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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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HEALING

WHEN John the Baptist sent his disciples to Jesus asking, "Art thou he that should come or do we look for another?" Jesus responded: "Go and shew John again these things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." (Matt 11:3-5) Does this not tell us that the Christ can be recognized by the healing it brings?

Spiritual Healing for 300 Years

Spiritual healing is recorded in the Old Testament, but it did not become the central theme until Jesus presented the fulness of Christ and God as Love. This Christian spiritual healing that Jesus taught and practised continued for approximately 300 years, throughout the church of Smyrna, until the church of persecution was followed by the church of popularity. In the church of Pergamos the world embraced the name of Christianity, but not the practice, so the central element of healing was lost— almost totally lost for more than 1500 years.

The Poet's Prophetic Glimpse

America's foremost poet in the 1800's, Henry Wads-

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Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, had a glimpse, a prophetic vision, of the
revelation of healing by a Lady of Light.



HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

Whene'er a noble deed is wrought,
Whene'er is spoken a noble thought,
Our hearts, in glad surprise,
To higher levels rise.

The tidal wave of deeper souls
Into our inmost being rolls,
And lifts us unawares
Out of all meaner cares.

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Honor to those whose words or deeds
Thus help us in our daily needs,
And by their overflow
Raise us from what is low!

Thus thought I, as by night I read
Of the great army of the dead,
The trenches cold and damp,
The starved and frozen camp,—

The wounded from the battle-plain
In dreary hospitals of pain,
The cheerless corridors,
The cold and stony floors.

Lo! in that house of misery
A lady with a lamp I see
Pass through the glimmering gloom,
And flit from room to room.

And slow, as in a dream of bliss,
The speechless sufferer turns to kiss
Her shadow, as it falls
Upon the darkening walls.

As if a door in heaven should be
Opened and then closed suddenly,
The vision came and went,
The light shone and was spent. ...

A Lady with a Lamp shall stand
In the great history of the land,
A noble type of good,
Heroic womanhood.

Longfellow's "Lady with a Lamp"—his Lady of Light—was also the lady of healing.

Our Leader

This Lady, Christ's Second Coming, appeared on earth in 1821 A.D. as a babe with a saintly mother, even as had her brother eighteen hundred years earlier. Jesus knew his divine

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in. Mary Baker Eddy had to *discover* hers. That is why she is our Leader. We, too, must discover our divine origin and the science of our being.

Physical Suffering

Even as a small child Mary's presence had a healing influence, and her family soon learned this. However, the importance of healing was always uppermost in Mary's thought, for she suffered severe physical ills from early childhood. "In childhood, she often listened with joy to these words, falling from the lips of her saintly mother, 'God is able to raise you up from sickness;' and she pondered the meaning of that Scripture she so often quotes: 'And these signs shall follow them that believe;...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.'" (S&H 359:22)

Many long years of illness and seeking preceded Mary Baker's discovery of the Science of Man. However, even during those seemingly endless weary years of her own suffering, she was still a lady of healing for others, and was so recognized by many.

Healing Before 1866

One friend who looked to Mary for spiritual healing was Mrs. Smith of Rumney, New Hampshire. In the 1850's Mrs. Smith came to Mary with her infant daughter whose eyes were badly diseased, neither iris nor pupil discernible. Mary took the infant in her arms and lifted her thought to God. In a few moments she returned the babe to her mother, healed. The grateful mother named her baby Mary in appreciation, recognition, and remembrance.

But at this period of her earthly sojourn, the Lady of Healing experienced only sporadic health for herself. In her deepest suffering and woe she made a vow to God that she would spend all her years to help sick and suffering humanity if He would restore her health,— a vow that she kept faithfully. After Mind had revealed to her the science of healing, Mrs. Eddy wrote of her years of seeking and suffering: "God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute divine Principle of scientific mental healing." (S&H 107:3)

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MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS

The Four Marys

There are four stained-glass windows in the original Mother Church depicting the four Marys. The first is Mary the mother of Jesus. The second is Mary anointing the head of

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s. The third is Mary first at the resurrection. And the fourth is Mary the Woman God-crowned. The fourth Mary,— God-crowned Woman clothed with the sun,— is the Lady with a Lamp glimpsed by Longfellow, the Lady of Healing, the Lady of Light.



MARY ANOINTING
THE HEAD OF JESUS



MARY FIRST AT
THE RESURRECTION

Mary's spirituality and her absolute faith had brought about many healings over the years, but following the "final revelation of the absolute divine Principle of scientific mental healing," her healings were numerous and often instantaneous. Dozens and dozens of them, perhaps hundreds, have been recorded. And there were hundreds more that were never recorded.

Teaching

Healing was the fruitage of her scientific spiritual understanding, and Mind gave her a further mission, to teach this divine Principle of spiritual healing to the children of

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Israel. Hence the child the Woman brought forth, Science and Health, which is the Comforter that "shall teach you things" and "abide with you forever" as Jesus prophesied.

This Teacher, this Comforter, could not appear "until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth" (Micah 5:3). The Woman was in travail nine long years, from 1866 until 1875 when Science and Health was first brought forth, and she was forty years in the wilderness protecting this child, replacing its swaddling clothes with mature vestments, adapting its scientific truths in order to reach every stage and stage of human consciousness. Little wonder the Lady of Light and Healing wrote in our textbook on page 373: "Healing is easier than teaching, if the teaching is faithfully done."

Practical Proof

Do you study this "final revelation" the Lady of Light has given to us? Do you understand Christian Science? "One who understands Christian Science can heal the sick on the divine Principle of Christian Science, and this practical proof is the only feasible evidence that one does understand this Science." (S&H 345:17)

After Jesus had taught his disciples and the time had come for them to follow in his footsteps, he told them that it was expedient for them that he go away. Mrs. Eddy did much the same with her students. After she had given the gift of Christian Science Hall to her students in Concord, she sent them a message saying essentially that they could no longer look to her to do their work for them. "Faithfully and more than ever persistently, you are now, through the providence of God, called to do your part wisely and to let your faith be known by your works." (My 148:1)

Another Work To Do

This sermon which was published in the *Journal* for January, 1898, also said: "I shall be with you personally very seldom. I have a work to do that, in the words of our Master, 'ye know not of.' From the interior of Africa to the utmost parts of the earth, the sick and the heavenly homesick or hungry hearts are calling on me for help, and I am helping them. You have less need of me than have they..." (My 147:25).

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THE FOURTH MARY

The deadliest enemy in the Spanish American War in 1898 was yellow fever. Longfellow's soldiers "in dreary hospitals of pain" were some of the sick and hungry hearts calling out for help, and the Lady of Healing was helping them. The poet saw this lady with a lamp flit from room to room, but she was probably unseen by the soldiers she healed. These were some of the hundreds of healings never recorded and largely unrecognized. But one of the Woman's disciples did recognize the work and demonstrations of her Leader. Lida Fitzpatrick wrote to Mrs. Eddy a letter which the Leader had read at Christian Science Hall on Wednesday, September 14, 1898.

Beloved Mother and Teacher:— I want to thank you, dear mother, for what to me has been a very great demonstration of Truth during the time of the recent war, and finally over the war; while I know that loyal Scientists have been at work upon the thought, to me it was your demonstration.

It has given me a greater sense of the power of Truth and Love than I could before comprehend, and I feel I can catch a glimpse of what the disciples saw after some of Jesus' great demonstrations.

According to report, out of four hundred yellow fever cases every one recovered and were afterward placed at the front because they were better than before the illness. All cases which the physicians thought could not recover gained their normal condition right before them, much to the surprise of the physicians. The number of cases of so-called loss of life has been so small as to call for wonderment from all. ...

In Science and Health, page 235, in your interpretation of the commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," it reads, "it ends wars," and the recent demonstration proves the truth of that statement.

Again allow me to thank you for the uplifting I have experienced and also the great good the world has received through the great demonstration. With much love.

Your sincere student,
Lida W. Fitzpatrick

The Lady of Light

Twenty years later an incident occurred in Egypt to a devout Coptic Christian family named Khalil Ibrahim. In the night, a very wealthy member of this family who was suffering a family crisis, was visited by a Lady of Light who

told him to build a Coptic Church in her honor; and if he did that she would return in fifty years to bless the church with her presence. That was in 1918. By 1925 the Khalil Ibrahim family had erected St. Mary's Coptic Church on Khalil Lane in Zeitoun which was a desert area outside of Cairo.

Fifty years from the date of the vision Zeitoun had become a bustling suburb of Cairo with a public transportation system garage on the main street, Tumanbay Street, and across the street from St. Mary's Church at the corner of Tumanbay and Khalil Lane.

At 8:30 on the evening of April 2, 1968, Farouk Mohammed Atwa, a Muslim worker, had just finished his day-shift. Ordinarily he would have been enjoying a mug of tea, but on this day the throbbing injured forefinger on his right hand occupied his thought for he had an appointment at the hospital to have it amputated the next morning to stop the spread of gangrene.

Farouk looked at the dome of the church across the street and to his amazement saw a young girl kneeling at the foot of the cross atop the dome. Thinking she was about to commit suicide, he ran into the street pointing with his heavily bandaged finger and shouting, "Lady! Don't jump! Lady! Don't jump!"

The Lady of Healing

She responded by rising to her feet revealing a magnificently beautiful lady clothed in luminous and shining robes. By this time a crowd had gathered all of whom saw the Lady of Light. As Farouk realized that it was humanly impossible to stand on that dome, he also became aware that there was no pain in the bandaged finger that he had pointed at the lady. His gangrenous finger was miraculously healed.

The Lady of Light continued to appear atop the dome of her church until 1971 causing thousands to visit the site. It is said that she was seen by crowds of 250,000 Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Only a deeply consecrated Christian Scientist such as Lida Fitzpatrick would have an inkling of her true identity.

"When we come to have more faith in the truth of being than we have in error, more faith in Spirit than in matter, more faith in living than in dying, more faith in God

than in man, then no material suppositions can prevent us from healing the sick and destroying error." "As time moves on, the healing elements of pure Christianity will be fairly dealt with; they will be sought and taught, and will glow in all the grandeur of universal goodness." (S&H 368:14, 329:1)



KNOW THE TRUTH

Joyellen Reaves

THE very first words in our textbook on the flyleaf before the table of contents are "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

All Christian Scientists are very familiar with these words and sincere students endeavor to obey them. There are a large number of students who think reading about, thinking about or talking about the word is being a good Christian Scientist. They read their lesson or study their textbook and the Bible daily, but are they knowing the truth? Jesus never told his disciples to go read the word of God. He wanted them to live it. Our Leader likewise wanted her students to live the truth not just read it or talk about it.

Begin with Thinking

Of course we begin our study of Truth with thinking. On the first page of the Preface of our textbook our Leader says, "The time for thinkers has come." But as we progress into understanding we come to realize that it is the knowing that is power.

Mrs. Eddy defines Mind as "Infinite knowing— not thinking. It is reasoning." (DCC 212) This would indicate that there must be more to knowing than just thinking. Webster says of know "to perceive with understanding and conviction, to be or become cognizant, to recognize as valid or as fact." Think is defined "to form in the mind; conceive; imagine; to have a judgment or opinion of; believe; to meditate or reflect upon." To know then is absolute, positive, scientific and exact.

Know and Think

"Sometimes we are not clear on the words *know* and *think*. The dictionary says that *know* is, 'In possession of information; to identify; to acquaint with; to be skilled in; to understand.' Now God is All-knowing. Therefore man has no need to think. Reflection cannot think. Reflection is *knowing*. The word *think* is defined in the dictionary as, 'To think about; to ponder over; to take into consideration; to recollect.' Man cannot think with the Mind of God. Man is the functioning of the Mind that is God. As long as we think we are persons, we must think, because it is natural to that state of thought. Once one finds oneself to be divine idea, at that point one stops thinking— one is no longer required to think,— one is no longer permitted to think,— because *knowing* is the natural state of man. Then let us leave the basis of belief that we are thinkers, let us unite with the one Mind, and let Mind express itself, reveal itself." (Selected Addresses of Clarence Steves, C.S.B., p 288)

Why do you suppose Mrs. Eddy put this quotation as the *first* words in Science and Health? Did she realize that sincere students might be deceived into just reading, thinking, or talking, rather than knowing? It has been recorded in *Divinity Course and General Collectanea* that when John Lathrop told Mrs. Eddy how much he had been studying the lesson, she did not tell him how wonderful that was. She said, "Do you call that watching?" (p 251)

Watching

In her household there was some one constantly watching. Each day there were three one hour watches in which everyone participated including our Leader. In addition each mental worker had a watch time of his own. In *Divinity Course* we find a chapter titled "Watches." These were given to the household by Mrs. Eddy to be used during the hour. She was directing her students to specific areas, to exact truths that they were to perceive with understanding, to become cognizant of and to recognize as fact. This was a time of *knowing* the truth. As you study these watches preserved for us you will see that they are largely declarations of truth.

Declaration

Some students read pages and pages of their textbook but do they perceive with understanding and conviction? Do they realize those words as valid or as fact? Are they knowing or just thinking, reading? Dr. Baker records Mrs. Eddy as saying, "Declaration is demonstration. This is God's law, not a human assertion." (DCC 284) Mrs. Eddy also says, "Declare that you are not hurt and understand the reason why." (S&H 397:12) "Declare continually your own perfection and freedom..." (DCC 226) "The knowing is the thing that counts;...This knowing the Truth is silent or audible, and is silent or audible declaration." (DCC 285) The dictionary says of declare "to make known explicitly, to manifest; show." This is what the watchers were doing.

Our textbook instructs us, "Hold thought steadfastly..."; "Mentally insist..."; "Insist vehemently..."; "Hold perpetually this thought..." . (261, 412, 421, 496)

Gilbert Carpenter records from Calvin Frye's diary that when rain was needed Mrs. Eddy instructed him and Joseph Mann to *constantly* hold a specific thought. They were declaring, holding steadfastly, mentally insisting. (DCC xi)

Commands

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15) Our textbook is full of commands. Have you searched them out and are you obeying them? If we are obeying these commands we would be proving our love for our Leader and we would be knowing the Truth, perceiving with understanding and conviction, becoming cognizant of, and recognizing as valid or as fact.

"Know, then, that you possess sovereign power to think and act rightly, and that nothing can dispossess you of this heritage and trespass on Love. If you maintain this position, who or what can cause you to sin or suffer?" (Pul 2:7)

If this Science has been thoroughly learned and properly digested, we can know the truth more accurately than the astronomer can read the stars or calculate an eclipse.

Science and Health 84:30

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

Martha Wilcox

THE words of Truth are not mere repetitions, but are constant statements. Our "knowing the truth" is a continuous statement of Truth, clung to and trusted. And what does the Word of Truth do except demesmerize thought, and bring to light man's present immortality.

Unless life is becoming clearer and richer to us, we are not progressing as we should. And today I trust that we shall open our thought to a larger inpouring of the letter and the spirit of Truth, so that we may free our thought from its belief in perishable mortality, and plant it more firmly in the fact of our immortality.

Chemicalization

We are very much aware that the whole world at this present time is going through a period of great significance, equal to none other since the advent of Jesus. It is important in view of the severe chemicalization which is going on in the world today, that we as Christian Scientists understand what is occurring, and through this understanding be the light of the world, a city that cannot be hid.

Mrs. Eddy says in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, "Science only can explain the incredible good and evil elements now coming to the surface." And she says, "Mortals must find refuge in Truth in order to escape the error of these latter days." She also says, "The Science of Mind needs to be understood. Until it is understood, mortals are more or less deprived of Truth." Christian Scientists must have a higher altitude of thought than the use of personal opinions as their weapons. She also says, "Nothing is more antagonistic to Christian Science than a blind belief without understanding, for such a belief hides Truth and builds on error."

The events of this present time are of great significance to the Christian Science movement in view of the fact that certain prophecies in Mrs. Eddy's writings are becoming manifest in concrete phenomena. These questions are often asked: In what way are individual Christian Scientists related to the events that are taking place today? And do we as

Christian Scientists have an individual responsibility connection with these unusual phenomena?

Event of This Day

The event of this day is the coming of the Son of God visible humanly as the "Son of man coming...with power and great glory." The event of this day is the appearing of our divinity, made visible as a pure humanity. Our individual relation to this event is that we are the event itself.

The individual Christ, or the reality of individual man is becoming appreciable to the world as our true humanhood. In other words, our divinity, which is ever at hand in power and great glory, is becoming visible in human manifestation.

The present event is none other than the great influx of the impersonal Christ or understanding, taking place in the consciousness of men and women; and the definite result of this influx of the impersonal Christ or understanding— which is a living, conscious, irresistible power— is the great upheaval and disturbance which is taking place in human consciousness as the mental atmosphere of the human being is cleared.

Let us remember that each individual human being is a mode of consciousness, or he is a mental world; and this upheaval that is taking place within himself, or within his own mental world, is the result of the conflict that is taking place between his real self— the Christ understanding— and his false educated beliefs.

It is well to remember that all the phenomena that are seen in our world today, are formed within our own consciousness and are wholly mental. All the sin and war and greed and earthquakes [and terrorism] that we seem to experience at this time, are phenomena formed by the human mind and take place within the human consciousness of the individual. The upheaval and disturbance of this present day is the result of mankind shaking loose and clearing away his false beliefs; it is the dissolving of the false educated beliefs of the centuries— beliefs that have constituted much of the mental atmosphere of mortals.

It is said that at one time, when some great revelation of Truth was appearing in Mrs. Eddy's consciousness, she heard thunder. Then she knew that established beliefs in the human mind were being uprooted and displaced.

Our responsibility at the present time is to have the spiritual discernment of the Son of God, which is the reality of all things as being at hand— even though "seen through a glass darkly," and not to be mesmerized with the noise and confusion of the passing away of that which is false believably.

No "There" in Consciousness

As Christian Scientists, we understand that the fact of the oneness of God and man is demonstrable in human experience. This oneness means that God and man is the one consciousness ever conscious of itself; it means that everything is in consciousness now— is here now. There can be no "there" in consciousness.

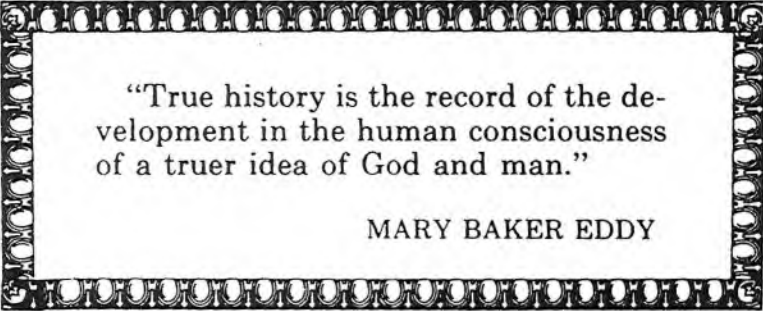
There is nothing external to consciousness to change or to deal with or to be afraid of. There is no time, no waiting for things to be better, no process by which to make them better. There is nothing going on outside of consciousness; and all that is going on as consciousness is Mind consciously being man and the universe.

All things which appear to be transpiring as our world or consciousness, whether at home or abroad, whether the affairs of nations, national or international, are not outside of us where they would be difficult to handle, but are all here in consciousness, as realities, and they should be so understood—in their reality.

In infinite consciousness there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. This means that there is no Jew, no Greek, no bond, no free, anywhere, because there is no "there" in consciousness. All these in their true depiction are the sons and daughters of God— imperfectly known by us because of material sense. Mrs. Eddy says, "Material sense defines all things materially." Scientific Christianity demands that we not only affirm that what we see humanly is the reality or the Son of God here and now, but that we demonstrate this Truth instead of merely believing in it, and demonstrate it to be a present fact here and now. This is our responsibility as individual Christian Scientists.

From Association Address, Prophecy and Fulfillment

H I S T O R Y



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

MARY BAKER EDDY

A NEW ERA

"SORROW is salutary," we read in our textbook. *Christ and Christmas* tells us: "Christ comes in gloom."

Sorrow and gloom and despair have made many a heart receptive to Truth and Love. The disastrous event of September 11 wakened a sleeping world to spiritual values, to courage and resolve.

Patriotism and Resolve

We have seen a resurgence of patriotism, flags displayed everywhere. Politicians, who have avoided mentioning God for decades, are now saying repeatedly, "God bless America." And we have seen resolve posted on the sign beside the flag reading: "These colors do not run!"

In our issue of November, 1994, we published a vision of a new era that Julia Ward Howe had told to a reporter from the *Boston American* in June of 1908. As we seem to be entering a new era, it seems pertinent to republish Mrs. Howe's words at this time.

Julia Ward Howe's Vision

"One night recently I experienced a sudden awakening.

I had a vision of a new era which is to dawn for mankind and in which men and women are battling, equally, unitedly, for the uplifting and emancipating of the race from evil. I saw men and women of every clime, working like bees to unwrap the evils of society, and to discover the whole web of vice and misery, and to apply the remedies and also to find the influence that should best counteract evil and its attending suffering.

Light

"There seemed to be a new, a wondrous, ever-permeating light, the glory of which I cannot attempt to put in human words— the light of the new-born hope and sympathy blazing. The source of the light was born of human endeavor, immortal purpose of countless thousands of men and women who were equally doing their part in the world-wide battle with evil, and whose energy was bended to tear the mask from error, crime, superstition, greed, and to discover and apply the remedy.

"I saw the men and the women, standing side by side, shoulder to shoulder, a common, lofty, and indomitable purpose lighting every face with a glory not of this earth. All, all were advancing with one end in view, one foe to trample, one everlasting good to gain. I saw them advancing like a mighty army, laden with the fruits of their research, their study, their endeavor, in this battle with the powers of darkness and ready to tear vice from the earth, to strip away all of selfishness, of greed, of rapine. Then I seemed to see them stoop down to their fellows and to lift them higher, higher, and yet higher. Men and women, a vast host whom none could number, working unitedly, equally, with superhuman energy, all for the extirpation of the blackness of vice and for the weal of the race.

Victory

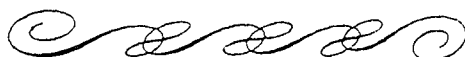
"And then I saw the victory!

"All, all of evil was gone from the earth. Misery was blotted out. Mankind was emancipated and ready to march forward in a new era of human understanding, all-encompassing sympathy, and ever-present help. The era of perfect love, of peace passing understanding."

CONVULSIONS AND REVOLUTIONS

The whole picture facing us today is the suppositional opposite having its convulsions and revolutions. This is the convulsion going on in the world today, even in our own movement. Mrs. Eddy says, "[Christian Science] is revolutionary and upsets all that is not right." (Mis 99:1) The Bible records: "I will overturn and overturn until he come whose right it is." This revolution is beyond the seeming actors called persons, or even beyond what are called nations, religions, economies, etc. Issues today are too great to personalize them, and think of people as right or wrong. It is a revolution that started when Mary Baker Eddy discovered the allness of Spirit and the nothingness of matter. And this revolution is causing the convulsion as mortal mind, and its supposed substance called matter, is seen as illusion, and the illusion is being dispelled. Does not our Leader warn us not to be disturbed when the breaking up comes, but to stand by until we see the raindrops of divinity refresh the earth?

Selected Addresses of Clarence Steves, p. 308



FREEDOM

THE first English settlement in America was in Virginia in 1607 and it was totally wiped out by hostile Indians. But the desire for freedom to worship God was so deep in the hearts of English Christian Puritans that a small group set sail for Virginia in 1620 despite the terrors of life in the wilderness. For religious freedom, these dedicated individuals left civilization and made a pilgrimage to a new world they had never seen. However, because of a navigational error (or Divine Providence), they did not land in Virginia; they landed at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts on November 21, 1620. Little over half of this small band of 102 men, women, and children survived that first harsh New England winter, but their brave endeavor and perseverance made the words PILGRIM and PLYMOUTH ROCK foundation stones in American history.

Lovers of Liberty

From this small beginning arose the first nation on earth founded on Christianity, but it was not easily accomplished. It took lovers of liberty, courageous souls, willing to rely on Divine Providence and to pledge their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to bring forth this new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. For their courageous Declaration of Independence and their unwavering allegiance to their high ideals they became targets of the terrorism of retaliation and revenge from worldly power. The wrath mortal mind heaped upon their noble deed, pursued these men relentlessly so that many lost their lives and most lost their fortunes before the end of the Revolutionary War; but none lost his sacred honor. Do we appreciate our heritage from these stalwart patriots?

A Christian Nation

Many Americans today seem unaware that the United States was considered a Christian nation from its inception. One patriot, Noah Webster, the father of American English, wrote in the preface to his *American Dictionary of the English Language*: "The United States commenced their existence under circumstances wholly novel and unexampled in the history of nations. They commenced with civilization, with learning, with science, with constitutions of free government, and with that best gift of God to man, the christian religion."

Webster's Prophecy

Dr. Webster also made a prophecy at that time, 1828, that "our language, within two centuries, will be spoken by more people in this country, than any other language on earth, except the Chinese, in Asia, and even that may not be an exception."

The New Tongue

Webster foresaw the future for American English, but he did not know that the "little book" from the hand of the angel in Revelation 10 would appear in this land of the free in the New World under the protection of the United States Constitution. Nor did he know, as we now know, that the

"little book," the "new tongue," would come clad in the American English language.

Another Prophecy

One lover of liberty who signed the Declaration of Independence and did not perish in the aftermath, was a young doctor who later became a famous teacher of medical practice in Philadelphia, Dr. Benjamin Rush. Eleven years after the Declaration of Independence, when the Constitution was being drafted for this new free nation, Dr. Rush made a prophecy which went unheeded. He said: "Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship. To restrict the art of healing to one class of men, and deny equal privilege to others, will be to constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic." More than a century later Mrs. Eddy warned that if the time came when Christian Science practitioners were not free to practice, it was essential to get Science and Health into the hands of the people.

Freedom was uppermost in Dr. Rush's thought. Today the dictatorship of medical science that he foresaw in 1787 is arresting, punishing, and oftentimes imprisoning those who lose patients or relatives under any method of healing not sanctioned by their despotic dictatorship.

The Essence of Life

To the Christian patriots who were our founding fathers, freedom was the essence of life. Patrick Henry stirred all who heard him with his ringing words: "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" The Statue of Liberty should not eclipse the Liberty Bell with its Biblical inscription from Leviticus 25:10, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

The Spirit of the Lord

Paul tells us, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (II Cor 3:17 The Israelites who came to our shores in 1620 and those who followed, came in the "Spirit of the Lord."

They were Puritans endeavoring to implement Jesus' words: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

The Daystar

Through this puritan stock God sent his Chosen Second Witness, his Lady of Light, to bring the Daystar of divine Science to mankind which would teach them how to maintain the glorious freedom envisioned and brought forth in the New World. The Advent of Her Coming was truly "a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:" (Rev 12:1)

Be Free

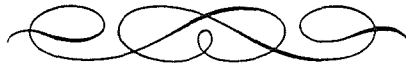
God's First Witness said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." His Second Witness gave us the little book that teaches us how to know the truth. And she gave us these instructions in that little book: "Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and cries: 'Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sickness, sin, and death!' Jesus marked out the way. Citizens of the world, accept the 'glorious liberty of the children of God,' and be free! This is your divine right. The illusion of material sense, not divine law, has bound you, entangled your free limbs, crippled your capacities, enfeebled your body, and defaced the tablet of your being." (S&H 227:21)

Science Universal

Though both of God's witnesses came through "Judah's sceptered race," their teachings are universal. Jesus said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold." (John 10:16). And Mrs. Eddy did not direct her commands to the children of Israel or to Christian Scientists only, but to "citizens of the world." Science and Health even says: "We further recommend that Materia Medica adopt Christian Science" (441:20) When it does, it will begin to understand the prolific disease-beliefs and wild sins (crimes) of these latter days. The answer to every question and the solution to every problem confronting mortals is found in the pages of Science and Health. "*Mortal mind* and body combine as one, and the nearer matter approaches its final statement,— animate error

called nerves, brain, mind,— the more prolific it is likely to become in sin and disease-beliefs." (S&H 409:4)

"When divine Science overcomes faith in a carnal mind, and faith in God destroys all faith in sin and in material methods of healing, then sin, disease, and death will disappear." (S&H 395:11)



AWAKENING

"It may be that the mortal life-battle still wages, and must continue till its involved errors are vanquished by victory-bringing Science: but this triumph will come! God is over all. He alone is our origin, aim, and being. The real man is not of the dust, nor is he ever created through the flesh; for his father and mother are the one Spirit, and his brethren are all the children of one parent, the eternal good." (Ret 22:14)

Divine Science, the Comforter, is bringing all things to our remembrance.

Proverbs 8:22 The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth.

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I know very little about the Seventh Day Adventists. A friend of mine does, so casually I asked him to tell me more about the significance of 1866 to the SDAists. I was surprised when he said it held none, only 1844. ...Can you refer me to your source for the significance of 1866 to the SDAists?

Douglas White

Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Probably 1866 has no significance to the Seventh Day Adventists today, but it did to the Adventists prior to 1866.

Our informant was a devoted Christian Scientist whose young son would soon be of school age. As the only private school near her residence at that time was a Seventh Day Adventist school, she felt the need of learning something about their beliefs before considering it. So she read all of the encyclopedias and reference volumes in her library and in one of them read of Ellen White's prophecy of Christ's Second Coming in 1866. She was deeply impressed, because as a Christian Scientist she knew the significance of 1866. But, Alas! that was many many years ago. The importance of the information has not lessened, but many moves, many changes, and many years have clouded the recollection of which reference volume contained the statement and whether that old volume is still a part of her greatly expanded library.

From several encyclopedias we have learned the following about Adventism. It was a world-wide movement in the early 1800's of Christians who believed that Christ's Second Coming and the end of the world were imminent. Its beginning in the United States was in 1831 with a Baptist minister named William Miller, whose followers became known as Millerites. The date of Advent was prophesied to be October 22, 1844.

"As the anticipated day of the Advent approached, the name Millerite became a household term, and the movement received wide discussion in the public press. ...After Oct. 22, 1844, the movement, never too close-knit, split up. Some repudiated the movement entirely...A major group banded together to continue promotion of the Advent doctrine,

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sometimes in terms of future definite dates." (Encyclopedia Britannica, 1948) This future definite date could be the 1866 prophesied by Ellen White.

Christian Scientists today can acknowledge that the spiritual inspiration of Ellen White was remarkable and accurate. But in 1866 mortal mind had outlined *how* the Advent should occur. Anything different was no more acceptable than was a babe in a manger acceptable to those expecting an omnipotent king to descend and take control. The Second Coming was a babe in a manger, and his name was called Christian Science. "Must Christian Science come through the Christian churches as some persons insist? This Science has come already, after the manner of God's appointing, but the churches seem not ready to receive it, according to the Scriptural saying, 'He came unto his own, and his own received him not.'" (S&H 131:13)

Ellen White was a spiritual leader in the movement which organized officially as Seventh Day Adventists in 1860. And in 1866 there was another split. *Webster's New International Dictionary* (c. 1913) states under Adventist "Church of God - A branch of the Seventh Day Adventists whose eschatology is identical with the former, organized in 1866, which divided from the main body on the denial of the inspiration of Mrs. Ellen Gould White."

Your last month's (November, 2001) issue of T.I.C.S. was so helpful to me.

Each article was perfect. My favorite ones are "Woman's Rights," by Mrs. Eddy, NDE's, Mr. Kimball's address, and I especially loved the article "Trifles" and Ninety-First Psalm with its spiritual interpretation.

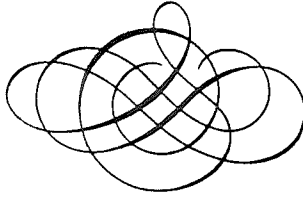
They were all so inspiring and I am more grateful than ever for Christ Jesus and our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy.

Kathryn Salter
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Just a few words of gratitude for the quad-monthly TICS magazine. Giving to its readers the meat of pure

unattenuated Christian Science to chew and digest, – without the fixins,– "uncontaminated and unfettered" reconciling man to God, divine Principle, the Centre of Church.

Anthony M. White
Salem, Oregon



WHEN this book [*America: Cradle for the Second Coming of the Christ*] was first published in 1987, on the 200th anniversary of our Constitution, Christian Scientists in particular had reason to be grateful. Without the Constitution and the Bill of Rights there would have been no place on this planet where Christian Science could have gained a foothold. Until America was prepared, and our Bill of Rights guaranteed religious freedom, there was no nation that would have protected Mary Baker Eddy and enabled her to found Christian Science in human consciousness. ...

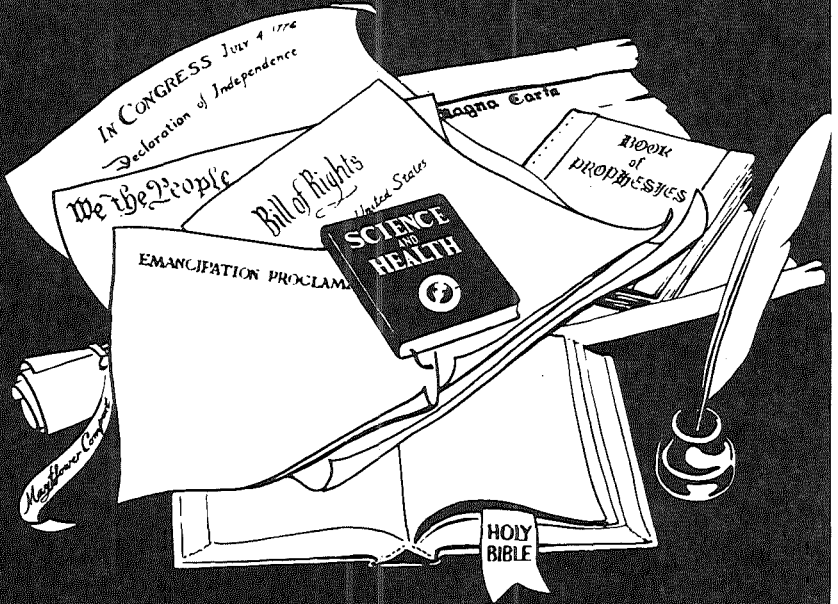
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