



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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THE ACCUSER OF OUR BRETHREN

“AND I heard a loud 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

What is “the accuser of our brethren”? It is described by Jesus in Matthew 24:15 as “the abomination of desolation” standing “in the holy place.”

The Holy Place

What is “the holy place”? The holy place, “the holy of holies,” “the secret place of the most High,” is consciousness—the one and only place where we can experience true communion, our oneness with God.

Is your consciousness the holy place, the holy of holies? Of course it is! That is the whole message of the Bible. Once we have seen what our consciousness is, then we see the abomination of desolation standing in this holy place. That is when our mental work really begins in earnest. Up to this point we have been reading the lesson each day, rubbing Science and Health on our wounds, and rejoicing in our faith in Science and our lack of reliance on material medicine. But why do we not have more of the

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instantaneous healings of Mrs. Eddy's era? Because the accuser of our brethren accuses them before our God day and night.

A 24-7 Vigil

Entering this arena we quickly learn that it is a 24 - 7 vigil. The accuser accuses day and night. That is why our textbook says: "Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when awake." (442:32)

That sentence also identifies the accuser. Every thought that comes to consciousness, the holy place, is either an angel from God— an idea from infinite Mind,— or it is mental malpractice. Mrs. Eddy once told a student: "Now let me say— that mental malpractice must be met daily by all the students, met by your mental protest that breaks the so-called law of a lie, or you are liable to be affected by this lie *all unconsciously*. Dear one, *remember this.*"

Mental Malpractice

Be careful! You may slip.; What if we have a blowout at this speed!; That crazy driver is going to kill someone. Are these ideas from infinite Mind? Are you rejecting, refuting, and correcting them or are you entertaining them and a million more that assail us before our God day and night? This constant mental malpractice must be met daily by your mental protest.

"It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to defend himself daily against aggressive mental suggestion..." (Man 42)

The Abomination of Desolation

Aggressive mental suggestion, is the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place. And seeing what it is enables us to meet and handle it as Moses handled the serpent— and it became a staff. Every victory strengthens us. If aggressive mental suggestion starts with: "What if..."Don't let it go any farther. Silence it instantly with:

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“Impossible!” and follow that denial with a strong statement of truth from infinite Mind. We do not need to do God’s work. It is done, and perfect. The demand upon us is to silence the accuser. “Your true course is to destroy the foe, and leave the field to God, Life, Truth, and Love, remembering that God and His ideas alone are real and harmonious.” (S&H 419:4)

Clarence Steves, in his address entitled “The Scientific Statement of Being,” says: “If we are acting from the standpoint of person with a knowledge of Christian Science, then we are on the level of the belief. By accepting the infinitude of Mind as one’s present Mind, one annuls any claim of aggressive mental suggestion; and this gives the student the dominion promised in the Bible, because the student is not person, but is the activity of the Christ Mind itself.” (p. 21) Let the Christ mind be your only mind.

Do Not Be A Medium

In his book *Christian Science, Its Clear Correct Teaching*, Herbert Eustace writes:

No medium for evil: Evil can play no tune on you— find no answering response to its suggestions— unless you supply the string, the thought on which to play. If you supply no strings tuned to the chord of evil, it can do nothing.

A room may be strung with wires but a vibrating response to any chord introduced into that room will occur only when they are tuned in unison. “The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.” (John 14:30) (p. 343)

Accuser Cast Down

For several days before starting this article the words kept coming to consciousness: “For the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.” Having worked day and night many times for many years arresting obtruding thoughts by naming them aggressive mental suggestion, these words were a balm— “the accuser of our brethren is cast down.”

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Just where in the book of Revelation was the accuser cast down? It wasn't in any of the seven churches. It wasn't in the fall of the great city Babylon. It must be just before the new heaven and new earth appeared. Turning to Revelation 21 and reading to the end of the Bible revealed it not. You probably know already where the accuser is cast down. It is in Revelation 12 after the Woman brought forth her man child who is to rule all nations. Of course! It is Science and Health that cast down the accuser which accused our brethren before our God day and night. And it is done. It is accomplished. That is why Mrs. Eddy could go from Revelation 12 to Revelation 21, the new heaven and the new earth. And that is why we can do the same. "Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." Only personal sense sees discord and dismay. In "the secret place," in "the holy of holies,"— in our consciousness— is Science and peace.

Our Leader

"Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ" (Rev. 12:10), because Mary Baker Eddy cast down the accuser of our brethren. Are we grateful? Will we live Science and Health and go, as it does, from Revelation 12, the war in heaven, to Revelation 21, the new heaven and new earth? Our Leader's reminder to a student in the closing of a letter is a reminder to each of us: "Lovingly yours, ever your teacher and leader to Heaven, health, immortality!"



PROPHECY FROM SCIENCE AND HEALTH,

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TO break the fetters of this mortal belief, we must understand the scientific relationship between God and

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man, or Principle and its idea; but before this is really understood, the interval will be filled with approaches to it through belief; that will be attended with doubt, discord and sin.

The material world, at a future date, will become a spectacle of disorder and dismay on the one hand, and of science on the other. There will be convulsions of mind and consequently of matter, spasms of error, earthquakes, famine and pestilence. Sickness will become more acute, and death more sudden: but to those who spiritually understand results as in the science of being, length of days will be added, and harmony and immortality be near, even at the door. As material knowledge diminishes and Metaphysics are understood, Spirit will be made the only basis of generation. When this period arrives phenomena will be spiritually discerned and God understood in part, despite conflicting beliefs. Those who discern Life scientifically will hold in check those who are letting go of old opinions, and help restrain the outlawry of mesmerism, and support the power of law, and point out the certainty of God's retributive justice. The truly scientific will be a law to themselves of Love, Wisdom and Truth, and do violence to no idea, neither accuse any falsely. Sin will make deadly thrusts at the science of Life, as penal code goes out and gives place to higher law. But those controlled by Soul will spare if possible the rod, unlike the religious persecutions of past history, and possibly save the erring from material violence. The martyrs will be the adherents to science, in the coming centuries, and today their fate is foreshadowed. Penal law must meet the hour when he who hates his neighbor, will have no need to enter his door, to destroy his peace and prosperity, to harm his health, or to demoralize his household; for the evil mind will do this through mesmerism; and not *in propria persona* be seen committing the deed. This "irresistible conflict" awaits us, and must be met first by law, and next by *Science*, or mesmerism that scourge of man, will leave nothing sacred as mind becomes conscious of its latent powers. The mesmeric power will

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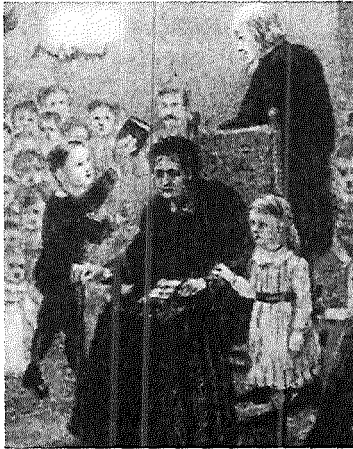
attempt to gloat revenge, malice, avarice, etc., but it will rebound on itself, and send the perpetrator of the foulest crimes to "his own place;" while metaphysical science shall pour blessings on all. (pages 62-63)



THE ROCKING CHAIRS

Joyellen Reaves

EACH time I study *Christ and Christmas* I find another message that I had not seen before. Some time ago I saw the significance of the rocking chairs in pictures 4 ("Christmas Eve"), 7 (which Mrs. Eddy called "Suffer Little Children"), and 8 ("Treating the Sick"). The rocking chair symbolizes an insecure foundation, twoness, good and evil, Spirit and materiality, in contrast with the solid chair Mrs. Eddy is in in picture 3 ("Seeking and Finding") and the child in picture 7— one firm basis, God, good as all.



From the Fourth Picture in *Christ and Christmas*
"CHRISTMAS EVE"

THE ROCKING CHAIRS

Three Degrees

Something new unfolded in my most recent work. In "Christmas Eve" the grandmother is in very black clothing, indicating the first degree of mortal mind, depravity (S&H 115). She appears very decrepit and aged. With both hands she is gripping the chair, holding fast to materiality or the belief of life in matter.

In picture 7 the man appears aged, but not so decrepit as the grandmother. His clothing is a little lighter, entering the second degree, evil beliefs disappearing (S&H 115). But notice he, too, is holding fast to the chair or mortal belief.



Seventh Picture in *Christ and Christmas*

I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. —Jesus



From the Eighth Picture in *Christ and Christmas*

“TREATING THE SICK”

Letting Go of Twoness

In picture 8 there is no evidence of age or decrepitude. Her clothing is very light showing she is entering the third degree, understanding. She is not holding fast to the chair. Her left hand is on Science and Health showing she knows that it is the truth, but sad to say the book is closed not open as it is with the child thought in picture 7. Also note that the light on the child's face is coming from the open book. Back to picture 8, her right hand is to her head showing she recognizes the mental nature of things. She is not clinging to materiality, the rocking chair, but she has not yet risen out of it. She is striving for understanding.

What an inspiring experience it is to discover the messages our beloved Leader has given us.

“GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU”

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Gail M. Weatherbe

“IT is related in the seventh chapter of Luke’s Gospel that Jesus was once the honored guest of a certain Pharisee, by name Simon...While they were at meat, an unusual incident occurred...A ‘strange woman’ came in.” Thus begins the Gospel narrative of the “strange woman,” Mary Magdalene, who came into the dwelling of Simon the Pharisee, when he was entertaining the Master, Christ Jesus. The Magdalen proceeded to wash Jesus’ feet with her tears and to anoint them with oil, wiping them with the “hairs of her head.” We learn that the Magdalen was barred from such a gathering because of her status in society, which, according to the dictates of rabbinical law, disallowed her entrance into such a gathering.

First Four Pages

Mary Baker Eddy opens the chapter on “Christian Science Practice” in *Science and Health*, with this narrative as quoted above. In *Notes On Metaphysical Obstetrics*, Dr. Alfred Baker records, on page 36: “Study the first four pages of Christian Science practice. Reveals the life and practice of our Leader.” Dr. Baker apparently learned this from Mrs. Eddy when being prepared, under her tutelage, to teach the class in Obstetrics in the Massachusetts Metaphysical College in 1900.

A careful study of “the first four pages of Christian Science practice” provides insight as to why Mrs. Eddy said this narrative reveals her “life and practice.” We learn that Jesus did not “spurn” the Magdalen, but “regarded her compassionately.” And that his spiritual insight detected her honesty, sincerity, repentance, and reformation.

Measuring Rod for Practice

Mrs. Eddy uses this narrative both as an introduction

to, and as a measuring rod for, the Christian Science practice. Mrs. Eddy speaks of the Magdalen's display of affection "for a man of undoubted goodness and purity;" and she speaks of her "grief"— both clear signs of genuine repentance and reformation. Mrs. Eddy says that "her reverence [for the Master] was unfeigned."

Mrs. Eddy's treatise on the genuine repentance and reformation of Mary Magdalene emphasizes the Magdalen's depth of sincerity and "ineffable affection"— and then compares this attitude with the Christian Scientists of Mrs. Eddy's day, and, we can be assured, of *all* ages. On page 364 of *Science and Health*, Mrs. Eddy poses the following question:

Here is suggested a solemn question, a question indicated by one of the needs of this age. Do Christian Scientists seek Truth as Simon sought the Saviour, through material conservatism and for personal homage? Jesus told Simon that such seekers as he gave small reward in return for the spiritual purgation which came through the Messiah. If Christian Scientists are like Simon, then it must be said of them also that they *love* little.

Affection

Mrs. Eddy uses the word *affection* seven times in her treatise on the Magdalen. She speaks of *human* affection (twice), *ineffable* affection, *unselfish* affection, *Christly* affection, *spiritual* affection, and just plain *affection*. She also speaks of *common humanity*, *sympathy*, and of dealing with patients *compassionately*. She says the pages that open her chapter on Christian Science Practice represent her life and work. Through these pages we get a glimpse into the depth of character of the one we call Mary Baker Eddy. These introductory pages are an insight into the nature of the *Christ* character. And to heed Mrs. Eddy's warning to Christian Scientists of the Latter Days, we must make good on the insight provided in these pages.

Mrs. Eddy continues her question regarding the *true* Christian Science practice:

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Do they [Christian Scientists] show their regard for Truth, or Christ, by their genuine repentance, by their broken hearts, expressed by meekness and human affection, as did this woman [the Magdalen]? If so, then it may be said of them, as Jesus said of the unwelcome visitor, that they indeed love much, because much is forgiven them.

Practice or Parodies

Mrs. Eddy then speaks of “opening prison doors,” and “binding up the broken hearted.” Only the compassion of the Christly touch can open these doors and bind up the wounds of broken hearts. Our Leader says that this opening and binding up are “better than hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so many parodies on legitimate Christian Science aflame with divine Love.” This is the instruction from our Leader and Teacher, Mary Baker Eddy.

Our Leader likens the cleansing in tears and the anointing with oil by the Magdalen to “the oil of gladness and the perfume of *gratitude*, with tears of repentance and with those hairs all numbered by the Father.” —What greater commendation could be bestowed upon the genuine practice of Christian Science! She adds:

If the Scientist has enough Christly affection to win his own pardon, and such commendation as the Magdalen gained from Jesus, then he is Christian enough to practise scientifically and deal with his patients compassionately; and the result will correspond with the spiritual intent. ...but heal he cannot, while his own spiritual barrenness debars him from giving drink to the thirsty and hinders him from reaching his patient's thought,— yea, while mental penury chills his faith and understanding.

Mrs. Eddy concludes her treatise:

Higher Attainments

“Ye are the salt of the earth.” “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.” Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt lose not its saltiness, and that this light be not hid, but radiate and glow into

noontide glory.

The infinite Truth of the Christ-cure has come to this age through a "still, small voice," through silent utterances and divine anointing which quicken and increase the beneficial effects of Christianity. I long to see the consummation of my hope, namely, the student's higher attainments in this line of light.

The Highest Attainment

In the 1875 edition of Science and Health, on page 313, commenting on the "line of light," our Leader says the Master's example was "Love laying down all of earth to instruct its enemies the way to heaven...The blood of Christ was an offering of Spirit and not matter, a pledge of undying Love. O! highest conceptions of spiritual sense tell us, what is *Love*." Apparently our Leader's sole object in life was to learn "*what is Love*." And she left this example for us.

This treatise concludes with the combined blessing and warning of our great Master, Christ Jesus:

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. (Luke 6:38)

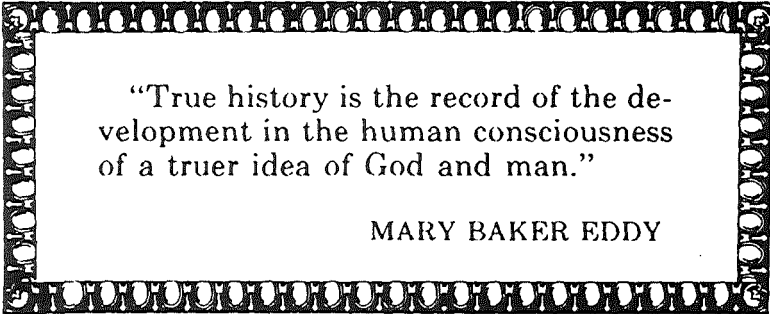
Jesus said discerningly, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Mary Baker Eddy says yearningly, "O! highest conceptions of spiritual sense tell us, what is *Love*."

Love is the essence of God, the only breath of being; it is Life and Truth, casting out error and healing the sick. There is no fear in Love; let us lie still in its bosom; its arms encircle us, and in the tempest of sickness, of sin, we are safe there, and nowhere else. (EOF 112)

ESSENCE. That in being which underlies all outward manifestations and is permanent and unchangeable.—*Webster*

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

TOTAL ABSTINENCE

“THE only temperance is total abstinence.” (Mis 289:4) It is politically correct to denounce the use of tobacco and drugs. When Mrs. Eddy wrote the above words it was politically correct to denounce the use of intoxicating beverages. For many years it was so politically correct that before the end of 1917 Congress passed the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the use of alcohol for beverages.

Our Leader’s words on temperance are even more imperative today for much of America seems to be caught up in drugs, either legal or illegal. It is easy to see that “the only temperance is total abstinence.” Materiality cannot be indulged in in any degree if we expect to demonstrate that “All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation.”

Prohibition in America

There is a lesson to be learned from Prohibition in America and Herbert Eustace makes it very clear:

Prohibition having once been acknowledged as an integral part of the meaning of the Constitution of the United

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States of America, remains thus forever.

Spirituality is the prohibition of all materiality.

The repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, instead of taking prohibition out of the Constitution, has but served to call the attention of all to its presence there.

Sheer legalism is no longer the compulsion operating to protect the descendants of spiritual Abraham, those true Americans who have built this nation and are sustaining it against the hypnotic effects of alcohol.

Prohibition of all materiality is enshrined in the heart of America. Its national motto is "In God we Trust."

Acceptance of prohibition is no longer due to outward compulsion but to inner approval.

God's law is never repealed. It can no more be reversed than can the vision that once sees that two times two is four, be repudiated.

"Progress takes off human shackles." (S&H 256:1) (CCT 363)

"Whatever intoxicates a man, stultifies and causes him to degenerate physically and morally. Strong drink is unquestionably an evil, and evil cannot be used temperately: its slightest use is abuse;...Drunkenness is sensuality let loose, in whatever form [drunken with power, greed, lust, avarice, drugs, alcohol] it is made manifest." (Mis 288:32)

All Is Mind

Malicious animal magnetism is fighting to keep mankind believing in the reality of matter. The lines have already been drawn and as Scientists we have no choice but total abstinence. All is Mind. There is no matter. The lie that all is matter is as doomed to fall under the chariot wheels of progress as did the lie that earth is flat and the center of the solar system, despite protests, proclamations, and persecutions. All is Mind. There is no matter. Mrs. Eddy has given that truth to the world and it cannot go back to positions outgrown.

The world has tried to discredit the Revelator to this age and to drown her words in "sensuality let loose." Within our gates the attack is often very subtle by constantly

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subjugating THE WOMAN to THE MAN. But every bit as much as Jesus is the first appearing of the Christ, Mary Baker Eddy is the second appearing. She is the "loyal ray" that Spirit sped "to rouse the living, wake the dead, and point the way." (Chr) Her Way is God-directed, God-protected, absolute, and final.

Prophecy of The Woman

The German scholars who translated original manuscripts from Coptic, Syrian, Ethiopian, Latin and Greek published their *Apocraphal New Testament* in 1904. A portion translated into English reads:

"The last things. Beliar. The Rule of a Woman. The End of the World and the Second Coming of Christ." "Then the world, ruled by the hands of a woman entirely— shall rest in obedience." "Then, when the royal widow shall thus rule over the whole world — all gold and silver, iron and brass [materiality] she shall cast into the salt-flood, into the sea,— all the elements of the world shall be forsaken— when God, dwelling in the ether, unfolds the heavens like a scroll of a book. And the whole firmament [spiritual understanding] shall fall upon the earth and into the sea." "O ye rushing waves— and the entire foundation of the earth. Now the sun rises which never is to set— and all shall be in obedience again to Him who returns once more into this world."



DREAMS

It has been recorded that Laura Sargent once said that Mrs. Eddy's favorite passage in *Science and Health* was page 188:11-17 which reads: "Mortal existence is a dream of pain and pleasure in matter, a dream of sin, sickness, and death; and it is like the dream we have in sleep, in which everyone recognizes his condition to be wholly a state of

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mind. In both the waking and the sleeping dream, the dreamer thinks that his body is material and the suffering is in that body."

On the twentieth of September in 1909 Mrs. Eddy wrote the following on Dreams:

Is mortal life a dream? Yes! Then you admit the necessity of dreams so long as you entertain the belief of mortal life. Suppose you reverse this statement, and begin your logic logically, so that one wrong statement will not include another one; and you must abandon the first to avoid the last. Admitting that mortal life is a dream is admitting that it is something, when the fact remains that it is nothing, since there is no mortal life. God, Truth, is the only Life and a dream is not Truth. The dream and the dreamer are one, even the supposition that nothing is something. Eschew that statement of life unscientific—state it scientifically and commence your solution of the problem called life on fact and not fable. Then you begin with Truth, not error; with God, not man; with Principle, not idea; and solve Life as having no beginning and no ending, the eternal now and forever. (DCC 161)



THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Martha Wilcox

DO we not see how true thinking has been expanding and ascending naturally, until it has resulted in the greater works? This ascendancy of thought has not been personal thinking, but has been the unfoldment of the Christ as individual man.

Someone may think, How can there be greater works than the works of Jesus? Can there be anything greater than healing the sick instantaneously, making the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, the dead to

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live, and all instantly? Can there be greater works than these? Jesus himself said so, and that we should do them.

Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." This "I" that went unto the Father did not mean a personal I. The I, or Ego, of anyone is always Truth. This I, or Truth, of Jesus turned to God absolutely. This I, or Truth, of Jesus did not turn to any person or to a personal self, but went unto his Father—Truth. So, in order that we do the greater works, the I of us must go to our Father, Truth, absolutely.

In speaking of the healing work, Mrs. Eddy says, "This absolute demonstration of Science must be revived...A healing that is not guesswork...but instantaneous cure." (Mis) At this time, according to prophecy, the Christ, the Son of God— the reality of all men and women and of all things— is appearing in human consciousness in such irresistible activity and power, and with such illumination of understanding, that ignorance of God and man and the universe is being swept away and the "new heaven and new earth" are being revealed.

These greater works are equivalent to no work to be done. If we start our thinking from the standpoint of having something to do, we shall never get it done. Mind declares itself and its manifestation. Man is as finished and complete as Mind itself. Man, as idea or reflection, has nothing to do but unfold in accord with his Maker.

Let us read again the prophecy from Exodus: "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [the millennium] is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work." The statement, thou shalt not do any work on the sabbath day, is not a command to us to cease work; but it is a revelation that in the millennium, or the sabbath day of the Lord, it will not be necessary to labor. The seventh day, or the millennium, is the climax of ascending thought wherein we realize the finished kingdom within us.

The coming of the millennium wherein there is

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harmony and peace is no idle dream. In *Miscellany*, Mrs. Eddy says of the millennium, "Its impetus, accelerated by the advent of Christian Science, is marked, and will increase till all men shall know Him (divine Love) from the least to the greatest, and one God and the brotherhood of man shall be known and acknowledged throughout the earth."

From Association Address, 1939
Prophecy and Fulfillment



"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"

John 15:12

Joyellen Reaves

AM I entitled to the name of Christian Scientist? Do I impart nothing but love and kindness to all mankind? Do I always see all men as God sees them or am I criticizing and judging others? Am I so inflated with the belief of a human ego that I think I can judge, criticize, denounce, defame or destroy anyone? If I feel for one moment that I can do any of these things to anyone, I can not claim the name of Christian Scientist.

Guard Your Tongues

From her balcony in Pleasant View in 1895, Mrs. Eddy said to those gathered, "My dear students, guard your tongues. When you see sin in others know that you have it in yourselves, and become repentant."

When the man came to Jesus and asked him to intercede on his behalf with his brother, Jesus said, "who made me a judge or a divider over you?" (Luke 12:14) And in his sermon on the mount Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." (Matt 7:1) In "A Rule for Motives and Acts" in our church manual we are admonished to watch and pray that we not judge, counsel, or condemn. The American Indians had a saying that one should not judge another until

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he had walked a mile in his moccasins. But mortal mind would tempt one who is not alert to criticize, judge or condemn when knowing little of the situation.

Condemn Not

When they brought to Jesus the “woman taken in adultery” Jesus did not judge, condemn, or criticize her. He said to her “hath no man condemned thee?...neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more.”

Before this he had told the bystanders “He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her.” Apparently each one had turned the beam within and realized his own sins. (John 8:4-11)

Paul said in Romans (2:1) “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 thing.”

Jesus knew what Judas was going to do. Did he expose and condemn him for it? Obviously not because at the Last Supper when he mentioned the betrayal none of his disciples (except Judas) knew who he was talking about.

Living Love

When Josephine Woodbury was doing everything she could to destroy Mrs. Eddy, our Leader wrote a very loving letter to her and invited her to come and visit her. After the Next Friends suit was finished, Mrs. Eddy wanted to invite the prosecuting attorney to visit her at Pleasant View, but her attorney rejected the idea.

Were Jesus and Mrs. Eddy personalizing evil and returning evil for evil or were they rejecting the evil as impersonal and loving all mankind? Were they criticizing, judging or condemning persons or were they living Love?

Spiritual Anatomy

Our textbook says (p 462) “Anatomy, when conceived of spiritually...consists in the dissection of thoughts to discover their quality, quantity, and origin. Are thoughts

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divine or human? That is the important question. This branch of study is indispensable to the excision of error." Any thought that criticizes, judges, or condemns another is not from God. Jesus beheld the perfect man, so did Mrs. Eddy, so must we.

M. Y. O. B.

Mortal mind is always busy trafficking in the affairs of others. An advanced Christian Scientist told me many years ago that to mind your own business was the most Christianly scientific thing one can do. When busy bodies were speculating about Mrs. Eddy and her daily drive, our Leader said, "do not strain at gnats or swallow camels...but try to be composed and resigned to the shocking fact that she is minding her own business, and recommends this surprising privilege to all her dear friends and enemies." (My 276)

Ask yourself often, Am I minding my own business and living Love every minute or am I "gossiping mischief" (Mis 230) or repeating or thinking anything ungodlike about any one?

"The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love." (S&H 113) To love is "to always see the man of God's creation, and nothing else" (DCC 216). Our Leader and Jesus were the embodiment of Love. So should we be.

"Love alone is Life
And life most sweet, as heart to heart
Speaks kindly when we meet and part." (Po 6)

Let us from this moment forward endeavor to live Love so completely in our daily lives that we can *honestly* claim the name of Christian Scientist.

Mrs. Eddy to a student: "O, for a closer, clearer, nearer view of the divine Science of being that we all may be perfect even as our Father the Principle thereof is perfect. This we must be in order to be Christian Scientists."

REVERSING THE NEGATIVE

MALE AND FEMALE

The last infirmity of error that would fasten itself on society, to see it hop and hobble under a new burden of guilt, is named "free love;" wherein "they declare their sin as Sodom, and hide it not," but the boldness of depravity will show its deformity. A union of the masculine and feminine mind seems requisite for completeness; the former reaches a higher tone from communion with the latter; and the latter gains courage and strength from the former; therefore, these different individualities meet and demand each other, and their true harmony is oneness of Soul.

From Science and Health, First Edition, p. 315



REVERSING THE NEGATIVE

Herbert W. Eustace

BY its very nature, according to the law of opposites, the law of malicious mind arrogates to itself the infinite reverse of infinite Mind.

The life it gives to its man or offspring, is death; its substance is shadow; its reality is a pure supposition "For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more." (Ps 103:16)

The negation, until reversed, "like an atom of dust thrown into the face of spiritual immensity, is dense blindness instead of a scientific eternal consciousness of creation." (S&H 263:28)

Maintaining the Right Attitude

In recognizing the guises, and analyzing the activities under which this so-called mind operates, it is imperative to remember that the false, correctly interpreted, declares the truth.

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Right there where the false seems to claim presence and entity, is the perfection of being, else the false could not seem to be.

You are actually strengthened and fortified by the claim of evil; for, as Mrs. Eddy says, "it gives one opportunity to handle the error, and when mastering it one gains in the rules of metaphysics, and thereby learns more of its divine Principle." (Mis 221:3)

Every semblance of presence, power, action and intelligence that evil seems to assume, is borrowed from the one Mind, and is only suppositionally in evidence. It is some finite sense that "peers from its cloister with amazement and attempts to pattern the infinite." (S&H 263:24)

Bear this constantly in mind, or the structure you erect in accounting for mortal man and his material sense of life will seem so real to you that you cannot destroy it.

Keep before you the realization that what you are now thinking about and analyzing is but supposition. Then you will forge ahead and actually enjoy dealing with this suppositional, this negative fabrication, called malicious mind and its man.

From *Clear, Correct Teaching*, pp 196-7



GEMS OF LOVE

The doubly-bereaved young widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Norton, had lost her baby very shortly before the sudden loss of her young husband. At this nadir in her experience Mrs. Eddy called her to Pleasant View for a visit. Mrs. Norton told her students in later years:

I shall never forget the first time I talked with her. She had sent for me to call upon her. On entering the room she extended her hand and asked me to be seated. I walked across the room and sat down in a chair. Mrs. Eddy very deliberately arranged her dress and sat down on a sofa. She

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looked at me so tenderly and patting the sofa beside herself, she said, "You are too far away from Mother, darling." I immediately went to her. She took me in her arms and kissed me. She was not afraid to express her love humanly, and I did not mistake it, for I learned then and there that divine Love must be expressed humanly in order to heal the broken-hearted. Oh, let us all learn to love as did this precious Christ-idea. Let us love her because she first loved us by teaching us that Life is Love and Love is Life. She is our Mother in Israel and is still saying to us all, "You are too far away from Mother, darling."

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Mary Baker Eddy hosted an Independence Day celebration at Pleasant View in 1897. Mrs. Jessie Cooper traveled all the way from Kansas City with her nine-year-old son and seven-year-old daughter, the latter having suffered for several days from a boil on her head, which, despite her mother's work, was much enlarged and inflamed that Monday morning at Pleasant View. Following the exercises, Mrs. Cooper and her children got in the line of people who passed through the porte-cochere to be greeted by Mrs. Eddy who sat on the porch. The following is Mrs. Cooper's account:

I wish I could make the world know what I saw when Mrs. Eddy looked at those children. It was a revelation to me. I saw for the first time the real Mother-Love, and knew that I did not have it. I had a strange agonized sense of being absolutely cut off from the children. It is impossible to put into words what the uncovering of my lack of the real Mother-Love meant to me.

As I turned in the procession and walked toward the line of trees in the front of the yard, there was a bird sitting on the limb of a tree, and I saw the same love, poured out on that bird that I had seen flow from Mrs. Eddy to my children. I looked down at the grass and the flowers and there was the same Love resting on them. It is difficult for

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A comment on your July, 2000, page 21 issue: IN GOD WE TRUST was added beginning with the two cent piece in 1864. (See page 3 of the enclosed info.) This was during the Civil War. IN GOD WE TRUST was added in 1866 to \$20 Liberty (see page 1)

Very interesting. I like this. I commented at a Wednesday evening meeting about this.

Leon Isler

Coquille, Oregon

(From enclosed information on rare coins: "This change [the addition of IN GOD WE TRUST] took place on many U. S. coins beginning with the two cent piece in 1864.")

[Editor's Note: The motto "In God We Trust" first appeared on most U.S. silver and gold coins in 1866. It is most interesting that it first appeared on the two cent piece in 1864. This small beginning seems to bear a relationship to the discovery of Christian Science. In the Preface of Science and Health Mrs. Eddy says: "In the author's work, RETROSPECTION AND INTROSPECTION, may be found a biographical sketch, narrating experiences which led her, in the year 1866, to the discovery of the system that she denominated Christian Science." (viii:24) In the first edition of Science and Health, published in 1875, Mrs. Glover wrote: "We made our first discovery that science mentally applied would heal the sick, in 1864..." (p. 4)]

Where can I get a copy of W. V. Cole's *Our Leader and Other Poems*?

Elizabeth Cosindas

Homeland, California

[Editor's Note: We did not even know this book existed until quite recently and had never heard of William Vernon Cole or his wonderful poems. If we locate a source for any copies, we shall publish same.]

Thank you so much for the wonderful materials

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Each Christian Science practitioner advertising in our columns has signed his or her name to the following statement:

"I am one hundred per cent in agreement with Christian Science as discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy, as exemplified in her life and works, and as set forth in her book Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. I acknowledge Mary Baker Eddy as the God-anointed and God-appointed Revelator to this age. I also acknowledge it to be a 'special offense' to represent falsely by word or work our Leader and Pastor Emeritus (Church Manual, Article XI, Section 12). And I am in agreement with the demand of her Church that a member shall not practise or teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in its textbook Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures (Article XII, Section 2). I further aver that I do not practise or teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in Mrs. Eddy's last (1910) edition of Science and Health."

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sent in our last order— have shared excerpts with C.S. friends online and off— including home schoolers— and would like permission to post the children's stories on the Yahoo! club for CS home school families. An introduction to *Principle and Practice* as a valuable home school resource brought positive reviews!

The Ard Family
Crystal River, Florida

In doing some of my work today, the following thoughts have come to me. If they should prove useful to put in TICS you are welcome to use them.

What is freedom?

It is choosing to let Love love when we feel or experience unlovingness.

It is choosing wisdom in the presence of thoughts which choose not to know or see.

It is choosing to rest in the universal, inexorable unfolding of Life when thoughts which refuse to trust press in.

It is choosing to listen to the beauty of sanctity when reactions tug and pull.

It is choosing to turn to new possibilities when we are hit the hardest.

Liberty is that which results in and from honoring the highest right for all humankind and all creation.

Harmony is the sweet fruit of taking our God-given right of freedom to choose liberty.

Nan de Gravelle
Atlanta, Georgia

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me to put into words what I saw. This Love was everywhere, like the light, but it was divine, not mere human affection.

I looked at the people milling around on the lawn and I saw it poured out on them. ...I saw for the first time the absolute unreality of everything but this infinite Love. It was not only everywhere present, like the light, but it

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was an intelligent presence that spoke to me, and I found myself weeping as I walked back and forth under the trees and saying out loud, "Why did I never know you before? Why have I not known you always?"

When we got back to the hotel, there was no boil on my child's head. It was just as flat as the back of her hand.



THE VOICE OF MIND

It should always be remembered that when Mrs. Eddy is quoted as stating a metaphysical fact, that which seemed to be the voice of Mrs. Eddy was really the voice of the authorship or authority of Science and Health. Now, what was the voice of that authority? Was it not the voice of Mind? You know that Mrs. Eddy did not create the *truth* of Science and Health, but she became God-like enough to put self aside and let Mind inscribe the truth of Being. No human belief could have written Science and Health, and you whole-heartedly subscribe to her own statement in that book, "No human pen nor tongue taught me the Science contained in this book, Science and Health; and neither tongue nor pen can overthrow it."

Consequently, when Mrs. Eddy states a *scientific fact*, take it as gospel. If you do not understand it for the moment, do not be disturbed. Ponder her statements. Ask yourself whether your understanding of Christian Science is sufficiently developed to establish those statements metaphysically, and if your understanding does not confirm them immediately, you will find that further unfoldment will establish their truth.

From "*Whoso Readeth Let Him Understand*"

