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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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THE SCIENCE OF CELESTIAL BEING

JESUS' "mission was to reveal the Science of celestial being" (S&H 26:16). Do you want celestial being? Most do not, and in his teaching Jesus pointed this out over and over. For example:

Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, [Science demands accuracy.] which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Faithfulness

Our textbook says: "You may know when first Truth leads by the fewness and faithfulness of its followers." (S&H 225:5) Only eleven of the hundreds (or multitudes) that Jesus taught were faithful: and only one of those eleven followed him to the cross.

A few yearn for spiritual being. Many lust after material being. And the vast majority are lukewarm and do neither. The Spirit saith: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will

spue thee out of my mouth." (Rev 3:15,16)

Resistance to Christ

The Christ Truth which is destined to rule all nations with a rod of iron, with scientific law, is depicted in Jesus' parable as a nobleman whose "citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us." (Luke 19:14) When the nobleman returned he said: "Those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me." Those enemies are not people. They are aggressive mental suggestions that would keep us from seeking celestial being. And we are the ones who must slay these aggressive mental suggestions before the Christ Truth.

Our Teachers

God's two witnesses have done this before us and they are our examples and our teachers. Isaiah foresaw these teachers, the world's effort to remove them from us, and the strait and narrow (scientific) way they taught and demonstrated,— plus the adversity and affliction that drives us to them.

Isaiah 30:20 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 eye shall see thy teachers:

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

The Measuring Rod

Our textbook is the guide book that shows us the scientific strait and narrow way when we would turn to the right or to the left. Is not this the rod God has given to us to measure (understand) spiritual things or celestial being?

Revelation 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

Science and Health is our measuring rod. And God's two witnesses are our teachers who are no longer removed into a corner, but whose teachings and example guide our every step. They are "the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth" (Rev 11:4) who light our pathway to celestial being. They both walked that path (the belief of mortality that claims we are mortals destined to die), and they both demonstrated spiritual, heavenly being here on earth.

Two Candlesticks

Mrs. Eddy has depicted this demonstration of celestial being by the two candlesticks in "Christmas Morn" in *Christ and Christmas*. In many reproductions the candles on the heads of the two witnesses are barely discernable, but in others they are quite clear.



CHRISTMAS MORN
From *Christ and Christmas*

God's two witnesses are depicted in *Christ and Christmas* but the importance of recognizing them and their teaching is pointed out in an interesting way. Science and Health tells us that the real Life, or Mind, is depicted by the geometrical symbol of a circle or sphere. "The circle represents the infinite without beginning or end" (S&H 282:6).

The Circle

Nine of the eleven illustrations in *Christ and Christmas* are rectangular. The two that are not rectangular are the two depicting the two witnesses. Picture Number 5, "Christmas Morn," shows two unidentified spiritual beings, and this illustration is oval rather than rectangular. When we recognize that these two unidentified individuals, watching and praying, are God's two witnesses, two candlesticks, who have demonstrated the Way for us, we, too, begin rounding off the corners in our demonstration of the real Life, or Mind.

Identity

"God is the Life, or intelligence, which forms and preserves the individuality and identity of animals as well as of men." (S&H 550:5) Illustration Number 9, "Christian Unity," clearly identifies God's two witnesses on planet earth. And this picture is circular. It is essential that God's two witnesses be recognized and identified in order to follow in their footsteps. The path they blazed is the demonstration of celestial being, "the infinite without beginning or end," the perfect circle.

Following Our Exemplars

"The nature of Christianity is peaceful and blessed, but in order to enter into the kingdom, the anchor of hope must be cast beyond the veil of matter into the Shekinah into which Jesus has passed before us; and this advance beyond matter must come through the joys and triumphs of the righteous as well as through their sorrows and afflictions. Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being." (S&H 40:31)



CHRISTIAN UNITY
From Christ and Christmas

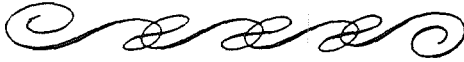
The Shekinah

What is the Shekinah into which we must cast our anchor of hope? Shekinah is derived from a Hebrew word meaning *the earthly presence (dwelling) of God*; and the definition is "The Divine Manifestation, through which God's presence is felt by man." Is not this Immanuel or God with us?

Following our Leader's instruction to cast the anchor of hope into the Shekinah, into the earthly presence of God, here and now, we will be following the example of God's two witnesses, His two candlesticks.

As we progress on this path we shall be able to say with Job, "God preserved me:...his candle shined upon my head, and...by his light I walked through darkness." (29:2-3)

Jesus' "mission was to reveal the Science of celestial being." What is your mission?



WOMAN'S RIGHTS

Mary Baker Eddy

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

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

To fold an angel's wing below;
To hover o'er the couch of woe;
To nurse the Bethlehem babe so sweet,
The right to sit at Jesus' feet;

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

NOTES ON "WOMAN'S RIGHTS"

Nan de Gravelle

I HAVE been studying Mary Baker Eddy's poem "Woman's Rights" and would like to share what I have been working with. Just as notes on a page are not a song until they are

understandingly sung, words have no meaning until we make them our own. Perhaps my notes will further the individuation of meaning in "Woman's Rights."

Woman is listed in the all-embracing singular form. Although I can look at the rights named in the poem, as pertaining to my work in representing woman for humanity, "woman" is, in essence, spiritual sense.

Grave on her monumental pile:

The symbols represented in the first line are many. Here are a few. Grave represents to me the serious nature of the work. The pile is the pile of work to do. Monumental comes from the Latin and means reminder. The pile of work accomplished is a monument to spiritual sense, and the reflex action of God.

She won from vice, by virtue's smile,

Spiritual sense wins from vice by loving-kindness of virtue. The meanings of virtue, in the Latin, are valor, worth, merit, and moral perfection.

Her dazzling crown, her sceptred throne,

Through winning from vice, we gain the dazzling crown and the sceptred throne of dominion. The definitions given for vice include extreme moral corruption, evil, and grossly immoral or degrading habits or conduct. The dazzling crown of virtue smiles and redeems.

Affection's wreath, a happy home;

Through being virtue's smile and winning from vice we also win affection's wreath, enfolding love and blessing, and a happy home. I know my thought enwreathed with Love by letting vice be redeemed by Love.

The next twelve lines are the gems of the crown. They each describe how to "love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, and with all thy mind," and how to "love thy neighbor as thyself."

The right to worship deep and pure,

is most precious to me. If it is my god-given right, nothing can take it from me. It is the First Great Commandment.

To bless the orphan, feed the poor;

shows me that I can bless without erring. It does not require me to be the personal parent of those who feel orphaned, but blesses my knowing the impersonal loving care of the divine Father-Mother. If "we love because He first loved us," then we let receptive thought be blessed by awareness of Truth. It is the Second Great Commandment.

Last at the cross to mourn her Lord,

tells me I have the right to see something all the way through to victory. I am not obliged to give up when world thought views the situation as hopeless or irredeemable. It also shows me that my purpose is faithfulness to Christ. Genuine thankfulness is loyal.

First at the tomb to hear his word:

is the result of standing in the first three rights. Absolute loyalty is rewarded. When I know I am in "the focal radius of Spirit" and stay true, the resurrection is revealed to me.

To fold an angel's wing below;

shows me that, as the Science of the Christ, I can put the angel ideas to the use of good.

And hover o'er the couch of woe;

The angel ideas are always present. I can actively trust the all-presence of the Christ wherever there is need.

To nurse the Bethlehem babe so sweet,

is my right to care for the appearing of the Christ to my consciousness.

The right to sit at Jesus' feet;

is the communion with Love resulting from claiming and honoring the previous three rights.

To form the bud for bursting bloom,

shows that, as with Mary, the process of the appearing of Christ is contained within our true consciousness, divine Mind.

The hoary head with joy to crown;

speaks of the venerability of conscious thought. Knowing that consciousness was, is and always shall be, reveals the crown of joy.

In short, the right to work and pray,

safekeeps me in the practical demonstration of Truth, Life, and Love.

"To point to heaven and lead the way."

is the nature of spiritual sense, our true self.

This poem illuminates "the balm of Gilead, making the wounded whole, and healing the sin-sick soul." "Woman's Rights" reveals how to exchange the cross for a crown.



N D E ' S

WE have quoted from Dr. George Ritchie's book *Return From Tomorrow* which is an account of his experience at a time he was pronounced dead in an Army hospital during World War II. In 1965 when Dr. Ritchie related this experience at the University of Virginia, a student who heard him became intrigued and as a consequence began researching what he termed near death experiences or NDE's. This research by Raymond Moody, Jr. was published in 1975 under the title *Life After Life* with a dedication "To George Ritchie, M.D. and, through him, to the One whom he suggested."

Near Death Experience

Those who have been pronounced clinically dead and return or survive often report having seen relatives who had died, Beings of Light, and of having a review of their own life. The elements of near death experiences are similar; and, while many NDEers look upon the experience as glorious, some consider it frightening. This can probably

be explained by the statement in Science and Health: "the good man's heaven would be a hell to the sinner." (35:32)

Rejection

Prior to Moody's research, people who had had near death experiences were disbelieved, shunned, and at times committed to mental institutions, so most of them learned to keep quiet about the subject they longed most to share.

One NDEer, who had not learned to keep quiet, had been constantly shunned and rejected until he attended a lecture by Dr. Moody in 1975 and began meeting others who had had experiences similar to his. This young man, Dannion Brinkley, had been struck by lightning early in 1975 and had had an extensive experience and instruction from the "Beings of Light" which continued in dreams and visions after his return. His story *Saved By the Light*, copyrighted in 1994, is "dedicated...especially to Dr. Raymond Moody."

The Little Things

One thing a Being of Light said to Dannion was: "Humans are powerful spiritual beings meant to create good on the earth. This good isn't usually accomplished in bold actions, but in singular acts of kindness between people. It's the little things that count, because they are more spontaneous and show who you truly are."

Well over a century ago the Revelator to this age told mankind that "man is not material; he is spiritual." (S&H 468) And she often quoted: "Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle." And she told us how this is to be accomplished: "By purifying human thought, this state of mind permeates with increased harmony all the minutiae of human affairs. It brings with it wonderful foresight, wisdom, and power; it unselfs the mortal purpose, gives steadiness to resolve, and success to endeavor." (Mis 204:23)

Mind-Reading

When Dannion Brinkley returned from his spiritual experience, he found that he had the ability to read people's minds. This is an ability that Mary Baker Eddy had from earliest childhood. She said she could no more help seeing

what was in people's minds than could a man who was not blind help seeing what was in a room with an open door. But when she let that fact be published, she was so traduced and maligned by hostile critics that she had Judge Hanna modify the statement in the next edition of his pamphlet on Christian Science history.

However, the Woman's labors have so leavened thought that the reaction to mind-reading today is one of wonder rather than disbelief, ridicule, and hostility.

Science and Health says, "There is mortal mind-reading and immortal Mind-reading. The latter is a revelation of divine purpose through spiritual understanding, by which man gains the divine Principle and explanation of all things." (83:25)

A Place of Learning

In his *Saved By the Light* Dannion Brinkley wrote: "I knew that this was a place of learning. I would be...taught in a way that I had never been taught before. There would be no books and no memorization. In the presence of these Beings of Light, I would become knowledge and know everything that was important to know. ...It was like being...a beam of light knowing what all light knows." If the students who had the privilege of being taught the Divinity Course in Mrs. Eddy's home could have approximated this understanding and attitude, they would have revolutionized the world.

Love

Another message Dannion got from the Being was: "Who you are is the difference that God makes. And that difference is love." He said those were the words but he still did not understand the exact meaning.

Cannot the meaning be found in Jesus' words to his disciples when they asked him "which is the great commandment in the law"? Jesus replied: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matt 22:37-39)

Many people can quote the Golden Rule who do not practise it. Dannion was told that he was to create spiritual capitalism. "You are to engage this coming system by changing people's thought processes. Show people how to rely on their spiritual selves instead of the government and churches. Religion is fine, but don't let people be entirely controlled by it. Humans are mighty spiritual beings. All they need to realize is that love is treating others the way they themselves want to be treated."

Male and Female

Another point of interest in Dannion's story: "Although I refer to the Being of Light as a 'he,' I never saw this Being as either male or female. I have gone over this initial meeting many times in my head and can honestly say that none of the Beings I met had gender, just great power."

In "A Christmas Sermon," Mrs. Eddy says of the reappearing of the infant Christ child: "Is the babe a son, or daughter? Both son and daughter: even the compound idea of all that resembles God." (Mis 167)

The Great Adventure

In her First Edition of Science and Health and to early students God's Second Witness made such statements as, "You, my students, are God." But the thought in 1875 could not comprehend. The Beings of Light gave this message: "You humans are truly the heroes. Those who go to earth are heroes and heroines, because you are doing something that no other spiritual beings have the courage to do. You have gone to earth to co-create with God." And again: "We here see everyone who goes to earth as great adventurers. You have the courage to go and expand your life and take your place in the great adventure that God created known as the world." Mrs. Eddy said it this way: "We live in an age of Love's divine adventure to be All-in-all." (My 158:9)

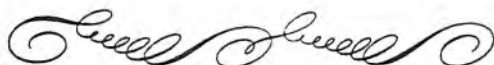
The Beings of Light assigned work for Dannion to do back on earth and told him that the purpose was to show people that they can be in control of their lives through God.

Many people have learned and gained much from near death experiences, but it is largely because of the dramatic circumstances. None of the truths they have learned have not already been presented to mankind by God's Two Witnesses in their missions among mortals.

Lesson To Be Learned

And there is one great truth that they have not yet learned, and that is the Oneness of being— the fact that there is no death. Jesus' words, "Thy kingdom COME...ON EARTH as it is in heaven" have not yet been understood. In the accounts we have read, the NDEers have two creations,— a material life here on earth that must end in death, and a spiritual life hereafter.

God's First Witness said: "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." (John 8:51) And God's Second Witness gave to mankind the "little book," the textbook, teaching how this is to be accomplished. A near death experience might cause the words in this wonderful book to glow with meaning. "Mrs. Eddy said of Science and Health: 'She hadn't attained one millionth of what that book calls for. It is a wonderful book and covers eternity.'" (CCT 1037)

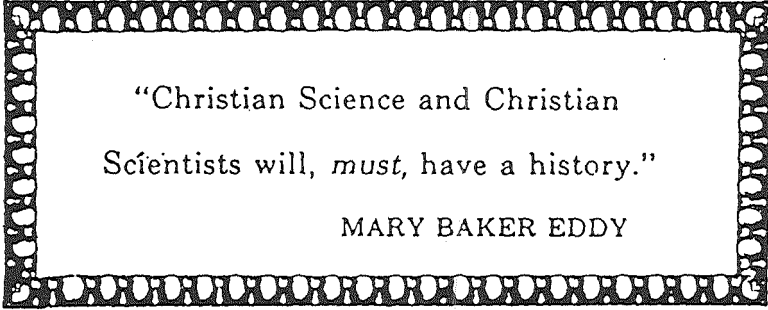


As you think, you travel; as you love, you attract. You are today where your thoughts have brought you. You will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you. You cannot escape the result of your thoughts, but you can endure and learn, can accept and be glad.

You will realize the vision (not the idle wish) of your heart be it base or beautiful, or a mixture of both, for you will always gravitate towards that which you secretly most love. Into your heart will be placed the exact result of your thoughts; you will receive that which you earn, no more, no less. Whatever your present environment may be, you will fall, remain, or rise with your thoughts, your vision, your ideal. You will become as small as your controlling desire; as great as your dominant aspiration.

From *Lessons of the Seventh Day*, p. 160

H I S T O R Y



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

MARY BAKER EDDY

A CURTAIN LECTURE

A CENTURY ago all the earth was aware of Christian Science. As multitudes had thronged Jesus in his day, any news of God's Second Witness, Mary Baker Eddy, made headlines around the world. Lecture halls were jammed with thousands who wanted to hear the good news, and sometimes hundreds were turned away because there was no standing room left.

One of Mrs. Eddy's most able students, Edward A. Kimball, was a very popular lecturer. However, the address he delivered on July 1, 1899 was to a smaller gathering of Christian Scientists only. But the words he spoke 100 years ago are just as pertinent today. Following is a portion of the message he gave that summer night.

The Lecture

In speaking to Christian Scientists it is not a part of my work to sugar-coat with soft speeches. I am here to join you in mutual congratulations, because the most wonderful thing that ever happened to any being on this planet has happened to us, in that we have become Christian Scientists.



EDWARD ANCEL KIMBALL

What does it mean? It means that an ordinary human being, absolutely immersed in ignorance, sin, superstition, pain, death— everything that is miserable and disagreeable— has had bestowed upon him an understanding of the facts of Being which operates in his behalf, rescues him from his would-be destroyer, puts his feet upon the rock of Life, opens unto him the doorway of heaven, establishes in him

the sure confidence that his Redeemer lives and is redeeming him. ...

Your Day

Do you not suppose that they, [the intelligent religious worthies, the very beacon lights in religious history] every one of them, would have rejoiced, could they have seen your day,— a demonstrable knowledge of that of which they never had more than an undefinable intuitional sense? They never understood the real Science of their own inspiration. But how about you? There has been bestowed upon you this demonstrable understanding, so that you need wander no longer in the mazes of speculation and perplexity to find yourself ultimately ship-wrecked upon the rock of despair, doubt and dismay.

I am persuaded, in this day of Christian Science, that the Christian Scientists themselves do not get one hundredth part of the good out of Christian Science that they should, not one hundredth part of the benefit that they should be getting, and it is to inquire as to the reason, rather than to cry "Hallelujah," upon the supposition that we are getting it, that I come to speak to you tonight. ...

Privileges

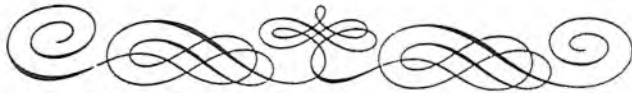
Now, this gospel salvation bestows upon you certain privileges. We are apt to call them "duties;" and one of them comes in the way of a command. It is really a misnomer to call it a command, but let it be so. "Heal the sick." Now, are Christian Scientists healing the sick? No. Are we taking God at His word? No; not as a class. A very large portion of the Christian Scientists are not taking God at His word at all, or at least very little. Why is it? ...

When God tells you to heal the sick, it means that you can do it. He says that you can. "Satan came also and stood in the midst of them," and there are a great many Christian Scientists who are mesmerized up to their very eyes by the suggestion that they cannot heal the sick, and that they cannot do this, that and the other thing, in the way of demonstration. Why is it that we are so easily swayed by error in this particular? It is because we do not have the correct understanding of what it is that heals the sick. ...

God the Only Healer

Now, how many healers are there? Just one healer of the sick. And which one is that? God. God is the only healer of the sick. Just one. Is He good enough to heal? Is He worthy? Has He enough understanding to heal the sick? Now, when we come to learn what it is that heals the sick, we will stop denying that the healer can heal. Just to the extent that you can find Christian Scientists who say they cannot heal the sick, they do not understand what it is that heals, and as soon as you find a Christian Scientist who understands that God is the only healer, then you find one who stops saying that He cannot do it.

From *Teachings and Addresses*
of Edward A. Kimball



LESSONS FROM OUR LEADER

THE aggressive mental suggestion of animal magnetism is hammering constantly at consciousness and it often gets admission even with those who know how it operates and who are endeavoring to watch vigilantly.

The following instructions are excerpts from letters Mrs. Eddy wrote to Archibald McLellan shortly after he became editor of the *Sentinel* and *Journal* in 1902:

I never allow hearsay against an individual to influence my judgment so far as to deny that one a chance to be heard on the right side unless that one is openly disloyal...

The first mistake that I have seen in the *Sentinel* since the present editorial corps have conducted it is, the sarcastic allusion to King Edward in "Fashion in Physics," copied from the *Chicago Tribune*. Your publication of that article may prove very unfortunate for our Cause. Any possible peril to his health, or the loss of his kind attitude towards Christian Science, is not to be risked by newspaper slang however cute,— quoted or original.

A similar circumstance instigated by m.a.m., malicious animal magnetism, and brought to bear on the Court,— in my candid opinion— cost our Church at least \$40,000. But that

money is less in comparison than to lose the friendship of that democratic King. ...

Let our periodicals uniformly maintain a dignified, kind position towards governments not pagan, and churches half civil. The only exception to this rule is when, by returning the enemies' fire you can prevent or check a siege. Never infuriate an enemy and never lose a friend by careless, humorous, or unjust reference. (7th Day, 43)

The intensity of malicious animal magnetism today is threatening through unjust reference to divide even the most dedicated brethren. Our job is to silence the claims of m.a.m. and Mrs. Eddy's words in *Miscellaneous Writings*, page 114, are a reminder and a guide: "Christian Scientists cannot watch too sedulously, or bar their doors too closely, or pray to God too fervently, for deliverance from the claims of evil. Thus doing, Scientists will silence evil suggestions, uncover their methods, and stop their hidden influence upon the lives of mortals. Rest assured that God in His wisdom will test all mankind on all questions; and then, if found faithful, He will deliver us from temptation and show us the powerlessness of evil,— even its utter nothingness."



THE NEW TONGUE

ANOTHER LESSON FROM OUR LEADER

ENGLISH is our language, but English is not the "new tongue." Christian Science is. You are aware that newcomers to Science do not always speak this new tongue fluently nor accurately. It is important that we use it accurately and scientifically just as it is essential that one be accurate and scientific in mathematics.

In September of 1902 Mrs. Eddy wrote to her editor: "Permit me to indicate what *must be observed* and corrected

in our periodicals viz. any error in stating C.S. On page 20, Vol. 5, No. 2, it reads in *The Education of Man*: 'But as love is the principle, the truth, the way and the spirit of all good' etc. This is as incorrect in our writings or statements of C.S. as a grammatical error is in a work on Grammar.

"Such an unscientific use of the synonyms or names of God or for God contradicts the rules in your text book and causes the enemy to say justly they use their terms for Deity unintelligently. It should read: As Love is the Principle of all goodness, is Spirit and Truth, humanity fulfils the divine law through love, and the Church does its most effective work by teaching and demonstrating Love.

"Strange too it is that a Christian Scientist should write a long article on educational means and never name C.S. as the most effective of them all. In another instance like this you must either supply the mention of C.S. or request the author to do so or not publish the article." (7th Day 44)

Six days later Mrs. Eddy sent a set of rules to her editor with the instruction: "Please have each editor *copy these rules*." They read:

In abstract Science Good, Truth, Spirit, Love, signify God; and these words should be capitalized when you can substitute the word God and convey the proper meaning. Also spirit, truth, good, love, is used correctly as an adjective or a common noun in Christian Science e.g. It is good. The truth is I love you. The spirit of your saying is cruel. The good you do is evil spoken of. When you can substitute the word God, and retain the true meaning, then Good, Spirit, Love, Life, Truth mean God and should be capitalized.

Always avoid if possible using Principle in any other sense than God. Supply instead the words basis, foundation, etc. It is noticeable that this word Principle is used often in a way that confuses the meaning in Science. To use it only as God, is the rule in Science, and thus its meaning is made clear to the learner and the general reader who knows little, if anything of Divine Science.

I noticed recently a sharp comment in a newspaper on the Christian Scientists' unintelligent use of the word Principle— and it was just, for they often use it

unscientifically. I know that this wrong use of the "new tongue" is the effect of m.a.m. and the students should guard themselves against this effect the same as they would against error of any kind.

Imperfect Terminology

"Mortal mind is a solecism in language, and involves an improper use of the word *mind*. As Mind is immortal, the phrase *mortal mind* implies something untrue and therefore unreal; and as the phrase is used in teaching Christian Science, it is meant to designate that which has no real existence. Indeed, if a better word or phrase could be suggested, it would be used; but in expressing the new tongue we must sometimes recur to the old and imperfect, and the new wine of the Spirit has to be poured into the old bottles of the letter." (S&H 114:12)



TRIFLES

"TRIFLES make perfection but perfection is no trifle." This is a statement Mrs. Eddy often quoted. It is also something she put into practice. Martha Wilcox said that even the pins in her pincushion had their proper place so that she never made a false move or wasted a moment by taking out a short pin when she wanted a long one.

Eliminate Pennies

The subject of trifles was brought to thought in an interesting way. Following the radio news, one announcer stated that there was talk about eliminating the penny, adding that pennies are worthless and should be eliminated. This prompted a very interesting talk show.

Several callers agreed and many did not. One caller asked how much you would have if you set aside pennies every day for 30 days doubling the amount each day: first

day— 1, second day— 2, third day— 4, fourth day— 8, etc. Another caller said he had worked it out on his calculator and it was in the millions of dollars in 30 days. Being old-fashioned, I check my calculator figures with pencil and paper, so with pencil and paper I checked the pennies for 30 days and found that on day eight you would set aside 128 or \$1.28, and by day 30 it is 268,435,456 pennies or \$2,684,354.56. That is for one day. I did not bother to add all the daily amounts together, but I did think of Mrs. Eddy's words in Miscellany: "ofttimes small beginnings have large endings" (123:25).

There is an old saying: "Watch the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves." Does not this apply to all trifles? Our Leader says: "Seeing that we have to attain to the ministry of righteousness in all things, we must not overlook the small things in goodness or in badness, for 'trifles make perfection,' and 'the little foxes...spoil the vines.'" (My 123:27)

The Ministry of RIGHTEOUSNESS

One of the first things Jesus said to his disciples in his Sermon on the Mount was, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." (Matt 5:6) And again, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 5:10) These two beatitudes together with our Leader's words that "we have to attain to the ministry of righteousness in all things" points out the path we must take.

The ministry of righteousness is not the world's view of righteousness. To his students Jesus said "That except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 5:20) The world's idea of right is wrong most of the time. For example, consider mortal mind's response to omnipotent God regarding this scientific statement of fact: "God never punishes man for doing right, for honest

labor, or for deeds of kindness, though they expose him to fatigue, cold, heat, contagion." (S&H 384:6)

Correcting "Small Things in...Badness"

Some of the numerous statements and arguments that mortal mind would make (and makes constantly) are the small wrongs that we must reverse and make right every day— every hour of every day. Finishing the above quotation: "If man seems to incur the penalty through matter, this is but a belief of mortal mind, not an enactment of wisdom, and man has only to enter his protest against this belief in order to annul it. [How often do we accept the discord we see or hear when our protest against it would annul it?] Through this action of thought and its results upon the body, the student will prove to himself, by small beginnings, the grand verities of Christian Science." (S&H 384)

How do we make this small beginning? "[M]an has only to enter his protest against this belief in order to annul it." If we did this just once today, and then doubled our efforts each day without fail, "the grand verities of Christian Science" we would be proving in our daily experience would be as astounding as the number of pennies accumulated in 30 days.

Spiritual Freedom

This paragraph from our textbook would be a constant reminder of the spiritual freedom it promises: "The human thought must free itself from self imposed materiality and bondage. It should no longer ask of the head, heart, or lungs: What are man's prospects for life? Mind is not helpless. Intelligence is not mute before non-intelligence." (S&H 191:16)

It is the little things, the trifles, that make a big difference. How we handle each little thing that presents itself to thought determines our progress— or lack of it.

NINETY-FIRST PSALM

In the First Person with Spiritual Interpretation

Attributed to Mary Baker Eddy

I dwell in the secret place of the most high (consciousness of good), and abide under the shadow (protection) of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord (Supreme Ruler), He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver me from the snare of the fowler (temptation) and from the noisome pestilence (uncleanness, impure thoughts).

He shall cover me with His feathers (omnipresence), and under His wings (omnipotence) shall I trust: His Truth (omniscience) shall be my shield and buckler (defense).

I shall not be afraid for the terror by night (mental malpractice); nor for the arrow (aggressive mental suggestion) that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence (mental contagion) that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand (false beliefs) shall fall at my side, and ten thousand at my right hand; but it shall not come nigh me.

Only with mine eyes (personal sense) shall I behold and see the reward of the wicked (unrighteousness).

Because I have made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most high, my habitation; there shall no evil befall me, neither shall any plague (inharmony) come nigh my dwelling.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for the good work TICS does with each and every issue enlightening us always with new spiritual insights, sustaining the Baker Eddy Diaspora, and above all, paving the way to a new Christian Science movement.

William Treadwell
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Gratefully, I must tell you that you last issue [July, 2001] continues to enhance so much that I think about and especially, Mrs. Eddy's poem on the upward-flying eagle. Reaching for the eagle's perspective has been this eagle-person's enlightenment and joy for many years and now I have read and re-read that poem countless times. Can't decide which I love most, the depth of concept, or Mrs. Eddy's brilliant, artful writing!! Thank you!!!

Vivian Davies
LaVerne, California

This copy [July, 2001] on first glance was a shock to one brought up in the old, cold way. I refer to "Christ Mary reigns." But as I thought about it, it came to me to ask what benefit the old way had had, and to realise how much I am gaining through a more correct concept of our Leader. It made me agree thoroughly with the article, and I have begun reading "Atonement and Eucharist" again, realising that each statement refers to the *two* witnesses. It expands— unfolds the meaning to me— again I am grateful.

One of the things which has meant a lot to people is the long article on Christian Science from a Roman Catholic magazine (one of the back numbers).

M. Janet Daken
Cumbria, England

Your marvelous T.I.C.S. is always an inspiration, and I'm very grateful.

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Thank you very much for your deep analysis of Bible prophecy to guide in these times.

Barbara Plumlee
Portland, Oregon

NINETY-FIRST PSALM (Continued from page 25)

For He shall give His angels (spiritual intuitions) charge over me, to keep me in all my ways. They shall bear me up in their hands (power of right thoughts), lest I dash my foot against a stone (belief in matter).

I shall tread upon the lion (animal courage) and adder (subtlety): the young lion (blind enthusiasm, mortal will) and the dragon (malicious animal instinct) I shall trample under my feet (understanding).

Because I have set my love upon Him, therefore will He deliver me: He will set me on high (spiritual exaltation), because I have known His name (manifested His nature).

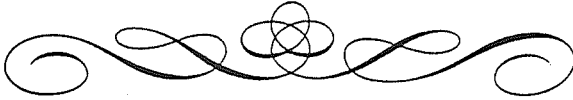
I will call upon Him and He will answer me; He will be with me in trouble (human experience); He will deliver me and honor me (manifest Himself through me).

With long life (immortal being) will He satisfy me and show me His salvation (preservation).

Abide in the ninety-first Psalm, and know that such abiding is *treatment* and *protection*. *There is nothing* that can make laws and influence you. There is one Mind and that is Love.

If you could but see the sublimity of your hope, the infinite capacity of your being, the grandeur of your outlook, you would let error kill

itself. You give it the only life it has. It comes to you to give it life, and you prolong its life by giving it a temporary sense of life.



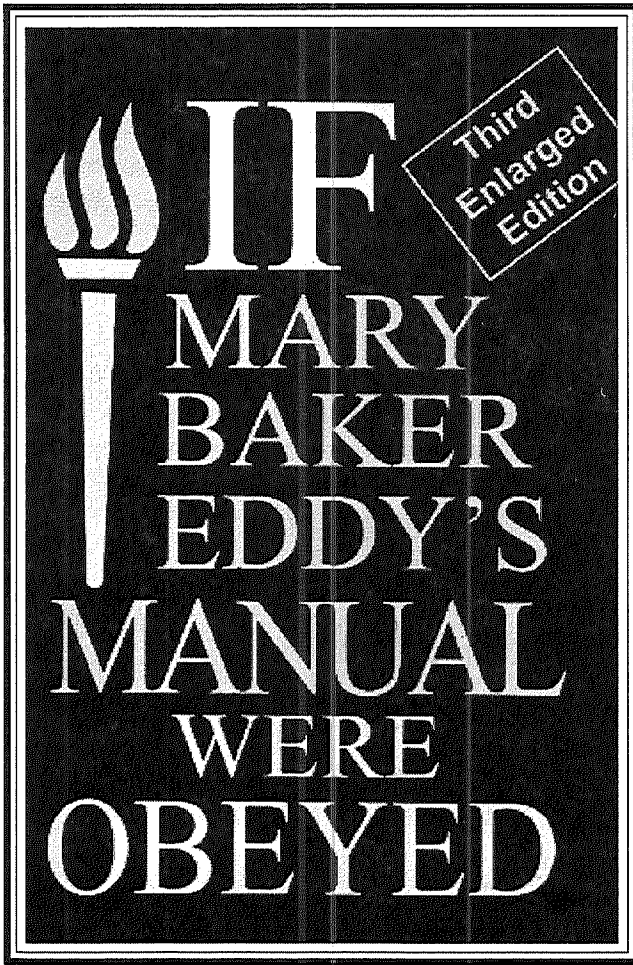
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"There is a world of beauty and wonder in the life of Mary Baker Eddy waiting to be discovered, and this discovery will truly advance the Cause of Christian Science." (TICS, 11/87, p. 31)

Let us add at this time as we progress into the 21st century that we are doubly dedicated to exploring and understanding the beauties and wonders of the life of our Leader and to present a true sense of the discoverer and founder of Christian Science. Her words in *Miscellaneous Writings* are our guide: "Exercise more faith in God and His spiritual means and methods, than in man and his material ways and means, of establishing the Cause of Christian Science." (152:30)

"The wrath of the 'evil one' is but the sign of the one evil getting its death blow." (DCC 219)



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