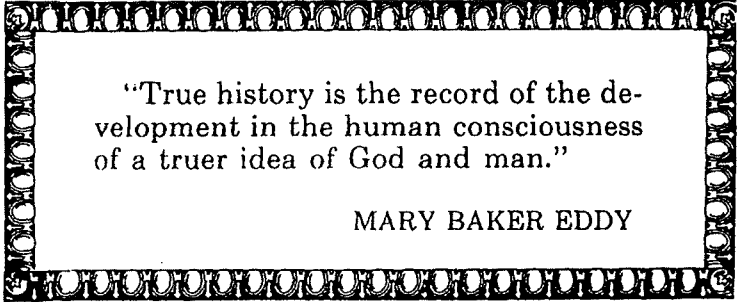


# H I S T O R Y



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

MARY BAKER EDDY

## THE JUBILEE

*A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you;... In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession. —Moses*

A PARAGRAPH in a recent book by a Christian writer ended with: "the End Times, the period preceding the Second Coming of Christ."

### **Wrong Direction**

Sincere Christians of every denomination agree that these are the Latter Days, that we are in the End Times. However, only those who have recognized that Science and Health is the "little book open" in the hand of the angel in Revelation 10, and have become devout students of that Comforter which will teach us all things, are looking in the right direction. Christ's Second Coming does not *follow* the End Times. It precedes them. The Second Coming began in 1821; manifested the Woman in travail (of Rev 12) in 1866 who brought forth her child, the Comforter in 1875.

The Woman and her babe, Science and Health, re-established the Christian era of spiritual healing. And the "little book," the Comforter which Jesus said would teach us

The last illustration, "The Way," is a picture of the human concept of the way. Early editions have the cross with birds and flowers and Jesus in the sky. Later editions have two crosses, the first one very dark, and a crown in the sky. Devout Christians, including many who call themselves Christian Scientists, see the path as a very dark cross which becomes lighter as we rise and progress. But the crown, heaven, is a long way off up in the sky. The human concept of heaven is always in another place at some future time.

Contrasting the human concept with the divine idea, we learn that heaven is here and now. With the advent of the "little book" there shall be time no longer. The Way is found in "Christian Unity." It is recognizing, acknowledging, and following the commandments and example of God's Two Witnesses.

God's first Witness said: "Thy kingdom come ON EARTH as it is in heaven." And "Be YE therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

God's Second Witness said: "Think of this inheritance! Heaven right here where angels are as men clothed more lightly, and men as angels, who burdened for an hour spring into liberty, and the good they would do, that they do, and the evil they would not do, that they do not."

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Heaven. Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government by divine Principle; spirituality; bliss; the atmosphere of Soul.

—*Science and Health*

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The Christian Scientist has one Master, even Christ, Truth, the unerring Mind and supreme Ruler of the universe. This Mind so governs his affections, faith and allegiance that he reflects Christ, and this gives him dominion over the earth. This dominion is through Mind, not matter. It is the true sense of things and not the false—the abiding sense of supply, safety, and success, even the justice, mercy, and faith that is the substance of all he hopes for and can attain.

—Essays and Other Footprints

all things, explains this regeneration as the scientific mental healing of infinite Mind.

Mary Baker Eddy's experience from 1866 through 1880 covered two nine year periods which overlapped. The first was her nine years of travail from her discovery in 1866 till she brought forth her child, *Science and Health*, in 1875.

### **Second Day of Labor**

The second nine year period was the necessity for her to uncover malicious animal magnetism. This epoch started in 1871 when her second student began clandestinely reversing all the marvelous Truth he had learned from his Teacher, for wicked evil purposes. This was the beginning of the understanding in human consciousness of the law of opposites. It was the summer of 1880 before Mrs. Eddy had fully fathomed the mystery of iniquity. The third edition of *Science and Health*, published in 1881, chronicles her experience with malicious animal magnetism in a 47 page chapter entitled "Demonology."

### **Mediaeval Period of Metaphysics**

Students of that day could not comprehend malicious mind. Most were blissfully asleep in the peace and moderation of the mediaeval period of metaphysics. But our Leader saw into the future and wrote the following in Volume II of the third edition, which has great meaning for students today who MUST learn metaphysics for refuge and defence.

The crimes committed mentally are drifting the age towards self-defence; we hope the method it adopts will be more humane than in periods past. The re-establishment of the Christian era, or the mediaeval period of metaphysics, will be one of moderation and peace; but the reinauguration of this period will be met with demonology, or the unlicensed cruelty of mortal mind, that will compel mankind to learn metaphysics for a refuge and defence. Then shall be fulfilled the Scripture, "The wrath of man shall praise Thee, and the remainder thereof Thou shalt restrain." (DCC 141)

### **Resistance to Spiritual Era**

Our Leader uncovered m. a. m. in about the second day of her labors, and she labeled and identified it as "demonology, or the unlicensed cruelty of mortal mind." She foresaw this unlicensed cruelty of mortal mind which all the world is witnessing today in senseless crimes and unbelievable wickedness. "The broadcast powers of evil so conspicuous today show themselves in the materialism and sensualism of the age, struggling against the advancing spiritual era." (S&H 65:13)

This wickedness which we see attacking innocent victims everywhere, pursued and attacked our Leader just as cruelly a century and more ago. But she was God's Chosen Witness leaning on His sustaining omnipresence and omnipotence which enabled her to survive the attacks and prevail. She fulfilled her six days of labor and entered into the seventh day of spiritual reality.

### **Six Days of Labor**

We all have six days of labor to learn the *nothingness* of matter, mortal mind, malicious animal magnetism. Our Leader has pioneered the way and left her fadeless footprints for us to follow. Her path was beset with seemingly unsurmountable obstacles time and again; and more than once she despaired of even surviving until the next morning.

### **1898 Revision of Science and Health**

One period of extremely great trials was during the major revision of Science and Health in 1890. She wrote to her son that she had lost 50 pounds; and to her student Clara Shannon that her [lovely brown] hair had turned white and not to be surprised when she saw her. Miss Shannon wrote: "When she greeted me in the drawing room, I was very much moved, as I could see by her face what deep waters she was passing through. She said to me, 'The cup is bitter, bitter!' the tears came to my eyes..."

Jesus, God's First Witness brought Light, the Science of being, to this darkened world— and men loved darkness rather than light. The tree was green,— that is, his mission of planting the Science of being in human consciousness

had not yet grown to maturity,— when the resistance of mortal mind tried to crucify the Christ.

"Christ was not crucified,  
That doom was Jesus' part"

### **Jesus' Prophecy**

Jesus foresaw what mortal resistance would try to do to the Science of being in its maturity, when its fulness was revealed. As he was being led to the crucifixion on Calvary he turned to the lamenting women who were following him and said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children." And then he prophesied what they would have to meet: "For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" (Luke 23: 28-31)

### **Fourth Commandment**

Everyone has six days of labor in which he must learn the nothingness of matter and the overcoming of malicious animal magnetism. And the fourth commandment tells us how to do this. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." In other words, keep your thought on the spiritual facts of being.

Spiritual teaching is always by symbols, so days are not periods of time as mortals count time. There is no time in Spirit. The fourth commandment continues: "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work." Then it reminds us again that the seventh day is the symbol of spiritual reality, of completeness, fulfillment, with no need for work. Divine Mind rests in action.

### **Seven, Completeness, Fulfillment**

Infinite Mind, through Moses, gave the Children of Israel another instruction of completeness, fulfillment, with the symbol seven. This time it was seven years. In Leviticus 25 the Lord spake unto Moses in Mount Sinai: "Speak unto

the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the Lord." This is the land of Christian Science where fetters fall. We are learning that the land is as spiritual as the Mind that created it. Our Leader tells us to emerge gently from matter into Spirit. Moses continues: "Six years thou shalt sow...and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord:... And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you..." Once again the seventh year, the year of rest, is the spiritual reality which provides all needs.

Trials turn us like tired children to the arms of infinite Love. And little by little we learn to *keep* the sabbath— to make every day a spiritual reality. When we get involved in the six days of labor we tend to forget the spiritual reality of being. But if we are sincere when we sing "Shepherd, show me how to go O'er the hillside steep," we shall experience the seven times seven and then the jubile.

And thou shalt number the seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.

Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound...

And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession... (Lev 25:8,9,10)

#### **Fiftieth Edition**

Our Leader went through seven times seven periods of exhausting labor, severe trials, and rejoicing before the fiftieth edition of Science and Health finally came forth. Her labors changed the world forever. She wrote to a student after the close of 1890 while the revised Science and Health was at the printer: "My work for the world this last year will go on through all time." That major revision of our textbook proclaimed liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof. Chronologically it would have been the forty-ninth edition, but our Leader sounded the trumpet of the jubile and proclaimed it the fiftieth edition.

### Return to Your Possession

As we fulfill our seven times seven years of experience,— of problems and victories, of trials and rejoicing,— we too shall cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound. "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession."

What is our Possession? Solomon has told us: "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way,... when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him."

Remember the seventh day to keep it entirely spiritual.



"Oh, the marvel of my life! What would be thought of it if it was known in a millionth of its detail? But this cannot be now. It will take centuries for this."

Letter to Augusta Stetson  
from Mary Baker Eddy

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Our work is not to change God's work, for that is finished and perfect. Neither is it to make error nothing, for it is that already; but to stand (apparently) in the midst of it, unmoved, knowing its nothingness. Isaiah 43:2. (DCC 186)

Isaiah 43:2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

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But the divine Love will accomplish what all the powers of earth combined can never prevent being accomplished—the advent of divine healing and its divine Science. My 308)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your publication TICS, is greatly appreciated—especially the article written by C.S. Steves, as he was my teacher. However, the article "Parable of the Prodigal Son" could not be from his Association Address of 1964 since Mr. Steves passed away early in 1963.

I hope you will make this correction in your next issue.

Margaret D. Bleecker  
Keene, New Hampshire

Thank you for this issue of T.I.C.S. [July, 2002]...So glad to see pictures of Mrs. Knapp and Bicknell Young.

This is a very fine compilation of notes of "Day" by Bicknell Young. So very much appreciated.

Olive S. Chichester  
Sequim, Washington

Your digests are amazing. Everything in them is metaphysically solid....

The April, 1980 has an article called "The Ascension of Mary Baker Eddy" by Carl Lundstrom, C.S. I've always thought this had to be. You can imagine how I felt when I read it. Why hasn't this knowledge been given out to the field? I feel certain that the archives in Boston has it. The article in Nov., 1999, called "The Revelation - December 4, 1910" by Mabel E. Ayres is relative to the above. I have shared this with fellow members.

Your Sentinel is so necessary for today. ...They are a powerhouse of metaphysics and necessary information.

Ruth Levine  
Oakdale, New York

Today, I offer something for your magazine—if it interests you....The author is our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy.

The Lesson of the Grass

"When the winds of error blast, go down and down in humility like the grass, and wait to rise up after the storm.