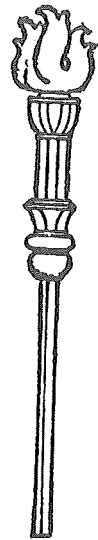
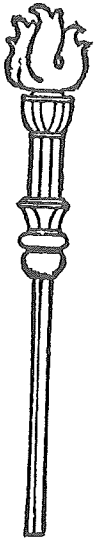


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Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock: if any man hear
my voice, and open the door,
I will come in to him, and sup
with him, and he with me.

— *Revelation*

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

S&H - <i>Science and Health</i>	Man - <i>Manual of The Mother Church</i>
Hea - <i>Christian Healing</i>	Pan - <i>Christian Science versus Pantheism</i>
Mis - <i>Miscellaneous Writings</i>	Peo - <i>The People's Idea of God</i>
No - <i>No and Yes</i>	Ret - <i>Retrospection and Introspection</i>
Pul - <i>Pulpit and Press</i>	Rud - <i>Rudimental Divine Science</i>
Un - <i>Unity of Good</i>	Chr - <i>Christ and Christmas</i>
Po - <i>Poems</i>	
My - <i>The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany</i>	
'00 - <i>Message to The Mother Church, June 1900</i>	
'01 - <i>Message to The Mother Church, June 1901</i>	
'02 - <i>Message to The Mother Church, June 1902</i>	
DCC - <i>Divinity Course and General Collectanea</i>	
EOF - <i>Essays and Other Footprints</i>	
7th Day - <i>Mary Baker Eddy's Lessons of the Seventh Day</i>	
CCT - <i>Christian Science, Its Clear Correct Teaching and Complete Writings</i>	
Dis - <i>The Discovery of the Science of Man</i>	
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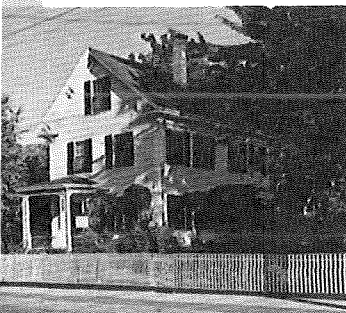
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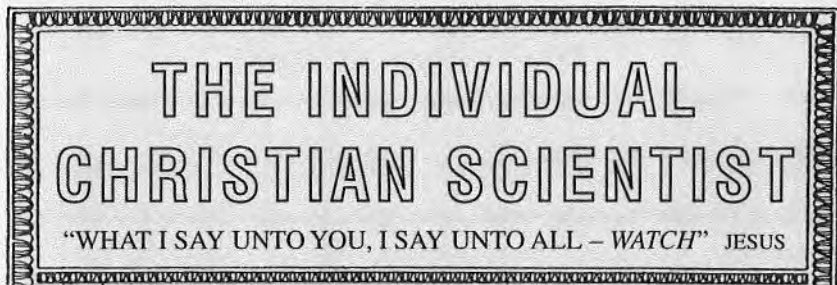
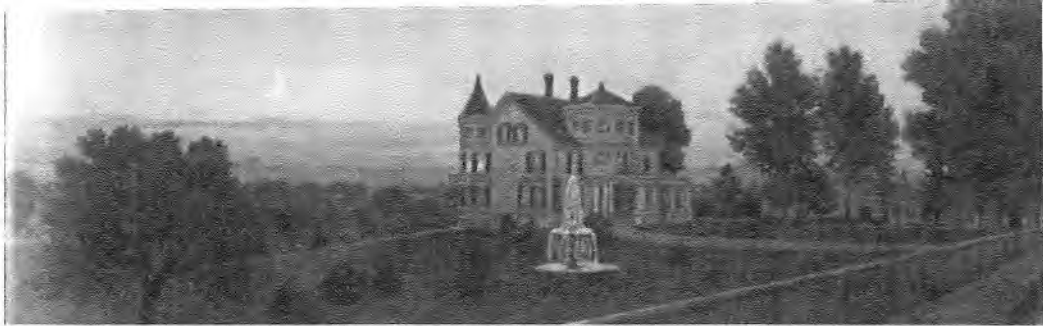
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**The house in Swampscott, Massachusetts
where Mary Baker Eddy was living
in February, 1866.**

**The individual Christian Scientist is
the Christian Science sentinel.**



THOUSAND YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST

Gail M. Weatherbe

WE have entered the Biblical Millennium — 6000 years since Adam, the Seventh Day — the THOUSAND YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH. Christians have foretold this era, or Kingdom Age, for 2000 years.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

The Law, the Gospel, the Comforter

The Holy Scriptures, or the Old Testament or Covenant, gave us the LAW— the Ten Commandments and the law of Moses.

The Holy Bible, the New Testament or Covenant, along with the Old Testament, is the GOSPEL of Christ —the teachings of Jesus the Christ.

The Holy Comforter, as prophesied by Jesus in John 14, 15, and 16, is the SCIENCE of the Christ, along with both the Old and

IN SCIENCE ALL BEING IS INDIVIDUAL —Mary Baker Eddy

New Covenants — the teachings of the Second Coming of Christ, Mary Baker Eddy, as recorded in SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES. Mrs. Eddy defines the Holy Comforter as “LOVE’S SPIRITUAL COMPACT” (Ret 47:1). She elaborates: “The real Christian compact is love for one another. This bond is wholly spiritual and inviolate.” (Mis 91:10)

“the finger of God”

The Ten Commandments were “written with the finger of God.” And Moses emphasized that he did not write them “of mine own mind.” “And he [God] gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.” (Ex 31:18) “And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.” (Num 16:28)

Jesus, our Lord and Master, had “the mind of Christ” (I Cor 2:16) and both his teachings and his acts proceeded from this mind.

I Cor 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Mary Baker Eddy, our Leader and Mother, gave us the teaching of the Holy Comforter, the Christ Science, or “true knowledge” (S&H 466:3) of Christ. She says that “CHURCH” is “whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle.” (S&H 583:12). So, the final “Church,” or “Mind which was in Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5) “proceeds from divine Principle.” Mary Baker Eddy’s teaching, as recorded in SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, “proceeds from divine Principle.” Like Jesus, she had the “mind of Christ,” and did not give us divine Science as recorded in SCIENCE AND HEALTH “of her own mind.” “’Tis the same hand unfolds His power, And writes the page.” (Chr) She describes Science and Health as “Truth’s volume” or God’s volume. (S&H 559)

Prophecy

A statement from a 1995 mailer from The Bookmark, England reads: “The millennium is fast approaching. Mrs. Eddy

made several prophecies regarding it. One occurred in 1898 when she told two students: "The reason for asking "Is the universe including man evolved by atomic force?" is that Christian Science must answer that question to the world, or all will be destroyed by fire in the year 2000."

All the fires in the last few years in the western part of the United States, and especially, the 9/11/2001 Twin Towers disaster in New York City, seem to be in keeping with Mrs. Eddy's prophecy. It has been noted in the 9/11 plane crashes, that the messages via last minute cell phone calls on the hijacked airplanes reported that the passengers were retching and vomiting at the impending disaster. This could be likened to the retching and vomiting of many as they sense we have reached the end of our civilization as we have known it.

Infinite Moral Unity

Much of the confusion, disorder, disobedience and reckless defiance in modern society can be traced to this involuntary impulse — that is, as a society and nation, *we are retching and vomiting at the thought of the end of morality in our modern Western culture*. It was said of the coming Messiah: "Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." (Ps 45:7) Echoing the Psalmist, Paul speaks in the New Covenant of the coming of Christ: "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." (Heb 1:9) Righteousness may also be defined as "INFINITE MORAL UNITY" (Un 19:14). The cosmos is an orderly, continuous unity. Chaos is a very great confusion; complete disorder; a confused mass or mixture. "...if the supreme good could predestine or foreknow evil, there would be sin in Deity, and this would be the end of infinite moral unity. ...On the contrary, evil is only a delusive deception, without any actuality which Truth can know." (Un 19:11)

We can take the above to mean that, based on the Judeo-Christian Scriptures, Christians are to "LOVE RIGHTEOUSNESS and to HATE INIQUITY." And that surely includes "hating" immorality under any stripe or color. And that is not hating

persons, as such — but the sin, or mortal thinking, which engulfs them.

Morality

Apparently the rejection of morality as we have known it, has reached the revulsion stage. And well it should. Revulsion and rejection are the only action and response that will save us. Our Leader says: “No intellectual proficiency is requisite in the learner, but sound morals are most desirable.” (S&H x:30) She states: “None are permitted to remain in my College building whose morals are not unquestionable.” (Mis 249:14) And, “Teaching Christian Science shall be no question of money, but of morals and of uplifting the race.” (Mis 315:20) She summarizes: “Christian Science maintains primitive Christianity, shows how to demonstrate it, and throughout is logical in premise and in conclusion. ...[Christian] Scientists [who] ...establish their practice of healing on its basis [basis of Science and Health], become successful healers and models of good morals” (My 111:15).

Hate

Mrs. Eddy also warns that “The moral abandon of hating even one’s enemies excludes goodness. Hate is a moral idiocy let loose for one’s own destruction. Unless withstood, the heat of hate burns the wheat, spares the tares, and sends forth a mental miasma fatal to health, happiness, and the morals of mankind, — and all this only to satiate its loathing of love and its revenge on the patience, silence, and lives of saints.” (My 249:9)

To be Christians and Christian Scientists, we must “LOVE RIGHTEOUSNESS and HATE INIQUITY.” On page 91 of Irving Tomlinson’s *Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy*, Mr. Tomlinson relates, “Here a member of the class [of 1898] asked, ‘Is there no discrimination made between good and evil?’ She [Mrs. Eddy] answered, ‘Ah, you have asked me that which is the hardest thing in Christian Science. Evil must be seen and denounced. The Bible says that Jesus was God’s chosen “because he loved righteousness,” but it also says he “hated iniquity.” Wisdom as well as love is necessary.’”

Water Bearer

This is called the Aquarian Age, and Aquarius is the Water Bearer. Therefore this is the age when those who understand the Bible and Science and Health will follow as our Leader directs: "Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ's name, and never fear the consequences." (S&H 570:14) (marginal heading "Receptive hearts")

We have entered the Biblical Millennium, the Seventh Day. "And God saw everything He had made, and behold, it was very good [God]."

Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the hosts of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

The Thousand Year Reign of Christ has begun. The final warfare and resolution are upon us. As Christians we will be held accountable. "By his works he shall be judged, — and justified or condemned." (Man 42) — Or Christian Science may once more be lost as aforesaid. In her Church Manual Mrs. Eddy alludes to this possible loss of Christian Science: "A departure from the spirit or letter of this By-Law involves schisms in our Church and the possible loss, for a time, of Christian Science." (Man 44)

Our Leader and Mother, the Second Coming of Christ, has given us the rule for this hour and this age:

"Thy kingdom come; let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind and govern them!" (Man 41)

To love righteousness and to hate iniquity is the acid test of our civilization. By this test we shall survive and endure.



THE MILLENNIUM

Martha Wilcox

ONE [Scriptural prophecy] is recorded in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. It reads as follows: "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work."

Six Days

In this prophecy...man is allotted six days in which to dispel the darkened sense which he himself created, when he erringly assumed his separation from God and seemed to wander far from true consciousness. To "labour, and do all thy work," signifies that during this period of six days man is to dispel the ignorance and the false beliefs which constitute so-called mortal mind or material sense, for by so doing he returns or is restored to his Father's house or true consciousness. St. Peter in his Second Epistle emphasizes the fact that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years." Therefore, inasmuch as four thousand years elapsed from...the beginning of Bible history to the advent of Jesus on earth, and...two thousand years since Christ Jesus delivered the great influx of spiritual light and illumination which aided mankind to work out his salvation, obviously the six thousand years, or six days spoken of in this prophecy,...end with [the] twentieth century.

The Millennium

Then cometh the seventh, or the sabbath day — the day of rest from our labors, which is called the millennium. ...

According to the dictionary, the millennium is a period of a thousand years as mentioned in the twentieth chapter of

Revelation, during which time holiness is to be triumphant. Hence, it is a period of great happiness, good government and freedom from wickedness. Some believe that during this period Christ will reign on earth in person.

Christ

All Christian Scientists understand that Christ is not a person, but is the impersonal truth about everything and everyone that we now know humanly and materially. The millennium is that period in which the impersonal Christ, or the Son of God, is appearing on earth, or in human consciousness, as the Son of man. It is that period of consciousness in which men and women are coming into their true humanhood.

In Christian Science we learn that Christ, the Son of God, is the divine actuality of all existing persons and things. And, according to prophecy, this divine actuality of all persons and things is now appearing in concrete phenomena as the Son of man in power and great glory — which means that divine actualities with their power and glory, are appearing in the highest forms appreciable to human consciousness.

True Freedom

To a Christian Scientist, the millennium will be the state of his own individual consciousness. It will be his freedom to think without the constraint of the so-called mortal mind, for as long as our thought is constrained, just that long is divine power lacking. When we are free to think divinely, without the constraint of mortal mind, then we are free to act divinely, without constraint. Then we can walk over the waves, calm the storm, and feed the multitude, if need be.

The infinite God-Mind seems to be hidden because we seem to have a mind of our own, but as thought attains something of its right origin — the divine Mind — then the power, the omnipotence of good, is available to us, and we shall naturally do the “greater works” that the Master said we would do. (See John 14:12)

Only those who have spiritual discernment realize what is taking place and the import of the present time. Those of discernment realize that the world is passing out of one mental

cycle, or mode of thinking and living, into another cycle of enlarged thinking and better living, and of spiritual power. When this great moral chemicalization has done its work, we shall find error destroyed, and we shall discern good only at hand. And in the meantime, we should understand that what appears so distressing in this present day, is not crucifixion, but resurrection.. ...

Individual Being

The Christian Scientist realizes that his consciousness, which is his world — with its people, its religions, its governments and politics — is within himself, and that it depends largely upon himself whether his world is the kingdom of heaven or a misconception of the kingdom of heaven. ...

According to prophecy and actual experience, this is the day when much mortal mind and materiality is passing away, and it is passing away with much noise and disturbance. And all this is taking place within the individual's own consciousness, or he could not be aware of it, although it all seems to be taking place external to him. The discerning Peter foretold this day. He said, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

Spiritualization

Our world to a great extent is mentalized; that is, people in general believe that everything of which they are conscious is mental. But in the millennium a greater work than mentalization will be consummated. Then the world and everything of which the world consists will be spiritualized. And...it is the duty of every Christian Scientist to see that this greater work is active in his individual consciousness...

As students of Christian Science we are learning that we do not change our world simply by transposing it from a material world to a mental or thought world; we are learning that in order to see our world as spiritual instead of material, we must set aside that which is causing the material sense of our world. The people, things, and conditions of our world seem to be material, because so-called mortal mind's concept of itself and all that it is, is always

NOTHING BUT LOVE

References on Love from our Leader compiled by Joyellen Reaves.

The light of ever-present Love illumines the universe. (S&H 503:14)

To infinite, ever-present Love, all is Love, and there is no error, no sin, sickness nor death. (S&H 567:7)

Love is the Way. Love worketh with us. It does not work with hate, hence we *must* love. Love “worketh with us to will and to do,” that is, to accomplish. “Love never faileth;” hence we cannot fail in our demonstration. (DCC 93:30)

This truer sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit, the law of divine Love. (S&H 19:8)

His ways are not made known until He tries our obedience, and then He will *reward it*. Be of good cheer. It is Love, unquenchable Love, that loves you better than you can love yourself; Love that cares for every moment and will not leave you comfortless; Love that saith, “none shall be able to pluck them out of my hands.” (DCC 93:34)

A withdrawal into the infinite Love hides us from the gaze of our foes. Error cannot enter the presence of Truth without losing its claim to power. It becomes annihilated.

Who chooses discord? Is not the peace of Heaven better? Love is the fulfilling of the law; let us abide in love. (MBE 6 Days 152)

The third stage of mental growth is manifested in *love*, the greatest of all stages and states of being; love that is irrespective of self, rank, or following. ...Divine Love is the substance of Christian Science, the basis of its demonstration, yea, its foundation and superstructure. Love impels good works. Love is greatly needed, and must be had to mark the way in divine Science. (Mis 357:19)

according to prophecy, the Christ, the Son of God — the reality of all men and women and of all things — is appearing in human consciousness in such irresistible activity and power, and with such illumination of understanding, that ignorance of God and man and the universe is being swept away and the “new heaven and new earth” are being revealed.

No Work

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

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

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

Excerpted from Association Address, 1939

“Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day....There remained therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.”

—Hebrews 4

growth; but it is a far greater work to do what we are now doing — demonstrating our oneness with God, our oneness with all good; demonstrating that man as idea or reflection already has health, harmony and supply and could not be without them. The thought of Christian Scientists has been vastly improved in the understanding of the Science of Mind and its application to our human needs. Our thought has been gradually educated to the apprehension of things as they really are....

Today we understand that what appears to be matter is Spirit in expression. Spirit and matter are not two, but one. Mrs. Eddy says good and evil “are not two but one, for evil is naught, and good only is reality.” When we see evil, we are seeing good in reversion; and when death appears to our sense, we are seeing Life in reversion.

The “Greater Works”

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

Someone may think, How can there be greater works than the work of Jesus? Can there be anything greater than healing the sick instantaneously, making the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, the dead to live, and all instantly? Can there be greater works than these? Jesus himself said so, and that we should do them.

“I” Is Truth

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

In speaking of the healing work, Mrs. Eddy says, “This absolute demonstration of Science must be revived. ...A healing that is not guesswork...but instantaneous cure.” (Mis) At this time,

matter. Mortal mind sees and feels itself as matter; its objectifications are matter. The seeming material world is mortal mind as it is to itself.

What Is Matter?

What is matter? Matter is the primal concept of mortal mind; matter is the mortal, perishable sense of that which is imperishable. Matter is a misstatement; it is a delusion, an illusion, a deception. But in the millennium, we shall see the people and all things of our world in a truer depict, and realize that they are God-being and are spiritual.

We, who are students of Christian Science, understand and demonstrate the greater works. We are proving that all things of which our world consists, are God's creation, and have always been actualities of Spirit. They only appear material or mortally mental because we still see them through the lens of false material sense.

Let it be clearly understood that we do not spiritualize matter, because matter is not some thing or condition to be dealt with, to be fulfilled or to be destroyed. Matter is a deception; it is a false appearance of an actuality at hand. The actuality does not need to be spiritualized, and matter is not something which can be spiritualized. Rather do we dematerialize these actualities by removing from them the false appearance or material accompaniments — the false sense of density, weight, finiteness and impermanence. We, as Christian Scientists, have done much dematerialization up to the present time. Yes, we have come a long way on our journey from sense to Soul. It is difficult to conceive just how far we have come since we began our six days of labor, and to what extent we are equipped to do the greater works.

Becoming Qualified

Let us consider just how much of the statement, "he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also," has been fulfilled, and see if we are not more fully qualified to do the greater works than the false sense of humility is permitting us to admit. When we first took up the study of Christian Science, it was largely for personal improvement — either to gain health, harmony or supply — and that was perfectly legitimate at that stage of our

God is Love, and Love is infinite; realize this and you are safe from harm; nothing can touch you. (DCC 20:36)

Do not work *against* error, but *feel* the Love that dissolves it. (DCC 21:15)

Love cannot be debarred a manifestation, and is joy and not sorrow, good and not evil, Life and not death. (S&H, 1st Ed. 33)

The true sense of love is to love God — good, then we love all, for God is All. That love is unlimited and flows out freely to all, and all feel it. (DCC 25:11)

Never argue all on one side. But handle the serpent; then claim the real, the Love. (DCC 212:26)

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 308:1)

The true idea of God took away the sting of death, mastered sickness and sin, and caused the lion to lie down with the lamb, even the beliefs that would rob God, to fall at the feet of Love. (S&H, 1st Ed 50:29)

No power can withstand divine Love. (S&H 224:31)

God, Love, governs and Love is not overcome by hate...There must be an outpouring of love to meet this hour. (DCC 39:37)

All is peace and Truth; there is no error, no hatred, no sin, all is *Love*, love for God and man.

There abide, for if you abide in Love and Truth, and Truth and Love abide in you, no evil can come of it, and the result must be, *is* health, harmony, heaven. (DCC 47:10)

Then declare that Love is All, and *in all*, in every thought, and all power is in Love. There is no other power. Evil is powerless; there is no evil. ...Life, Truth Love *have reversed*, and they have

destroyed all evil. ...Divine Love is supreme and controls all I think, say or do. (DCC 47:19)

Love is almighty. Keep declaring that Principle, Life, Truth and Love are omnipotent. It is Love that *uncovers* and *overcomes*. (EOF 70:13)

The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin and death. (S&H 412:13)

The remedy for the trials of the hour, hatred, fear, etc. is love. How shall I meet this heated hatred, this envy, this malice, this poison of thought? ...That the spirit of revenge in mortal mind may not prevail, students should see the necessity of, and strive to attain a clearer understanding of the law of Love. (DCC 202:14)

Trust in God and He will direct thy path. God is beside us at all times in our daily work. Realize the ever-present Love and rejoice. ...I can express love, patience, truth because I am. (DCC 205:32)

I walk the earth in the atmosphere of Love which holds me in spiritual gravitation. The Love that I reflect repels every error of mortal mind, for Love is the only law and Love is all activity. Love fills all channels and expels all error. Love purifies, inspires, protects and satisfies.

Love contains, Love maintains, Love sustains, Love does liberate, unbind, unseal and deliver, naught can hinder Love. Love does supply with perfect freedom, Love does furnish, provide, adorn with great liberty. Love does glow, warm, shine, light with its rays of glory.

Love does illumine, irradiate, beam with resplendent brilliancy.

Love is the only and all of spiritual attainment in spiritual growth. Without it healing is not done and cannot be, either morally or physically. Every advance step will show you this until victory is won and you possess no other consciousness but *Love* divine. (7th Day, p 338)



HISTORY

"I cannot advise you regarding a Christian Science practitioner; but I earnestly request that you select one who knows Christian Science history.."
—**Mary Baker Eddy**

'SO BIG A HISTORY'

THE illustration depicting Revelation 12:1 which is now the centerpiece of our cover has an interesting history.

At the time of the building of the Mother Church in 1894 it was first planned to have a stained-glass window of the Woman God-crowned in the Mother's Room of Mrs. Eddy's church. But on the twelfth of September in that year the Mother wrote to Dr. Foster Eddy: "I see that it is not wisdom to tell so big a history in 'Mother's Room' window. Leave out the woman picture as portrayed in Rev. 12..."

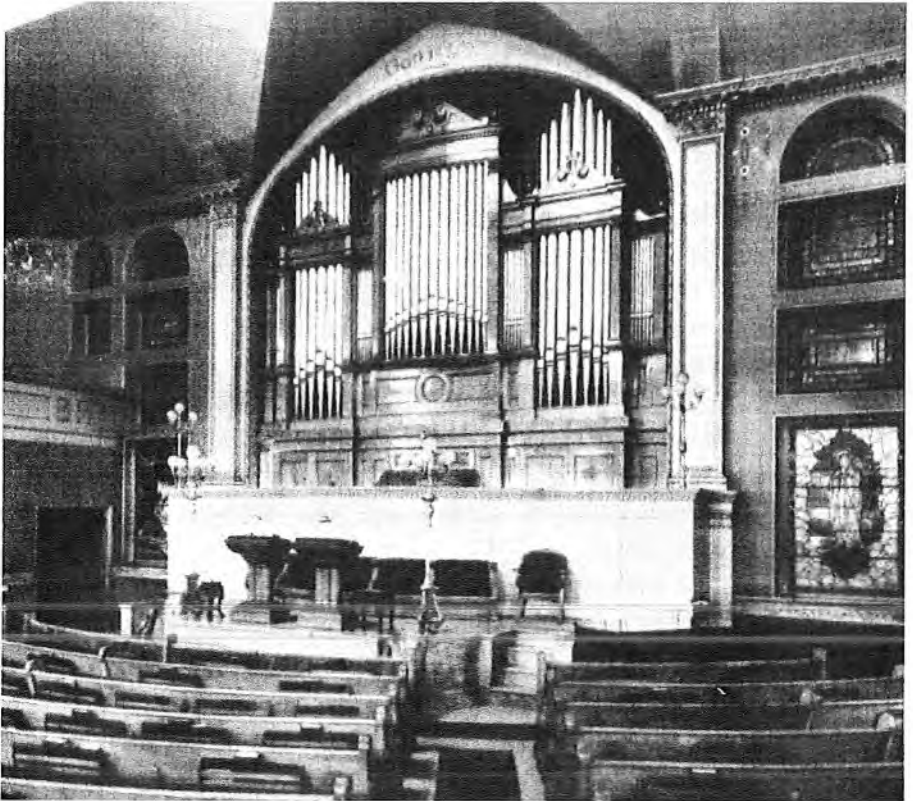
"So big a history," which 99.9 per cent of Christendom still considered prophecy, was, six days later, wisely recommended to be presented as the fourth of four Mary picture-windows, as per Mrs. Eddy's message to her board of directors:

MEMORANDUM OF SEPTEMBER 18, 1894

I herewith send a bit of Bible history to be illustrated on your church walls in the auditorium, according as they are numbered on successive windows. Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary anointing the head of Jesus, Mary first at the resurrection, Woman God crowned, (Rev. 12th chap.). Have these pictures arranged on windows that follow one after the other as above numbered.

"My history is a holy one." —Mary Baker Eddy

As it turned out the third and fourth Mary pictures, Mary first at the resurrection, and Mary Woman God-crowned, were on the left and right sides of the pulpit, as can be seen in this picture which is very similar to one which appeared in the *Christian Science Journal* of May, 1895, and which was titled "The Pulpit and Organ."



THE PULPIT AND ORGAN

Edward Bates' Experience

Mr. Bates tells an interesting story about the installation of the fourth Mary window. The first service in the Mother Church was scheduled for December 30, 1894, and on December 29 the building was far from completion. Mr. Bates worked hard to persuade all of the contractors to work overtime on December 29 that the edifice may be ready. Only one refused to cooperate, and that was the one installing the stained-glass windows. When his men left at quitting time on Saturday, December 29, one window remained uninstalled — and that one was the Woman God-crowned. With the help of God, Mr. Bates managed to get that most important window installed before midnight.

At a later date Mrs. Eddy said to Mr. Bates: "You put me in my proper place. You seem to know who I am and what I deserve."

Joseph Armstrong's Evaluation

Another student who had some understanding of Mrs. Eddy's place was Joseph Armstrong, one of her directors in 1894. In his book, *The Mother Church*, Mr. Armstrong says of the four Mary windows: "There is a peculiar circumstance connected with the arrangement of these windows. To place them in their present order, so that their story might be read from left to right, it was found that the infant Jesus had the best light; the 'Anointing of Jesus' came in almost as good a place; the 'Resurrection' window was rather dark; while the 'Woman of Prophecy,' representing the highest revelation of all, had less light than any other window in the church. Thus we may see that while the human Jesus is recognized as the Son of God by many, the risen Christ, or the God-crowned ideal, is as yet but faintly seen."

The Resurrection Window

The picture that Joseph Armstrong referred to as "the Resurrection window" is titled "Mary First at the Resurrection," and is pictured on the next page. This window and more especially the fourth Mary window, "Woman God-crowned," were in the dark for many years despite numerous efforts for better lighting.



MARY FIRST AT THE RESURRECTION

Nine Years in the Dark

It was nine years later that the First Reader of the Mother Church wrote Mrs. Eddy as follows:

Boston, January 21, 1904

Next Sunday marks an interesting event. The window of the Mother Church containing the picture of the God-crowned woman, east of the chancel, has never been illuminated, as it was against a small air shaft, and the light was obstructed by the wall of the adjacent residence. As you may know, many endeavors at artificial illumination were made some years ago, but all failed, and the picture remained dimly lighted. The obstructing wall has been pulled down this week, — the last of the houses on the lot for the new church having been razed, — and next Sunday will be the first Sunday that this picture has ever been illuminated by the full light of day.

It so happens that the Lesson-Sermon for that Sunday, "Love," contains several references to the God-crowned woman which are even stronger than any given before, as I remember, and it seemed interesting to me that this should occur on the same day, although the lesson was prepared six months ago. I hope this is symbolic of a fuller recognition of our Revelator and her Revelation!

Hermann S. Hering

Three days later at the Sunday morning service Prof. Hering and the Second Reader were reading the lesson on Love to a congregation that was enjoying the brilliantly lighted window of the Woman God-crowned. As they began the fifth section, which was the one containing the references from Revelation 12, an unusual incident occurred. One of Mrs. Eddy's students wrote her about it the same day:

Boston, January 24, 1904

Beloved Leader and Teacher:

I thought you would be pleased to learn of a very significant incident in connection with our morning service in the Mother Church today. The Lesson-Sermon was on "Love." Today is the first Sunday that the window on the left of the Readers (the God-crowned woman) was fully seen in all its perfection and beauty. The buildings on Norway Street had heretofore prevented the

light of the sun from shining in; but now they are removed in order to make room for our new edifice. On this beautiful Sunday morning the glorious import of the window became more apparent to all, as it revealed itself in the sunlight of this day. The lesson on "Love" with the reference as found in Revelation, which tells of the "woman clothed with the sun," was truly prophecy, it gave us more of its meaning than ever before.

Another incident occurred while the fifth section of the lesson was being read; it was this: two little birds, sparrows, came and lighted on this same window, one above the other, clinging to the outside framework. Their little forms were plainly visible from the audience room. They remained only while this part of the lesson was being read and then flitted away. To me this was a glorious omen. I think this may interest you, knowing that not even a sparrow passeth our Father's notice. May we all get the rich, grand, and deep meaning of the lesson herein mentioned.

Lovingly, your student,
Herbert L. Dunbar



RESISTANCE

THE Revelator to this age spent the first four years after her great discovery of the Science of man healing, and in a general way preaching and teaching, "without money and without price." Those healed rejoiced; and a few were grateful — perhaps ten per cent — even as Jesus experienced when he healed the ten lepers. One returned to give thanks. Jesus said, "Where are the nine?" (Luke 17:17)

Self-love

He knew where they were, — totally absorbed in self and materialism. The manhood of God who first brought the fulness of Christ, the Truth of spiritual being, to this darkened world, "asleep in night's embrace," knew that human consciousness had to be elevated before it could apprehend and appreciate true being. He also knew that this great task of uplifting consciousness would be performed by the womanhood of God, and described it to his listeners in a parable when he told them that the kingdom of God

“is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.” (Luke 13:21)

Human resistance to truth and progress crucified its messenger from Divinity and brought on a thousand years of Dark Ages. Because Jesus understood cause and effect he knew that this would happen. He said, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day. The night cometh, when no man can work.”

A few faithful Israelites, lost sheep seeking spiritual reality while wandering in this dream of material sensation, would uphold, cherish, and preserve this Christ-light (of the world) all the long centuries of darkness and persecution. That is why Jesus said, “I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” (Matt 15:24)

He also said, “I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter that...shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance.” (John 14:16,26) It would waken the sleeper from his dream of materiality and cause him to *remember* reality.

Second Messenger Resisted

When the Daystar of divine Science dawned in the consciousness of Mary Baker Eddy she knew that her great mission among mortals had begun. She knew not the magnitude of this mission nor her own spiritual identity at that small beginning, but the scientific spiritual understanding she had discovered roused the hatred of the enemy. This dear, sweet, beautiful woman who had been dearly loved by all who knew her, began to meet with a resistance she had never known before. The adamancy in human consciousness that did not want Jesus to upset the status quo, once again rejected the Truth God was sending to the world through His Second Witness.

In *Retrospection and Introspection* Mrs. Eddy describes one early incident when she was called to speak in Westerly, Rhode Island. Upon arriving she learned that the next-door neighbor was on her death bed, and this angel of mercy visited the dying woman and healed her in a few minutes. “This scientific demonstration so stirred the doctors and clergy that they had my notices for a second lecture pulled down, and refused me a hearing in their halls and churches.” (40:21) “Light is come into the world,

and men loved darkness rather than light," (John 3:19) was Jesus' evaluation of such treatment. Mrs. Eddy wrote in *Science and Health*: "He, who knows God's will or the demands of divine Science and obeys them, incurs the hostility of envy." (241:1) The hostility of envy, reduced to its common denominator, is evils' hatred of Good.

This Issue

"The Pharisees fought Jesus on this issue. It furnished the battle-ground of the past, as it does of the present." (Un 46:26) What is "this issue" that furnishes the battle-ground, past and present? If we expect to win the battle we certainly need to understand the basic issue. "He [Jesus] taught no selfhood as existent in matter. In his identity there is no evil." (Un 46:13) Why did Jesus' stance for good incense the rabbins against him? Because they, and the worldly-wise today, claim a personality both good and evil, and though they claim to be good, they fight for evil. So the battle is a fight to enthrone evil.

Truth destroys sin, sickness and death by denying their reality.

Fair Play

In 1902 our Leader wrote: "From the beginning of the great battle every forward step has been met (not by mankind, but by a kind of men) with mockery, envy, rivalry, and falsehood —as achievement after achievement has been blazoned on the forefront of the world and recorded in heaven. The popular philosophies and religions have afforded me neither favor nor protection in the great struggle. Therefore, I ask: What has shielded and prospered preeminently our great Cause, but the outstretched arm of infinite Love? This pregnant question, answered frankly and honestly, should forever silence all private criticisms, all unjust public aspersions, and afford an open field and fair play." ('02 14:17)

The world is slow to perceive individual advancement;
but when it reaches the thought that has produced this, then it is willing
to be made whole, and no longer quarrels with the individual. Plato did
better; he said, "What thou seest, that thou beest."

Christian Healing, p. 8

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**“If any man
hear my voice,
and open the
door, I will
come in to
him...”**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your thoughtful letters, comments, and testimonies of experiences in Christian Science are welcome. Because of space limitations we reserve the right to edit.

I was very grateful for your October, 2004 issue. The article “Whoso Readeth, Let Him Understand,” was very helpful. After reading the article, I read the chapter on handling malicious animal magnetism in Mr. Eustace’s book. Then I read the chapter over and over again! I was so encouraged by his calm, quiet assurance as he dismissed the claims of evil.

Next, I read the chapter entitled, “To the Reader,” which outlined Mr. Eustace’s career in the Christian Science organization. I was immediately struck with how similar his experiences were to those of Augusta Stetson! They were both put through severe trials and finally excommunicated because they loved Mrs. Eddy and were faithful to her teaching. They not only remained loyal to their Leader during their extremely difficult experiences, but afterward they left their writings as a guide to

“When my students need me I will come to them.”

— Mary Baker Eddy

Mrs. Eddy's "clear, correct teaching" of Christian Science for those who are now striving to go forward in spiritual organization.

Thank you for making such helpful and inspiring articles available. They always bring needed insight and encouragement.

Maryellen Romine
Oswego, Illinois

"The kingdom of God is within you. Take time to get acquainted with yourself" — said Peter V. Ross. The more we understand that our health, courage and understanding all are God-given, the more easy it is to rule out every claim that evil has continuity or power. Each issue of "The Individual Christian Scientist" becomes more applicable with the wonderful articles you present.

LaVerne Lundstrom, C.S.
Brentwood, California

Thank you for the wonderful articles...I am especially grateful for the articles on absolute Christian Science and for the historical sketches.

Hilary Palmer
New York, New York

The articles during the past several years have been a metaphysical help to me every day. I read page 5 of the November 2002 issue every day before I go to work. From that I have learned what it means to "praise the light itself."

I also have re-read several times, Excerpts from a Letter, page 18, in the April 2004 issue. Mrs. Eddy points out the difference between thinking and knowing. "We can think or believe a lie, but we can never know it."

Love the new format although the old was pretty special.

They ALL are!

Joan Donlon
Rockport, Massachusetts

While I didn't think they [TICS quarterlies] could be improved on, I do have to admit that the addition of color really enhances them.

Joanna Kemper
Compton, Illinois



THE NEW CENTURY

Mary Baker Eddy

Thou God-crowned, patient century,
Thine hour hath come! Eternity
Draws nigh — and, beckoning from above,
One hundred years, aflame with Love,
Again shall bid old earth good-by —
And, lo, the light! far heaven is nigh!
New themes seraphic, Life divine,
And bliss that wipes the tears of time
Away, will enter, when they may,
And bask in one eternal day.

'Tis writ on earth, on leaf and flower:
Love hath one race, one realm, one power.
Dear God! how great, how good Thou art
To heal humanity's sore heart;
To probe the wound, then pour the balm —
A life perfected, calm and strong.
The dark domain of pain and sin
Surrenders — Love doth enter in,
And peace is won, and lost is vice:
Right reigns, and blood was not its price.

The manhood and womanhood of God have been revealed.



CHRISTIAN UNITY

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

Christian Scientists...must guard against the deification of finite personality. ...The Scriptures and Christian Science reveal "the way," and personal revelators will take their proper place in history, but will not be deified. —Mary Baker Eddy

