trying to enter a conciliatory compromise and very human explanation. But Mrs. Eddy heroically stood her ground, and with a gracious decision still declared, "I am infallible *now*."

A Battleground

The power of this truth thus uttered by her was not lost upon the students and was more or less felt by all present. One said she had come with a headache, another with fear of spine, another with throat and a cough, and so each one thinking of their troubles suddenly found the *air* changed, and their conditions also changed to their immediate consciousness of relief from evil. One or two *felt* worse, which Mrs. Eddy said was as good as if they felt better. This great thought had started an upheaval then and there. The solid ground of old beliefs was broken. The stir of love, of hate, smiles and tears in even that small company seemed like a battlefield between Truth and error. Mr. Bancroft almost in temper, with apparent disgust coldly left the meeting, Mrs. Eddy kindly saying, "I have told the Truth." Think of it, Mrs. Eddy manifesting such love, and stating the eternal Truth alone, and her *own students* were her strongest opposers. Surely this was a wonderful hour. It affected me seriously. I could not comprehend the fact involved; no more could the others. I *felt* it was *true*, it must be so, because *she said so*. I trusted *her personally*. The doubt expressed by the others was overwhelming and a

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hint was started of leaving her, which some of them did later on. The human attachment with me however prevailed over all other considerations. With loving loyalty to HER I decided to pursue her statements whatever others might do or say. I confess I felt that to say "man is infallible *now*," and like her to boldly declare such a thing was highly prejudicial to herself, her book, and her Cause. She then had more than she could bear and this added strong truth would kill the interest already aroused. The human conflict waged its warfare. This did not daunt our beloved Leader's position, nor blind her inspired understanding of man and God. Not a student present grasped the divine import of her words, nor the glorious power they were awakening in them to health and the reality of their being. Surely she was working with dull disciples. But wherefore and to what end? Did one of *us* heal the sick instantly? Did one of us reveal or realize the Truth, the Christ-love that overcame sorrow, poverty, sin, disease or death, suffering or ignorance as she was doing?

Alone

Yes, that she was doing unaided and alone; so dreadfully alone. Even these her own students did not help in these higher demands of love for man and God, or for their *own* emancipation from evil!

"You are infallible now!" Some months later these very words uttered in the silent strength of divine Love by our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy, who personally came to my bedside, healed me of a terrible attack of diphtheria instantly and has been already published. It was then she made me know that such a statement of Truth was not for FUTURE realization; *Truth is NOW*, here now.

No Help from Students

What wonder Mrs. Eddy felt she was alone. Who but she could have attained this divine understanding of man's real being! Do you who labor so earnestly, so unselfishly, and so faithfully for the Cause of Christian Science, who

become tired and weary with unattained effort, lack of demonstration, unanswered hopes, ever longing for more of the true insight of divine Principle, know of these great battles fought, not with weapons of the carnal, the defeats heroically overcome, the unrecognized victories, that this one woman, Mrs. Eddy, so gloriously met and conquered with no help and no guidance except God? Just this one experience was a *miracle* and I witnessed it. A greater miracle than the world can now understand. Mrs. Eddy tells us in *Miscellaneous Writings*, page 355, "Less teaching and good healing is today the acme of 'Well done.' This absolute demonstration must be revived."

God speed the inheritance this mighty woman with a mighty revelation has given to mankind.

This is the only copy I have written on this subject.

[Excerpted from Reminiscences of Clara Elizabeth Choate,
Miscellaneous Documents]



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MRS. Eddy tells us in *Miscellaneous Writings* that all mortals will be driven out of their houses of clay. Her writings also teach us how to come out of the belief that we dwell in a house of clay— are confined in a matter body— before we are *driven* out. We learn from our textbook that we "live and move and have our being" in infinite Mind, and it is up to us to practice and prove this truth.

Control Over Body

Jesus demonstrated his control over the body by appearing and disappearing on occasion. Mrs. Eddy did the same thing, but this material age has denied and tried to bury the evidence.

In the early 1950's the author was told by a

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reputable source that Mrs. Eddy had spent a week or two with a student in California, but callow youth and spiritual immaturity rejected this statement at that time with the remark that Mrs. Eddy never travelled farther west than Chicago. Learning in later years that similar stories were whispered behind closed doors in Boston, she regretted not having pursued the information when it was available.

One very important thing that is available to us today is the statement on body that Mrs. Eddy copyrighted on January 19, 1886 at the Library of Congress. We all need to work with this article daily, and because it is not in Prose Works we are reproducing it here for ready reference.

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by Mary Baker Eddy

THE term Mind and body literally means God and man, for man is the embodiment of Mind. Therefore man is God's body and there is but one God. Body is therefore the aggregation of spiritual ideas, forever controlled and governed by the law of Life, harmonious and eternal. This understanding of perfect body is the savior of the belief of body and is the law of recovery to any and every claim of error.

It seemed a wonderful thing when advanced thinkers began to perceive certain mental laws and to apply them to the healing of the body. This mental teaching is that man is the builder or creator of his body, that he builds or forms his body by his thought, and therefore that, if he has built a sick body by wrong or ignorant thinking, he can build a well body by right thinking, that by his ignorant inharmonious thought he prevents God from manifesting, and by his true and harmonious thought he brings God into manifestation.

Of course, this is a great advance over the old drug system, but it does not go far enough to satisfy the one who

wishes the whole truth and nothing but the truth. It makes the body a battle ground for opposing and contending forces, wrong thinking tearing down, right thinking building up; wrong thinking creating disease, right thinking destroying disease and bringing in healthy conditions, for this teaching deals only with the changing conditions of the personal mentality and not with the changeless states of being, the changeless Mind, the omnipresence. It is better than the old way but it is a hard way, a way of constant battle between good and evil, of hard work and doubtful results, because it deals with two powers instead of one.

Practically all metaphysical teachers agree that there is one presence, therefore one power, but they balk at the next step, which is that one power must mean one activity. Omnipresence means the full measure of God as all, that God is everywhere, all the time. It means that God and his activity is all there is, not only of the invisible, but of the visible, not only the formless, but the formed. Therefore it must follow that the formed is as perfect as the formless, the manifest is as perfect as the unmanifest; for since there is but one unchanging creator, one activity, one power, one perfect Mind bringing forth its own perfect substance, it logically follows that all form is changeless and eternally perfect.

Paul tells us, not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God. Our sufficiency to think is of God; our ability to form beliefs and opinions is of our own ignorance, our belief in duality, but our power or sufficiency to think is when we think with God, as God. From this basis then, we see that man's wrong or ignorant beliefs and opinions and misinterpretations do not create or produce conditions in the body or in God's substance anywhere. Wrong thinking, which is really mental chaos and confusion itself, has no power to create. It does not create conditions of disease. The wrong thinking itself, the mental confusion and chaos itself is the condition, for the condition is wholly and entirely of the personal mentality.

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There is no condition in substance, for substance is God. A condition is not a tangible something which has been created in the body by a belief of evil or an ignorant attitude. The definition given in the College Normal Class is this: A condition is that conception of Truth which is limited and temporal. It is not something which the limited conception has created, but the limited conception itself. It has no place anywhere but in the realm of chaos and confusion, the place of opinions and conclusions, based on a false premise. That there is a condition, is all the condition there is.

The inharmonious belief does not create an inharmonious condition. The belief of lack is the lack. The belief of disease is the disease. That is why the body seems to change as man's thinking changes. It is simply as beliefs of disease and imperfections fall away, and our thinking is corrected and held true to Truth, so mental chaos and confusion no longer cloud our vision, that we see the body as God sees it, as it eternally is. Then it stands revealed to us in its beauty and its glory, the temple not made with hands. All that our ignorance does is to affect our vision, our view of things. It does not change anything that God has made.

We do not handle substance through our personal thought to change it. We only see according to our thought, our degree of enlightenment. Walt Whitman said, "the world is jagged and broken to him who is jagged and broken," to him whose mental realm is dark. If one's thought is ignorant and unenlightened, it changes his vision as a cloud of mist. As he looks through the cloud he sees the world, the body, all things, distorted, abnormal and wrong.

If the mental atmosphere is dark and dense, we see but dimly and are not able to perceive the perfection that is. Man does not by effort bring God into manifestation. Neither does he through wrong thinking prevent God's manifestation. God *IS*, and God is manifest, and it is not in the power of unenlightened personal thought or mental effort to obstruct or hinder the activity of God, or to mar or

to deface the perfection of God's creation.

The only thing that depends upon my thinking, the only thing that is affected by it, the only thing that responds to it, is my vision, my realization. I may be ignorant of the truth of the body, but that does not alter the body itself. It is whole and perfect now, not because I think it is, but because it is God manifest. Thinking with God, as God, shows me the perfection of the body, but the body is just as perfect before I knew it as after. God's substance does not cease to be perfect just because I am ignorant of its perfection nor does it become perfect because I find out the Truth. Its wholeness does not depend upon my degree of enlightenment. It is eternally perfect because it is eternally just what God is and there is no power anywhere to make it anything else. If we are looking at it through a mental fog, opinions, doubts, fears, confusion, we shall not perceive its perfection, but that does not change the body itself any more than looking at the sun through a fog changes the sun.

All the thought that the earth was flat, did not flatten the earth, did it? It just went right on being what it was, and the only thing that changed, or could change, was man's thought about it. Of course, until he reached that place, he lived as if his ignorance was the truth.

We hear a lot about spiritualizing the body through thought. This teaching regards the body as physical or material and undertakes to change matter into Spirit through mental effort. Divine Science, from the basis of omnipresence, teaches that, since there is but one substance and that substance is Spirit, there is no material body. The body is Spirit now. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Just so long as you are trying to spiritualize the body, or to heal the body through your own effort, just so long as you are trying to create health, you are laboring in vain, for you are trying to do God's part, to do that which has already been done.

We live in a universe of perfect form. Not only our body, but all that is formed is literally the body of God and

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is perfect now. To believe that the infinite substance has been malformed through the ignorant mental activity of the individual, and must be redeemed and perfected through the same activity, is to see not one power, but two. There is no condition in the body. There is nothing in the body to be rebuilt or straightened or healed. There is nothing to change. There is nothing needed but to see God. Stand ye still and see the salvation of the Lord. Your spoken word is not needed to make wholeness manifest, for the wholeness is the eternal state of the unseen and the seen, the unformed and formed; but it is needed for your unfoldment, for the unfolding and broadening and deepening of the individual until he realizes this perfection. Stop trying to think God into manifestation. God is manifest now. God's glory and perfection are everywhere visible to him that hath eyes to see.

All we need to do— and it will keep us busy— is to train our thought faithfully and persistently in the acknowledgement of the truth of God's presence, train it to judge righteous judgment, to see God and God only, to think God, and God only. Having accepted the omnipresence, hold to it no matter what the apparent condition may seem to be. In treating yourself, never deal with appearances or symptoms. Do not center your thought upon organs or functions. Infinite substance, power, intelligence, and activity are in that place and do not need your suggestions. Do not try to formulate in thought the perfect body. Stop thinking about the body or trying to picture it as perfect from your standpoint. Our highest perception of the body is far short of what the body really is. Stop tinkering with it mentally. Loose it and let it go. Just know that it is God's body and that God is this moment and every moment forming it or bringing it forth according to His Word, His divine idea. Jesus recognized Lazarus as an undying manifestation of God.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I write to express gratitude...especially for [Joyellen Reaves'] superb article "M.A.M.— Handling or Being Handled?" I shall refer to it and study it again and again. It is a precious gift.

Philip Carne
London, England

Handling Animal Magnetism

Many years ago, before World War II, I had this dream. I was near the edge of a precipice, and four men came at me to throw me over the edge of the precipice. I said to myself, this is only animal magnetism, and the four men disappeared. As, you might say, an aftermath of this occurred during World War II. I was serving in the Royal Canadian Navy, and my ship was in Key West, Florida for a night. I went ashore and went for a walk, and must have gotten into a rather rough section of the town, and went by a saloon. Four men, who were Irishmen who had been drinking quite heavily, came out of the saloon. Seeing my uniform and cap, which is just like the English except it has H.M.C.S. on the cap instead of H.M.S., took me for an English sailor and came toward me, surrounded me and started beating me and threatening me angrily. I didn't say a word, but I just lifted my thought and consciousness way above the human situation into the Secret Place of the Most High, and felt perfectly calm and secure. After threatening me and scolding me for a while, one of them said to the leader and the others: "Let's leave him. He isn't paying any attention to us," and he got the others to move along. After they had left, a man who was standing nearby came to me and said: "If those four men had jumped on you, I would have been right in there to help you." I thanked him, and went along rejoicing, knowing that God is our ever-present help and Deliverer, and savest us from the violence of man.

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Science and Health— she tells us: “An evil and artful mind is all the satan there is; and this is the fallen angel, or abused capacity; such a mind learning its control over other minds, will take the reins into its teeth,...this mind works its spell in some manner on all it would harm, because the barriers against evil influences from such a source are not understood by the world in general and the door is not readily closed against them.” (p 107)

Put Up Barriers and Close Doors

It was the dire experiences Mrs. Eddy suffered from Richard Kennedy’s malicious mental malpractice that taught her how to put up barriers and to close doors against this evil. If we have not learned to put up barriers and to close doors against mental evil— and all evil is mental— it is imperative that we do so *now!* Study and *use* the imperative statements in the textbook.

Mrs. Eddy’s Allegory in *Miscellaneous Writings* (p 323) is the story of Mary Baker Eddy and her mission. *She* is the Stranger that descends from the celestial city, meets and subdues the venomous serpents and beasts of prey in the path, and knocks at the portals of human consciousness with her divine healing message.

God’s Messenger Rejected

But, Alas! She and her divine message are rejected by all save a few who gather in the valley of humility to ascend the mountain with her.

But this rejection of Christ’s Second Coming by the world and even by Christianity in general is not the end of the story. When we do not or will not learn in any other way, experience will teach us. Two paragraphs in her Allegory foretell the next step:

Rejection Brings Severe Experience

“Once more he [she] seeks the dwelling-place of mortals and knocks loudly. The door is burst open, and sufferers shriek for help: that house is on fire! The flames

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caught in the dwelling of luxury, where the blind saw them not, but the flesh at length did feel them; thence they spread to the house of slumberers who heeded them not, until they became unmanageable; fed by the fat of hypocrisy and vainglory, they consumed the next dwelling; then crept unseen into the synagogue, licking up the blood of martyrs and wrapping their altars in ruins. 'God is a consuming fire.'

"Thus are all mortals, under every hue of circumstances, driven out of their houses of clay and, homeless wanderers in a beleaguered city, forced to seek the Father's house, if they would be led to the valley and up the mount." (Mis 326:5) This hour is upon us. "Once more [our Leader] seeks the dwelling-place of mortals and knocks loudly." The prophecy of this hour sounds very much like TEOTWAWKI, doesn't it? "The world as we know it" today embraces and exalts sensualism, sexuality, and selfishness which are manifesting a society embroiled in faithless marriages, pornography, drug addiction, alcoholism, abused children, senseless murders, political wars in the name of peace, and loss of freedom and righteous government. The reason it seems to be in this condition is because of its rejection of the Second Coming of the Christ.

As In the Days of Noah

The world's rejection of Christ's first appearing— the Manhood of God presented by Jesus of Nazareth— was followed by a thousand years of Dark Ages. The rejection of God's Womanhood has even greater consequences. Isaiah wrote of Christ's womanhood: "For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. [Were not these words a comfort to our Leader when she was rejected and refused?] For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. ...For this is as the waters of Noah unto me" (Is 54:6,7,9).

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Flames of Destruction

Mary Baker Eddy, Saint Paul, and Moses all told us that "God is a consuming fire." Mrs. Eddy also said in our textbook that the opposite of holy inspiration, which must be debased degeneracy of thought, might produce spontaneous combustion. Though God is a consuming fire, it is hatred and lust that produce the flames of their own destruction. If we are still believing that we have a mind of our own apart from the one Mind which is God, that belief, too, will suffer the flames of destruction. Part of the definition of fire in the Glossary reads: "destruction; affliction purifying and elevating man."

Is there anyone who does not need a purifying experience? "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." (Heb 12:6)

Millennial Glory

A great many people today are expecting "the end of the world as we know it" by the end of this millennium (which is *not* midnight, December 31, 1999: it is December 31, 2000) if not sooner. "As this consummation draws nearer, he who has shaped his course in accordance with divine Science will endure to the end." (S&H 96:25) "Bliss Knapp, one of Mrs. Eddy's most devoted students,...states that, 'Mrs. Eddy told my family the end would come—regardless—no later than the year 2001...' (Private letter dated March 1, 1961)" (*The Healer*, David Keyston, p 189)

The marginal heading for the above paragraph in Science and Health is "Millennial glory;" however, there is work before us. "During this final conflict, wicked minds will endeavor to find means by which to accomplish more evil; but those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection." (S&H 96-97)

Maintain Law and Order

Are we accepting the violent and wicked crimes we

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see and hear on the daily news as fact? Or are we maintaining law and order in our own consciousness and aiding in the ejection of error by denying any power or reality to wicked minds endeavoring to accomplish more evil?

Are we prepared for the spontaneous combustion of malice or are we among the blind and the slumberers who do not see the flames until the flesh feels them? Those who discern Christian Science must “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) And we must remember that “Holy inspiration has created states of mind which have been able to nullify the action of the flames, as in the Bible case of the three young Hebrew captives, cast into the Babylonian furnace” (S&H 161:5).

The Secret Place

“The secret place of the most high” is our refuge and our fortress. It is up to Christian Scientists to help others to find this ark of safety, and to “cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection.”

Wicked minds are gloating today over the senseless evils being perpetrated upon and by innocent and ignorant victims through the mesmerism that Mrs. Eddy warned us of in 1875. *Science* alone can meet this challenge. Divine Mind cannot be mesmerized. If we cling to the belief that we have or are a mortal mind— one among many— we are subject to being mesmerized by another mortal mind more powerful and wicked than our own. If we forsake that false belief and have but one omnipotent Mind we can be strong and fearless midst chaos. What is more we can “cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection.”

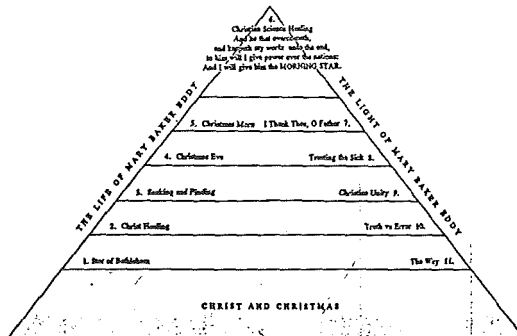
“[T]he battle is not yours, but God’s...Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you.” (II Chron 20:15,17) With the words of a favorite hymn, let us break the mesmerism endeavoring to engulf us and our world:

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A glorious day is dawning,
 And o'er the waking earth
 The heralds of the morning
 Are springing into birth.
 In dark and hidden places
 There shines the blessed light;
 The beam of Truth displaces
 The darkness of the night.

The advocates of error
 Foresee the glorious morn,
 And hear in shrinking terror,
 The watchword of reform:
 It rings from hill and valley,
 It breaks oppression's chain.
 A thousand freemen rally
 And swell the mighty strain.

The watchword has been spoken,
 The light has broken forth,
 Far shines the blessed token
 Upon the startled earth.
 To hearts and homes benighted
 The blessed Truth is given,
 And peace and love, united,
 Point upward unto heaven.



When we understand that the one business of evil is to lie, and assiduously to urge us to believe that lie, when we understand that the Christian Scientist's business is to know enough about God and man to enable him to refute that lie, then all claims of evil will appear to be what they are in the ultimate analysis, *nothing*, and we shall find the task of refusing to believe no more arduous in one instance than in any other.

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