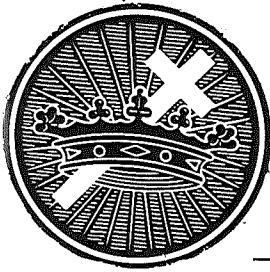


A lady with a lamp shall stand
 In the great history of the land
 A noble type of good
 Heroic womanhood.

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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."

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

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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

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“WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL — WATCH” JESUS

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Mary Baker Eddy

The frontispiece in *Science and Health* as Mrs. Eddy left it in 1910 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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END TIMES AND BEGINNINGS

[All quotations in this article, unless otherwise noted, are from Science and Health.]

TODAY there is conversation about end times in religious circles of all denominations midst a pervasive atmosphere of expectancy and suspense. When the disciples asked Jesus, "What shall be the sign...of the end of the world?" one of the things he told them was that "there shall be...earthquakes, in divers places." (Matt 24:3,7) In February (2000) you may have heard the report of an earthquake with the magnitude of more than 7.0 in the desert location of Joshua Tree, California. Little damage was reported, but Joshua Tree does hold interest for the curious because of a huge boulder, said by some to be the largest known in the world. This boulder, called Giant Rock, has been a part of religious tradition for native tribes since ancient times and prophecies have predicted that before the end of the world Giant Rock would split. It did not split on the day of the earthquake, but it has split since that time.

Time For Serious Thought

Such phenomena seem to be occurring world wide, and it is time for serious students to give scientific thought to *end* and *beginning*. We cling to the scientific truths in

our textbook when we need healing or when we want something, but tend to accept the world's ways most of the time. We should be preparing for the radiation of Spirit lest we be found hugging our tatters of materialism close about us.

Radiation of Spirit

“Vertebrata, articulata, mollusca, and radiata are mortal and material concepts classified, and are supposed to possess life and mind. These false beliefs will disappear, when the radiation of Spirit destroys forever all belief in intelligent matter.” (p. 556:3) “Let us disrobe error. Then, when the winds of God blow, we shall not hug our tatters close about us.” (201:14)

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning...

“This word *beginning* is employed to signify *the only*” (502:24). In the only God created...

Twoness

“It may be worthwhile here to remark that, according to the best scholars, there are clear evidences of two distinct documents in the early part of the book of Genesis. One is called the Elohistic, because the Supreme Being is therein called Elohim. The other document is called the Jehovistic, because Deity therein is always called Jehovah,— or Lord God as our common version translates it.

“Throughout the first chapter of Genesis and in three verses of the second,— in what we understand to be the spiritually scientific account of creation,— it is Elohim (God) who creates.” (523:14)

One

Exodus 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them.

In the only, Elohim created the heaven and the earth.

“HEAVEN. Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government by divine Principle; spirituality; bliss; the atmosphere of Soul.” (587)

“EARTH. A sphere; a type of eternity and immortality, which are likewise without beginning or end.” (585)

In the only Elohim created spirituality, the harmonious government by divine Principle which is the blissful atmosphere of Soul, and a type of eternity and immortality which are without beginning or end.

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

“In metaphor...*water* symbolizes the elements of Mind.” (507:1) Elohim moved upon the elements of Mind and said, “Let there be light;” and there was light.

“[S]olar beams are not yet included in the record...still there is light. ...there is no place where God’s light is not seen, since Truth, Life, and Love fill immensity and are ever-present. Was not this a revelation instead of a creation?” (504:8)

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First Day

Genesis 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

“EVENING. Mistiness of mortal thought; weariness of mortal mind; obscured views; peace and rest.” (586)

“MORNING. Light; symbol of Truth; revelation and

progress." (591)

When thought grows weary of the obscured views of mistiness (the mist), it turns from mortal mind to immortality and finds peace and rest. Then follows light, revelation and progress. The *first* evening and morning bring light.

Seven Days

Genesis 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

"Spiritual understanding, by which human conception, material sense, is separated from Truth, is the firmament." (505:7) Elohim said, "Let there be spiritual understanding midst the elements of mind to divide human conception from Truth— to separate the material from the spiritual."

The second weariness of mortal mind and its obscured views, and turning to the morning light brings spiritual understanding— the firmament— which Elohim called Heaven, harmony.

Joshua and his band "went seven times around these walls [of Jericho], the seven times corresponding to the seven days of creation: the six days are to find out the nothingness of matter; the seventh is the day of rest, when it is found that evil is naught and good is all." (Mis 279:16) Remember the seventh day to keep it entirely spiritual.

BUT

But there went up a mist. But implies a contradiction of or opposition to what has been stated. Opposed to the revelation of the one Mind, Elohim, "we find a suppositional presence called Lord God, Jehovah and his creation. The account of this is given in the second chapter of Genesis. Here the suppositional opposite, mortal man and his so-called mind, appears under the name of Adam. It is this Adam and this alone that needs to be annihilated,

saved or redeemed. ...Is it not Adam, this suppositional opposite of God and His idea, which claims to be you and your mind; that through which you must understand your way to final freedom?" (CCT 583-4)

Where Art Thou?

Our textbook says: "Above error's awful din, blackness, and chaos, the voice of Truth still calls: 'Adam, where art thou? Consciousness, where art thou? Art thou dwelling in the belief that mind is in matter, and that evil is mind, or art thou in the living faith that there is and can be but one God, and keeping his commandment?'" (307:31)

Sleep

"And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam" (Gen 2:21). "This is the first record of magnetism. Beginning creation with darkness instead of light,—materially rather than spiritually,—error now simulates the work of Truth, mocking Love and declaring what great things error has done. Beholding the creations of his own dream and calling them real and God-given, Adam—*alias* error—gives them names." (528:18)

Waking

From that time till this all mankind has been asleep in the Adam dream of the reality of materialism. There is no record in Genesis that Adam ever wakened from this *deep* sleep. The wakening came with the opening of the seven seals in Revelation, following which Saint John saw a new heaven and a new earth. This was not new. It was, and is, the eternality and immortality of Spirit that Elohim revealed in the first chapter of Genesis. The Christ Truth had wakened John from the deep sleep of the Adam dream.

And "the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost [divine Science],...shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance" (John 14:26). Divine Science does teach us all things, and as we reject and deny the materialism that

claims to envelope us and claim and affirm the spirituality of our being it does bring all things to our understanding and remembrance.

Remember

What need we remember? We need to remember all that has *no* beginning, for everything that has a beginning has an ending. "As both mortal man and sin have a beginning they must consequently have an end, while the sinless, real man is eternal." (538:27)

"Truth has no beginning. The divine Mind is the Soul of man, and gives man dominion over all things. Man was not created from a material basis, nor bidden to obey material laws which Spirit never made; his province is in spiritual statutes, in the higher law of Mind." (307:25)

In the footsteps of the redemption of Adam, Herbert Eustace traces this line of light from Eve's awakening to the fact that the serpent beguiled her, to its final revelation as Science and Health. He says:

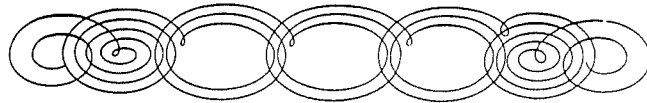
"You ask, what place and what relation to the Line of Light have those conditions of thought that appear as pagan and unenlightened nations? They have exactly the same relation to the Line of Light that your anger and passion have to your highest sense of Principle. Then you ask, what relation have the more enlightened nations, the so-called Christian nations, to the Line of Light? They have the same relation that John the Baptist had to Christ. In other words, human material sense whether under the guise of good or bad has no relationship whatever to the true Light.

"But you ask, have they no relationship to me? Yes, they certainly have a deep relationship to you as a mortal, for they are the very presence or activity of that which you, as a mortal, are accepting as your mind. They, one and all, are included in the unity of evil called this human or Adam-mind, and, as such, must be annihilated by the one Mind and its activity that is infinite Principle. This will not do away with person, place or thing, but it will find God as the one person, the one place, the one thing and will totally

destroy everything that is unlike this person, place and thing that God is. 'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.' (John 12:32)

"Face this fearlessly and with confidence. To hide from it and to hide from the responsibility of it, will never gain you anything, but to look from the shadow to the substance will bring you joy and contentment. 'Every object in material thought will be destroyed, but the spiritual idea, whose substance is in Mind, is eternal.' (S&H 267:1)" (CCT 642-3)

If every object in material thought will be destroyed, we need to start now to use the firmament, spiritual understanding, to divide the waters from the waters, to divide the spiritual elements of mind from the so-called material elements of mind. Error comes to an end. Truth is. It has no beginning and it goes on forever.



FULL-ORBED AND FINAL

"COULD there be anything more to reveal than that which Science and Health has revealed? 'Truth is revealed. It needs only to be practised.' (S&H 174:20) If we do not understand that the truth revealed in Science and Health is final, we shall be forever seeking elsewhere for the truth and never finding it. It is failure to understand the finality of Science and Health, and why it is final, that is the cause of the constant wandering into the highways and byways of human belief, the looking to other books, other ways and means on the part of Christian Scientists which eventually is their utter undoing.

"Just as Jesus finished, in his own appearance and work, the personal sense of the Christ, and declared, 'It is finished,' so Science and Health just as completely and truly finishes the impersonal appearing of the Christ. Both the personal and the impersonal, the Word and its scientific

explanation, are finished." (CCT 612-13)

One Way

"In studying mathematics, you do not waste a moment considering whether there is more than one multiplication table, or whether something will arise to make mathematics clearer. You are in no doubt on the point that there is only one mathematics and one multiplication table, and that that one must be mastered and understood.

"Is it not essential, then, to be equally certain whether or not Science and Health is the final word of Mind? Reason must be absolutely satisfied, then there will be no desire to wander from the straight path of the Line of Light and turn either to the right hand or to the left. 'Thine ear shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it.' (Isa 30:21)" (CCT 581-2)

After ordaining the Bible and Science and Health as pastors on this planet, Mrs. Eddy wrote:

Friends, I have little to say to you, since I have already written all there is to be said of genuine truth until the last trump is sounded. The time cometh and is not far off when the Czar of Russia, the Emperor of China, the Queen of England, the Mikado of Japan, the Sultan of Turkey, the King of Italy, the presidents of France and United States, and all potentates, together with every mortal man and woman within their domains shall bow before the little book whose right foot is set upon the sea and his left foot on the earth, and whose hands compass the universe. And wherefore? Because it is the Word of the one God, the one crowned Head of the Universe, the Mind, Spirit, and Soul of man. It hath the words of eternal life; it giveth healing; it destroyeth death; it hath victory over the grave; it is the unction of Spirit; it hath the law of the spirit of Life which through Christ freeth men from the law of sin and death; yea, it interpreteth the divine Principle of all that is real and eternal, and giveth the divine rule of the application of this Spirit and its demonstration with signs following. Let this book and the Bible be forever the Pastor of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

ALL PROPHECY IS FULFILLED

By Martha Wilcox

ALL prophecy has been fulfilled. The Christ as impersonal consciousness appeared in Mrs. Eddy's consciousness, and she has given it to us through her writings. Nothing further is required to guide us into all truth. Mrs. Eddy typifies the "woman clothed with the sun" spoken of in Revelation, whose babe, divine Science, "was to rule all nations."

Christian Science originated in the first chapter of Genesis and has been on its way until, in an age promised by Christ Jesus (this present age), the immaculate conception of Christ, or Truth, has appeared in its fullness and completeness as divine Science. At this time the coming of the Christ, or Saviour, heralded a purely spiritual type or model, and it came to the spiritualized consciousness of a woman. This woman, Mary Baker Eddy, is not only the Discoverer and Founder of the Christian Science movement; but when correctly estimated, she is the Leader of this movement throughout all time.

Mary Baker Eddy, like Abraham and Moses, the patriarchs and the prophets, stands for something far greater than a good personality or a good human being. When correctly understood, Mary Baker Eddy stands for the full and complete revelation of divine Science; she stands for the full egoistic consciousness, the revealed Christ.

The Truth that we have today is the same Truth that appeared to Abraham and Moses, only in complete revelation. It was not a new truth or a new phase of Truth that some thought Christ Jesus to be; it was the same Christ that revealed himself in the days of the patriarchs. Neither is it a new truth nor a phase of Truth that we are receiving through Mrs. Eddy, the transparency of this age.

Our real selfhood has appeared on the horizon of our thought. The question is what are we, as individual students of this Science, going to do with this revelation?

Each individual here today is individually the Christ or is egoistic consciousness. We, too, are "fixed stars in the heaven of Soul." (Mis) Shall we, like the patriarchs, the prophets, Jesus and Mrs. Eddy, let this self-revealing Christ fulfill itself within us, and swallow up the personal and mortal misconception of ourselves? Students, let us have the moral courage and insist upon the facts of being, which alone will give us the power and glory of the Christ within us.

From 1938 Association Address



THE TRIUMPH OF WOMANHOOD

And I heard a great voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.. —St. John.

Down through the centuries
Echoes the world's lament
In its bewilderment,
Is there no Saviour?

Sin, death, and fear are rife,
Discord, disease, and strife.
Is there no hope of life
For these blind children?

Out from the black of night
Earth's tribulation
God's impartation
Steps to free mortals.

THE TRIUMPH OF WOMANHOOD

White-winged with victory,
Sense contradictory,
To change earth's history
Steps God's crowned woman.

Calmly she faces fear,
Placing her heel on sense;
In God's omnipotence
Treads on the dragon.

Mortals their freedom find,
Sin, fear and death they bind;
All is eternal Mind,
There is no matter.

Fiercely the dragon wars,
Earth's superstition,
Pride and tradition
Would crush Truth's mouthpiece.

Still Woman militant
Knowing by whom she's sent
Works on triumphant,
Truth is the victor.

A loud sweet song of praise,
Mankind in unison,
For God's crowned holy one
Rises to heaven.

Her holy work is done,
Heaven to earth has come,
God lifts his blessed one,
Thus ends earth's warfare.

Willis Vernon Cole

IDEA CANNOT GIVE OUTLINE TO PRINCIPLE

By Herbert W. Eustace

ONE of the most subtle arguments of malicious mind, in its attempt to turn you away from the path of exact Science to the jungle of human hypotheses, is that, because all is Mind to you, you have the right to interpret Mind as material possessions of one kind or another, and even as material medicine; in fact that there is no reason why you cannot put your own interpretation on Mind as anything that you please.

Do you think, as a Christian Scientist, it is given to you to put any interpretation you desire upon Mind? Because Mind is All-in-all, are you at liberty to go forward and try mentally to acquire what attracts your attention or suits your desires?— such as an automobile, a radio [TV or computer], a house, or some other material object, and then call it your demonstration of God with you? In mathematics do you for a moment think you have the right to interpret three times three as seven, if this seems expedient? For the moment, yes, you may seem to have the right, but you cannot possibly avoid the inevitable result. You cannot sow the wind and not “reap the whirlwind.” (Hos)

You can interpret Mind as this or as that to suit your own ends it is true, or as the apostle said, to “consume it upon your lusts.” But where does this lead you? Only into sophistry, and inevitably away from exact Science into a jumble of hypnotic suggestion with its accompanying materialization of thought.

Too much care cannot be taken to guard against yielding to the subtle hypnotic tendency of saying or thinking that this or that material thing is a gift of God, and is for me to have, and that I have a right to it and should have it, and then sanctimoniously feeling that the auto, radio, or other things wanted, and now acquired are Christian Science demonstration. Does not all this mean

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that in some way you think Mind produces things, which in turn you seek in order to satisfy your materiality? Such thinking gets you nowhere. Thought must be anchored to Mind which alone sustains and satisfies its own idea. Anything less is only a form of hypnotic suggestion.

Communion is always between Mind and its idea and never between what appears as ideas. This communion is seen in a definite and practical way, but the outlining of it must be left to Mind, Who always rewards "openly." All that the idea could possibly need is its Mind, its Principle, and in turn this Principle defines itself completely as the idea. However, the appearance must be left to divine wisdom, not to human manipulation. God appears each instant in the language best for each one.

From "Why Am I A Christian Scientist?"



MRS. EDDY ON CHURCH

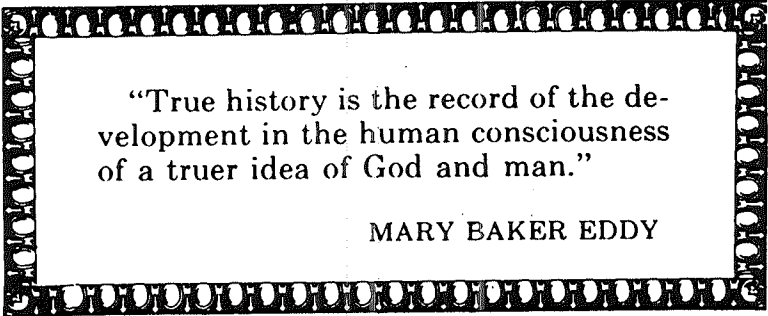
The thought of advanced students should be turned away from too much church attendance. It is not to limit but to broaden their viewpoint— to free their thought from a sense that God is to be found only in church services. To be sure, attending church is a step in the student's progress, but if his concept of church stagnates at that point and his demonstration of church does not gradually broaden to cover everything, then spiritual growth ceases, even with the most punctilious church attendance.

You don't think you go to church to worship God, do you, as we used to think and do? Our God isn't to be worshipped, but expressed.

When Christian Scientists learn to live together, there will be no need for churches.

Mary Baker Eddy's Six Days of Revelation

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

MESSAGES IN CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS

IN a recent conversation (which was quite unsatisfactory) with a devout, spiritually-minded Christian friend, I was reminded of the elderly, grandfatherly man in the seventh picture in *Christ and Christmas*. A dear Christian Scientist had pointed out a message in that picture which I had not seen before,— that is, that the little girl (the child-thought or receptive thought) sitting in the light reading *Science and Health*, is sitting in a chair with a solid or firm foundation, while the kindly elderly gentleman (old theology) is sitting in a rocking chair with a changeable foundation.

Vacillating Foundation

My friend was on this vacillating foundation trying to reconcile the spiritually scientific record in Genesis 1 with the Adam creation in the second chapter, calling them both real and true; which brought our conversation to an impasse. Little wonder that our Leader had to hide the truths in *Science and Health* as well as these messages in her pictures for the enlightened thought to discover. For centuries Christendom had been accepting two creators, endeavoring to reconcile Truth with error, the spiritual with the material, until Mrs. Eddy's discovery in 1866 which put

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it on a firm foundation and taught how to separate the tares from the wheat,— to have one cause and to differentiate between Truth and error. “The Science of Mind excludes opposites, and rests on unity.” (Ret 75:18)

Dull Disciples

But, Alas! Devout Christians who thought they were waiting and watching for Christ’s Second Coming, rejected it when it appeared. It was the sick, the dying, the desperate who accepted it with rejoicing. Yet, even as the healing and rejoicing increased and her followers multiplied to millions, Mrs. Eddy could still lead them only one slow step at a time. She is recorded as having said that sometimes she wanted to tell her students to hurry up! She also once wrote that her present idea of heaven was to have one who understood her.

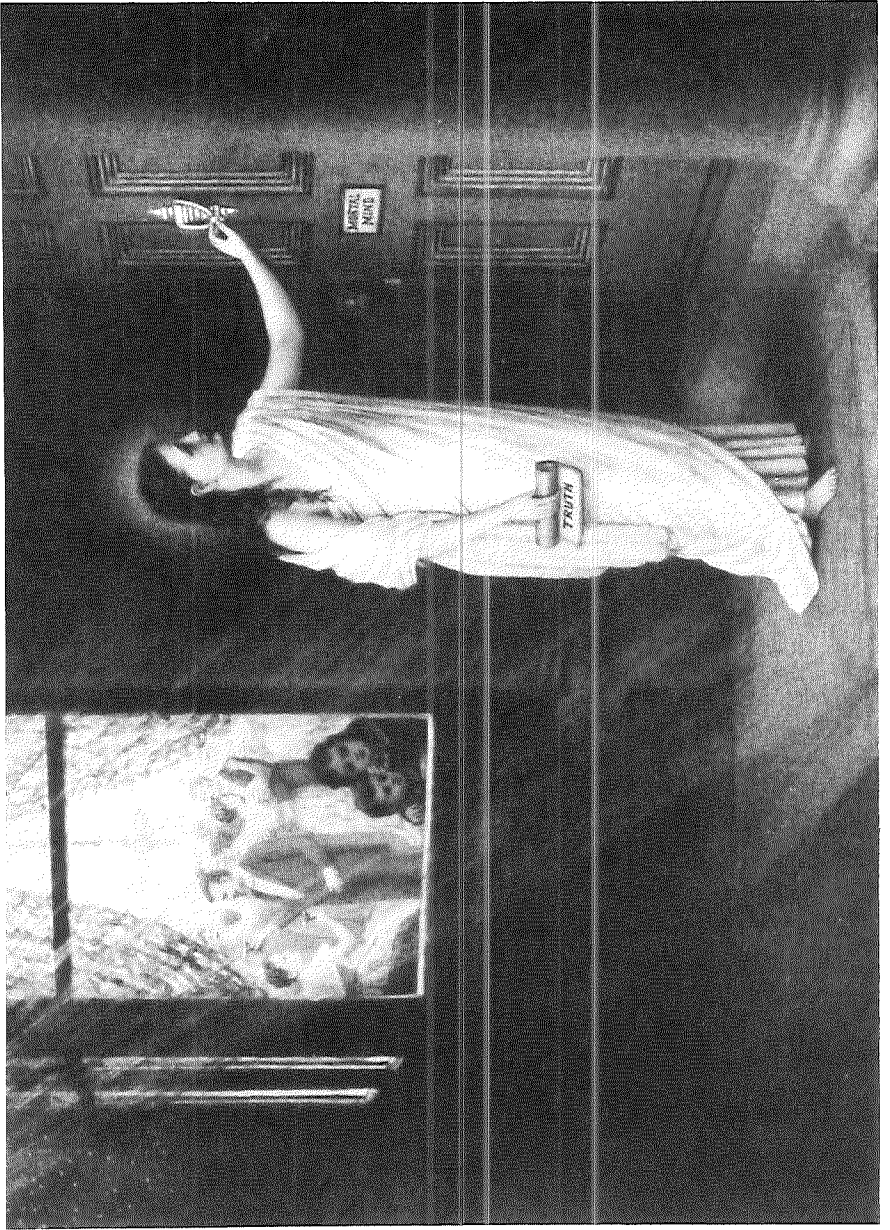
Her artist at the easel for *Christ and Christmas*, though spiritually inclined and receptive, had very little understanding of many of the messages the pictures were to convey.

Inspired

Mrs. Eddy outlined the design for each picture and inspired him in its execution, often with many criticisms, corrections, and changes. But for one of the paintings he was so inspired that when Mrs. Eddy first saw it she was moved to tears of joy and said, “It is the perfect representation of the ideal I had in thought...”

This painting was entitled “Truth *versus* Error” and became the penultimate picture in the book. The words TRUTH on the scroll and MORTAL MIND on the plaque on the door are clearly legible in early editions.

But in later editions Mrs. Eddy changed the picture of Truth knocking at the door of mortal mind, making it more graphic and less obvious. The printing on the scroll and on the door plaque are not easily discernible, and I am sure to the artist’s sense the checkerboard floor mars the



"Truth versus Error" from the Third Edition (1897) of *Christ and Christmas*



"Truth versus Error" from the Eighth Edition (1907) of *Christ and Christmas*

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beauty of the scene. It is easy to see why Mr. Gilman often resisted Mrs. Eddy's suggestions.

Nonetheless the checkerboard floor of light and dark describes Mrs. Eddy's experience in presenting the Oneness of being to mortal mind steeped in duality and clinging tenaciously to both good and evil, Spirit and matter as real.

Though I prefer the beauty of the first design, the checkerboard is a constant reminder to apply mental anatomy, to disentangle "the interlaced ambiguities of being," (S&H 114) to "[h]old thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good and the true" (S&H 261), and to have a solid foundation of one God, one cause, one Mind. Is not this the message in the sixth picture, "Christian Science Healing," wherein Mrs. Eddy is pointing upward to the light with one finger?



BEWARE! BEWARE! BEWARE!!

STUDENTS who have read the watches in the Blue Book have probably wondered what was on page 199 when they read this one:

Watch - Beware! Beware! Beware!!

Watch and pray.

Study.

Demonstrate Truth!

See *Christian Science Journal*, Vol.V, page 199. (DCC 44)

In the July, 1887 *Christian Science Journal* we found a section entitled Animal Magnetism, and under that heading on page 199 we found the following article.

BEWARE!

[Abstract of an extempore discourse, delivered May 22, in

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Chickering Hall, Boston, by Captain S. F. Linscott, of Chicago.]

BEWARE, lest men spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of this world, and not after Christ. Colossians ii.8.

We cannot comprehend the value of this warning, except we put ourselves in the place of Paul, and the people he addressed. This is really the thing for us to do, with every utterance in Scripture.

Nothing purposeless has been put on record. Out of all the teachings of the Master or of Paul, but few things were written down. To understand Scripture is to be filled with the Spirit of Christ,— which controlled those who wrote the Scriptures,— and live in the scenes in which they were written.

Our mortal minds are stirred by reading the words of Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Garrison, Phillips, Mary Livermore, and Frances Willard, because we drink in the spirit of the times which stimulated these actors in civil reform.

Students in reform can see that God prepares the man for the hour, and the hour for the man.

There had been moral darkness on this planet, when Jesus was manifested to mortal sense, to sound the keynote of universal Truth, which has come ringing down to us through all the centuries. His words were like a torch in the hands of men going through the Mammoth Cave. His life was the embodiment of the Truth he taught. His death, to speak figuratively, was God's crimson seal on the charter of love to men.

The value of his life and words to the world depended on the purity of the understanding and teachings of his disciples. If the Truth at all times could be lifted up unveiled, it would be demonstrated in the hands of disciples, as we hear it stated in his word; for he told them so. Paul proved this to his students. The standard was high. It required spiritual discernment.

The great world of materialism was filled with all

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manner of philosophies, secret and mystic doctrines, as well as malicious thought against the new Divine Science of Being introduced by Jesus and Paul. God had placed their feet on the rock. To move away from it, was to wade through this great sea of material thought. Not to be in this sea of mortal-mind belief, was as impossible as for us not to be daily in the atmosphere which we breathe. For them not to take in some of the mesmeric influence, was as difficult as for us not to breathe this air in which we live.

Paul drank in all the importance of the times. The welfare of the human race seemed to hinge on the stability of the men who were to preach the Master's words of Love, Truth, and Life, and thus demonstrate its power to heal sorrow, sin, and sickness. For us to go back and stand in Paul's place, in such times, is to be able to analyze the text.

For us to read the history of the degeneration of men from the stature of Paul, down through the dark ages; to note the coming-in of the man-made creeds of Luther, Calvin, and Wesley; to look at the mighty Propaganda of the Romish Church, knowing the intelligence of the age; seeing the Master's words set at naught, in his order of demonstration of the Truth, to save from all pain and sorrow,— all this is to bring us to the hour of Christian Science, and to the words of caution from the noble apostle of Christ, who founded this Science. Beware! Beware!! Beware!!! Watch and pray, study, demonstrate Truth!

Remember! You stand, as Christian Scientists, in the same mesmeric atmosphere that existed in Paul's days; and there are many subtle philosophies, touching almost the very hem of its garment. We have Psychometry, Theosophy, Spiritualism, Theology,— all founded on the mortal-mind basis, or on the letter of the Word. Among these, Christian Science stands out like a promontory in the sea, and these *isms* and *ologies* are like the washed rocks beneath it.

The age is hardly ready for Christian Science in its purity, but to you belongs the duty of holding it above the dust. Think it! Live it! Preach it! Prove it! *Know* that God is all, and He is Good; beside Him there is none else: "All is

BEWARE!

God and His idea." The ignorance of the world says: The objective forms are the real. Science of Being says: God is Spirit, and His ideas are spiritual. His creations are all spiritual. He thought and spoke the worlds into existence. In Him, in His Mind, all living things, "live, move, and have their being."

The cause of harmony is subjective, and manifests itself objectively. All discord has subjective causation, and the remedy must be the Truth of Life, which, when demonstrated, is peace, or salvation from all error and discord.

The hour is propitious. The Science is fraught with great promise of help for the ignorant and suffering. History is repeating itself in the opposition methods of the old times,— Crucify! Crucify!

The gentle woman who had the courage of her convictions— and hurled this great book, Science and Health, in the face of error and superstition— should be heard in every part of our great land, that she may be justified. Those whom she has so kindly befriended should not forget the law of kindness, in their efforts to be just. "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." She has set the great world thinking on a great subject. She has been honored of God, in her struggle through poverty and disease, to help us into the Kingdom in such an hour as this. Our hearts should be filled with praise, not envy.

Like Christianity itself, Christian Science has won a name and virtue that invites many unworthy pretenders. It will live, because born of God in the thought of a saint. It is exactly the gospel our Master taught and lived. As in his day, with his disciples, this reform came not from palace or crown, but from the cross. Let us study to understand, that we may never ignorantly traduce so rich a blessing to our race.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES - The French National Assembly has adopted Europe's toughest anti-sect legislation , creating a new crime of "mental manipulation."

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TODAY'S WORK

TODAY it is not so much destroying some evil or diseased condition or of bringing into existence some needed supply that is important, but whether we are the mental and moral state of righteousness which is health, abundance, and all good things. There is a reason why our sickness and sin, trouble and lack, have not vanished, or have not been replaced with the abundance of every good thing. If we do not have as our consciousness that which is all good, it is little wonder that we have not received the good that rightly belongs to us. Until we stop praying for our body to be healed and our purses to be filled, we do not understand the truth of our own being.

Martha Wilcox
1938 Association Address



INSTRUCTIONS TO A STUDENT

Mary Baker Eddy

Declare with conviction and steadfastness: "I will be ever conscious of my unity with God,— listen for His voice and hear no other call. I will separate all error from my thought of man and see him only as my Father's image.

"I will keep my mental home a sacred place, redolent with Love, golden with gratitude, white with purity and cleansed from self-will and fleshly desires. I will send no thought into the world that will not bless, cheer, purify or heal.

"I will have no other aim than to make earth a fairer, holier place and to rise each day into a higher sense of Life and Love."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The...enclosed is for an extra copy of the July, 2000 T.I.C.S. pamphlet. I want to give it to a friend. I am so impressed with the article "A Wonderful Story" and I want to pass it on. Mr. Schooley certainly had perceived the Truth and how to apply it! I've never heard of this article before and am so grateful to you for publishing it. I study it every day, as it bears much studying.

Jeanne Arp
Spirit Lake, Iowa

In the latest issue, I have particularly appreciated Katrin Schoonmaker's article. It is inspiring me to think deeply on related subjects.

Royce Wells
Austin, Texas

Some time ago I was pondering the messages our Leader hid in *Christ and Christmas*. I was looking at picture number 7 of the old man and the child. I noticed that old theology was in a rocking chair— not a solid foundation, but vacillating between two standpoints. The child with Science and Health was on a chair with a solid foundation. I also noticed that in picture three, "Seeking and Finding," Mrs. Eddy is on a solid chair, a firm foundation. This seemed significant to me, so I checked to see which other pictures had a person in a rocking chair— an unsure foundation. I discovered that in picture 4, "Christmas Eve," the elderly grandmother is in a rocking chair. In picture 8, "Treating the Sick," the practitioner is in a rocking chair. All of these rocking chairs look like the same one, the same moveable or changeable foundation. I have cherished and pondered this enlightenment, to make sure that my practice of Christian Science is on a firm foundation— nothing but God, good going on!

This morning I was reading in *The Founding* where

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you have pointed out the different type styles in the original version of *Christ and Christmas* and the messages given by the different styles. You pointed this out in a recent issue of T.I.C.S. [March, 2000]. I was again drawn to the meaning of the rocking chairs. You will be interested to know that each of these pictures with the rocking chairs falls into type styles 3 and 4. You have pointed out that these styles "take us back to meet the serpent of animal magnetism." That is not surprising, is it?

There is so much to learn from our Leader's works. Thank you for pointing out so many wonderful things.

Name withheld by request

I first read your book *Principle and Practice* during the primary campaign in 1995-96 and it completely changed my politics. I had been thinking about the decline in our society during the past 30-40 years as a result of the Democratic social program (for which I had generally voted) and your book helped me see the underlying principles and why those programs had the reverse effect. Your book had a very profound impact on my thinking in terms of everyday application. The Science contained certainly helped to clarify my thinking as well and I have been very grateful to you ever since. ...

I am somewhat active in the Internet Yahoo Message Boards pertaining to Christian Science...Those who utilize the Yahoo ChristianScienceIssues board are very much aware of the importance of recognizing Mrs. Eddy's place to the prosperity of Christian Science. We are somewhat divided as to the estoppel clauses, court cases, and loyalty to The Mother Church, but the message board provides a wonderful vehicle to honestly express and discuss these issues.

Nancy S. Dargle
Seneca, South Carolina

The article in the back of the November, 1999 TICS is so wonderful. I would like a little more history about

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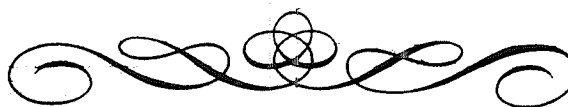
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Mable Ayers. I knew her when I lived in San Diego County (La Mesa, CA) in 1979-1984. I was in CS Nursing training at Sunland Home at that time. Miss Ayers was one of the residents there for a while, and was so inspirational for all of us. I have a special memory of her as I had an instantaneous healing in her room one night. Now I know why. She was a "chosen one" it seems. I have never forgotten her, and I also now know why that is so.

Maysel J. Weyer
Pismo Beach, California



THE CARNAL MIND

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. —Paul

Thrice damned carnal mind, belief of dust,
Thy dream-existence is a false pretense.
Thou mist of earth that hath no real substance,
Whence came this earthly chaos, mortal rust?
This lie that ends in naught, begins in lust?
Vague is thy kingdom. Thy weak influence
Doth dream-like fade 'fore God's omnipotence;
From Mind's all-presence thou art ever thrust.
Hate, falsehood, malice, sickness is thy plan,
Adultery, murder, death, disease and fraud,
To rupture brotherhood, debase true man,
Thou carnal mind at enmity with God.
Consumed in thine own self-destroying flame,
Fade back to nothingness, from whence thou came.

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IMMORTAL MIND

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. —David

Immortal Mind, by whom were all things
wrought;
Eternal One, whose affluence creates
All true ideas, all perfect postulates,
Whose might omniscient, might to all hath
brought;
The carnal mind of earth to Thee is nought.
A knowledge of pure Mind annihilates
The flimsy fables of earth's loves and hates
And blesses those who know the power of
thought.
Creative Mind that fills immensity,
The central sun of every true idea,
All thoughts and things of pure propensity
Do circle in Thy light,— Thy law revere.
Then glory, honor, majesty, domain
Be thine forever,— King forever reign!

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