

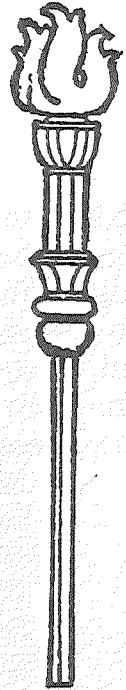
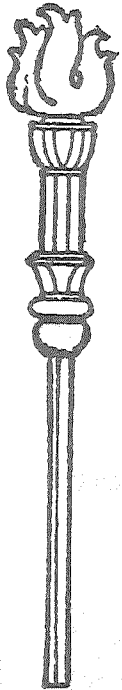
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Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock: if any man hear
my voice, and open the door,
I will come in to him, and sup
with him, and he with me.

— *Revelation*

The Individual Christian Scientist is expressly for "the lost Israel" who have wakened to their identity as "the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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| 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 - *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*
'00 - *Message to The Mother Church, June 1900*
'01 - *Message to The Mother Church, June 1901*
'02 - *Message to The Mother Church, June 1902*
DCC - *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*
EOF - *Essays and Other Footprints*
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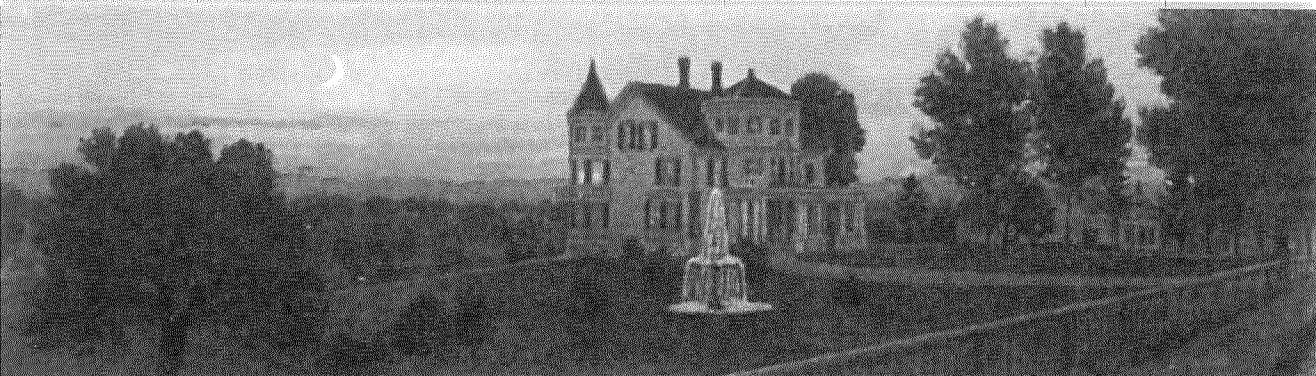
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**The house in Swampscott, Massachusetts
where Mary Baker Eddy was living
in February, 1866.**

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‘KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS’

Joyellen Reaves

ACCORDING to our Manual the first lessons in our Sunday school should be the Ten Commandments. (p. 62) Our Leader reminds us often of the necessity of keeping these commandments, especially the First. Jesus said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” (John 14:15) Could we not say the same about the commandments of our beloved Leader? Her commands are many in her writings.

Commands In Our Textbook

A number of years ago it came to me to highlight all of the commands in Science and Health. I was surprised to find how many commands there are. Now I can reference them quickly. The next step is obeying them.

Following are some of them which we should all be practicing constantly. “Stand porter at the door of thought. ...perform your office as porter and shut out these unhealthy thoughts and fears.” In the same paragraph she tells us the results of obeying these commands. “Admitting only such conclusions as you wish realized in bodily results, you will control yourself harmoniously. ...Exclude from mortal mind the offending errors, then the body cannot suffer from them.” (S&H 392:24) What beautiful results we will achieve when we obey these commands.

IN SCIENCE ALL BEING IS INDIVIDUAL —Mary Baker Eddy

Alert Porters

It is important that we be alert porters every minute of every day because the aggressive mental suggestions bombarding our consciousness seem endless. As we faithfully and persistently perform our duty as porter we rise in our demonstrations and the understanding of our God-being.

Recently while reading one of my teacher's early association addresses, I came across a healing she told about that illustrates the wonderful results of obeying these commands. She had been discussing Jesus' statement "Occupy till I come." She was showing how we must take possession of our thinking until we gain the fuller realization of the one Mind as our only consciousness.

"Occupy Till I Come"

"A demonstration a man made some time ago in Christian Science always reminds me of the value of understanding what it means to 'occupy till I come.' This man, before he took up the study of Christian Science, had been a medical doctor. He went down into the country one weekend to visit some friends who were not 'Scientists.' During the night he was taken ill, and from his knowledge of physical symptoms gained before he became a student, he realized he was having an attack of appendicitis. All through the night he worked; and when early morning came, while he was free from pain and fever, he was sore and exhausted. As he lay in bed, the argument said, 'You simply cannot get up and get dressed and go down to the breakfast table.' In answering this, he said, 'I don't have to. The thing I need to do now is to sit up in bed.' He sat up. Then the argument continued, 'But you cannot walk to the bathroom and shave.' Again he answered, 'This minute I only need to put my legs over the side of the bed.' Which he did; and then he managed to walk to the bathroom. He proceeded to shave and dress himself, and the suggestion carried on. 'Well, you have done pretty well, but you cannot get down stairs, sit at the breakfast table and eat some food.' Once more he replied, 'I don't need to right now. I only need to start down stairs.'

"This he did, walking down the flight of stairs into the dining room and seating himself at the table, he managed to eat some food. When breakfast was over, he thought, 'Now I will be able to go to my room and study for an hour or two.' He arose to leave the room only to be told that a trip into the country by auto was planned. The argument said, 'Now, this is just too much, you can never stand the jolting of that auto.' Once



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

LETTERS OF MARY BAKER EDDY TO AUGUSTA STETSON

Massachusetts Metaphysical College
385 Commonwealth Avenue

Boston,
March 21, 1889

My precious Student:

Your dear letters are a great reward to my tired life, and just when I have so *much to meet*. For this I thank God and *you*. After one quarter of a century I have gotten such as you, a few noble, faithful students.

I got the printed package. *Grand*. Do you not see that when you do as I request how you prove your ability to do what you had before doubted and how everything goes well if my directions are followed?

Yes, darling, you are learning this and growing like a sweet, fat, promising baby, like a beautiful sapling, like the reeds by the river, like the child Jesus.

Lovingly,

(Signed) M.B.G.E.

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Concord,
Nov. 12, 1889

My beloved Student:

Do not make a move until you understand just what God means. I do not wish my students to disorganize their Institutes or Associations at once. This is what I mean. That they shall see the need of spiritual unity only, and be working up to it.

Never give up your present forms that I directed you to take, of working for Christ, until you have done all the good you can through them and see how to do more good by abandoning them.

I point to this time in my savior and not to this year or to any definite period. Your *devotion* is beyond that of Ruth's, it is like the women at the cross. Oh, child of my heart, God is ripening you for His hour.

Lovingly,

(Signed) M.B.G. Eddy

BEAUTY - (continued from page 24)

Is man tottering and ready to perish, or sick and sinning the likeness of Omnipotence? are Life and all our faculties measured by calendars, and beauty a thing of decay? or is there a mortal man that grows, matures, and decays, out of which springs the perfect and immortal man? Verily such admissions leap headlong into error.

[Solar Years]

Science proves a corrupt fountain sendeth not forth pure streams, and the same fountain both sweet and bitter water. Solar years, that stamp the wrinkle on the brow, are the effect of man's reckoning, and not God's; they are a belief of personal sense and not the understanding of Soul. Mortal man is old only by admitting he is thus; for it is mind and not matter that makes the body what it is. Intelligence without beginning and without end is the data (if such it can be called), of Life; man is not young or old; he is and was eternal as the idea of God.

[Relic of Heathenism]

Man has neither birth nor death; he is not a vegetable animal, nor a transmigrating mind, passing first into a mortal body, and thence to the immortal; this belief is a relic of heathenism; we have no beliefs that are not. Personality is not man, therefore the body mortal is but a belief of man, not the reality of him. Life, Truth, and harmony are the reality of being, and man is the idea of these; hence the body mortal is but belief and error, discord and death. ...I is Spirit and not matter, and Spirit never for a moment entered or animated matter. If happiness is personal sense, joy is a trembler and builds on sand; or if materiality is man the very worms do rob us.

To understand Intelligence nor Life are in the body, is to conquer age and hold being forever fresh and immortal.

...let go the belief you live in matter, and you will grow as the bird that bursts from the ovum; personality will be swallowed up in the boundless Love that shadows forth man; and beauty, immortality, and blessedness, be the glorious proof of existence you recognize.

Mary Baker Eddy
Science and Health

First Edition, pp. 212-214, 227

One of my duties while employed by our local School Board, was to oversee the payroll of a special program, which had been established to help immigrants as they began their new life in the United States. They worked in the community but were required to sign in each morning. As the program progressed, it was discovered that fewer and fewer workers were signing in but the payroll showed the entire class had worked their full schedules. The administration had been notified but did not seem concerned. The group leader continued with his false payroll schedule. He began sending a young lady to deliver the payroll roster in order to avoid me. One day she handed me a sympathy card along with the report, and when I asked what it was, she said the leader told her to give it to me and to tell me that “*they*” send sympathy cards to people as a message that they are going to die. I was so grateful to feel God’s presence as I heard myself saying these words: “Please return this to him and tell him that I know how this works and I am sending it right back to him!” She delivered it to him and neither he nor the workers ever showed up again. It worked out so beautifully that the project folded without any investigation and no questions were ever asked of me.

Anne Greenblat
Miami, Florida

Mrs. Eddy is quoted in the Gilbert Carpenters’ *Mary Baker Eddy, Her Spiritual Footsteps*, on page 158, “Tell the truth about the lie.” Augusta Stetson says on page 689 of *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence*, when explaining her work (in defending her Leader and Teacher, Mary Baker Eddy) to a correspondent: “I must wait on God, who, in His own time and way, will raise up some one to justify me.”

(*Justify* means to ‘demonstrate or prove to be just, right, or valid.’)

We have both defended Mrs. Eddy’s selection of Augusta Stetson to “tell the truth” about all lies, and we can do the same. It is the privilege of privileges to *tell the truth* about both Mary Baker Eddy and Augusta E. Stetson.

Gail Weatherbe
Medina, Ohio

When immortality is better understood, there will follow an exercise of capacity unknown to mortals; man will become a hundred fold more a man, when he holds himself in the science of being, starting from the basis of Spirit. In Truth there is endless strength and immortality.

Mary Baker Eddy



“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.

It has been almost twenty-five years since a superb Christian Scientist, Ann McWethy, gave me the following quote, which I did not fully understand and didn't know why she gave it to me at the time.

Even the disposition to excuse guilt or to conceal it is punished. —*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, 542:9

I recently found this quote underlined in a volume owned by her:

Whosoever justifies an evil-doer, and does not expose his iniquity, is a partaker of his sin and will have his reward. —*Science and Health* (1875) 429:4

She also told me, “What thine eyes behold, let not thy heart believe.”

Nancy Bonner
Glenwood, Arkansas

Recently after reading from the book *Principle and Practice* [from the article entitled Magic, Black and White, “ ..., (Mrs. Eddy says)...the point where many Scientists fall down, — handling the serpent...She made it clear that he was not a true disciple who closed his eyes to wrong doing and took no steps to unmask the wrong-doer and bring to an end the evil-doing.”] — I was reminded of an experience I had some years ago.

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

—Mary Baker Eddy

BEAUTY - continued from page 21

[Recipe for Beauty]

But in order to reflect beauty the body must represent only the perfect and immortal. To become less sense and more Soul, is the recipe for beauty; but to reach its standard we must put all sin, sickness and sorrow under the feet of our God-being, and rise superior to them; retreat from the belief of pain or pleasure in the body, to the unchanging quiet and glorious freedom of impersonal bliss. The embellishments of person are a poor substitute for the beauty of Spirit shining resplendent and eternal, over age and decay.

[Morning of Being]

Measuring Life by solar years robs youth, and hourly gives uncomeliness to age. The rising sun of virtue and Truth is the morning of being, and its manhood eternal noon, unmarked by a setting sun. When beauty fades to personal sense, it is not lost to Soul, and affection marvels our friends could seem aught but beautiful.

[Belief...of Solar Years]

It is the belief of sickness, sorrow, and of solar years, that mars the face and form. I say the belief, because science admits no reality in aught but God and His idea.

[Higher Beauty]

To Spirit a thousand years are as one day; hence, a man of years and experience is ripening into higher beauty and excellence instead of growing old; mind is feeding the body with immortality, if it supplies it with Truth, and taking away the error of personal sense that says a day points to a nearer tomb; our body neither suffers nor enjoys.

["I" is Impersonal]

When will it be understood that "I" is impersonal, even mind and not matter? Until this point is gained in the science of being, man will go on in belief, a pendulum between joy and sorrow, sickness and health, Life and death, even as at present.

[Beauty a Thing of Decay?] (continued on page 27)

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

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“The Song of Love”
(verse 2)

The song of love to all I sing,
To the peasant meek and
the regal king
Whose reign is ruled by
wrong and might,
Or by Truth and Love, the
law of right.
I sing the song of the
Prince of Peace,
And await the hour of
Love’s release
From bonds of hate,
and fear, and strife,
To the reign of Christ
with endless life.

(*POEMS* by
Augusta E. Stetson, p. 118)



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Letters of Mary Baker Eddy to
Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D.,
1889-1909

St. John's corporeal sense of the heavens and earth had vanished, and in place of this false sense was the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could see the new heaven and new earth, which involve the spiritual idea and consciousness of reality. This is Scriptural authority for concluding that such a recognition of being is, and has been, possible to men in this present state of existence, — that we can become conscious, here and now, of a cessation of death, sorrow, and pain. This is indeed a foretaste of absolute Christian Science. (S&H 573:3)

The words of our Leader are so conclusive, so complete, so instructive and persuasive, that we are without excuse. Our consciousness is our most prized and valuable possession. Therefore we should *perfect* it. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect." Our Leader clearly states that "spiritualization of thought is not attained by the death of the body, but by a conscious union with God." (Mis 42:11) A conscious union with God! Would not this "conscious union with God" be a *conscious union with divine Love*?

Present Possibility

In the above quotation, Mrs. Eddy says that death is not the way to "spiritualization of thought;" but that heaven, or eternal Life, is attained through "a conscious union with God." This is our Leader's instruction. She informs us that the way to heaven, or eternal Life, is through the attainment of a conscious union with divine Love. Our Leader concludes: "This spiritual consciousness is...a present possibility." (S&H 574:1)

Mrs. Eddy adds: "'God is Love.' More than this we cannot ask, higher we cannot look, further we cannot go." (S&H 6:17)

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BEAUTY

BEAUTY is eternal; but the beauty of matter passes away, fading at length into decay and ugliness. Custom, habit, opinions and belief form the transient standard of material beauty; but beauty is a thing of Life, exempt from age or decay, and to be this it must be a thing of Spirit. Immortal man and woman (and there are none other), are unfading perfection, models of beauty that reflect all loveliness inasmuch as they are "the image and likeness of God," of Soul and not sense.

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[Love] maketh me to lie down in green pastures: [Love] leadeth me beside the still waters.

[Love] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: [Love] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for [Love] is with me; [Love's] rod and [Love's] staff they comfort me.

[Love] prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: [Love] anointeth my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [Love] for ever.

Love, of course, is a state of consciousness. Spiritual consciousness is the 'be all and end all' of life. Mrs. Eddy asks of mortals: "Adam, where art thou?" (S&H 307:32) She follows: "Consciousness, where art thou? Art thou dwelling in the belief that mind is in matter, and that evil is mind, or art thou in the living faith that there is and can be but one God, and keeping His commandment?"

Consciousness

The word *consciousness* is so fundamental to human existence, that we tend to take it for granted. But Mrs. Eddy has a very different view of that word. On pages 572 through 574 of *Science and Health*, she builds her case. After explaining that St. John, the Revelator, saw a "new heaven and a new earth," (Rev 21:1) "while yet he tabernacled with mortals," (S&H 576:6) she describes how different states and stages of consciousness are involved:

The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see, — that which is invisible to the uninspired thought. This testimony of Holy Writ sustains the fact in *Science*, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the unillumined human mind, the vision is material. This shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages of consciousness.

Accompanying this scientific consciousness was another revelation, even the declaration from heaven, supreme harmony, that God, the divine Principle of harmony, is ever with men, and they are His people. Thus man was no longer regarded as a miserable sinner, but as the blessed child of God. Why? Because

angels are heard, we must separate all evil from our thought of man. If man is God’s image, — and he is, — then that which misrepresents man and misjudges, that which is jealous and envious and hateful, is not man, at all, but merely a false concept, — the veil. He who knows this divine fact will be able to look through the veil of materiality and see his brother at all times as he is, shining in the light of God-likeness, unspotted and untouched by sin. There will be no unhappy nor disrupted homes or broken homes or broken friendships when the earth is lightened with the glory of this angel idea. Separating error from our sense of man is a vital part of working out our own salvation and of helping others to work out theirs. We cannot be saved from pain, restlessness, or sin until we begin to see ourselves divinely, in the purity of God-likeness, and express this selfhood. It is impossible to know ourselves aright unless we are striving with all our hearts to recognize our brother as God sees him.

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“Call God Love Always”

Gail M. Weatherbe

IN Gilbert Carpenter’s *Collectanea*, Mary Baker Eddy says to “Call God Love always.” (page 119) Following is her full statement, recorded on April 8, 1890:

Our salvation is through Love. Call God Love always and bend all your efforts toward achieving perfect love in thought, word and deed. This is the way. All is won through it. Its presence gives me all. Its absence takes all away from me; therefore “Love is the fulfilling of the law.” Love is heaven, and hate is hell. Our only way to heaven is through Love; our sure way to hell is through hate.

This thought of referring always to God as Love is emphasized in all of our Leader’s published writings. On page 578 of *Science and Health*, referring to David’s Psalm XXIII, Mrs. Eddy gives great emphasis to the Love that is God:

[Divine Love] is my shepherd; I shall not want.

This incident was recorded in a lecture entitled “Christian Science: The Angelic Message” by Miss M. Ethel Whitcome. A note penned by the practitioner who preserved this lecture reads: “It was reported that each time Miss Whitcome gave this lecture people came to her afterwards healed during the lecture.”

ANGEL MESSAGES AND THE TEST

Excerpted from Miss Whitcome’s Lecture

PETER’S ESCAPE FROM PRISON

In Acts it is written that Herod oppressed certain of the church, casting Peter into prison. At night, as, bound by chains, he slept between two soldiers, an angel, an impartation from Spirit, came to his thought lighting the prison with the revelation of God’s power. The angel spoke to Peter, saying, in the words of Scripture, “Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands...And he saith unto him, cast thy garment about thee, and follow me...When they were passed the first and second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city which opened to them of his own accord...And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent His angel, and hath delivered me.”

Peter’s experience illustrates the power of the saving law of Almighty God which operates instantly and constantly in behalf of man in every age. Christian Science, the angelic message, enters the mental prison where men are bound in chains of temptations and torment and lights the prisons with the glory of divine Love. It says to earth-bound prisoners, sentenced by common opinion and not by the decree of God, “Cast thy garments of hope about thee and follow me.” The scientific Christianity with its holy influx from God leads the prisoners forth through the gate of opportunity into the city of spiritual understanding and freedom. Thousands, who, like myself, have been so liberated, are saying as did Peter, “Now I know of a surety, that God hath sent His angel, and hath delivered me.”

SALVATION

John wrote, “I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” Each exalted thought is an angel from heaven, and our earth, our human experience, is lightened with its glory. To dwell in the radiance of spiritual consciousness where

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE

Christian Science is more than a prophet or a prophecy: it presents not words alone, but works, – the daily demonstration of Truth and Love. —Mary Baker Eddy

I was put to this test one day when a maid in our home admitted an intoxicated man who came to beg. When she told me what she had done I went into the library and found a young man in a drunken sleep. My first thought was to telephone to the police and have him removed. Then I thought, I will see if I cannot rouse him. I shook his arm and said, “Awake, you are the son of God and can act as one.” He opened his eyes and asked in a dazed way what I had said: I repeated, “You are a son of God and can act as one.” Pathetically he said, “You are the first one that has ever called me anything but a sinner. I have a wife and three children but they left me because I am a sinner.” I stood by his chair and told him again and again that God made him in His own likeness, which means like Him in character, moral strength, and purity, and that the veil of materiality that was covering him was the sinner and could be torn away, and then his true self would come to light. As the idea of his spiritual sonship with God broke upon this man’s thought a changed expression came over his face and he began to repeat, “I am a son of God and can act as one.” At this moment he touched the robe of the saving Christ and his purification began. An angel had come down from heaven and the earth was lighted with his glory. I did not offer this man a Christian Science treatment but I gave him some Christian Science literature and he went away. Through it he was cleansed and reunited with his family. The angel thought that came to him that day awakened him to recognize his sonship with God and he followed it through the gate of opportunity into the city of the redeemed of God. Through the same gate each man may pass to know his spiritual sonship and behold the redemption of divine Love. Yes, each one! Not one need wait outside in weary condemnation or pierced with pain.

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The error of the ages is preaching without practice.
Science and Health

neither accuse any falsely.” Sin will make deadly thrusts at the science of Life, as penal code goes out to give place to higher law. But those controlled by Soul will spare the rod contrary to the religious persecutions of past history, and save the erring from the gallows and gibbet. The martyrs will be the adherents to science, in the coming centuries, and today their fate is foreshadowed. In coming years the person or mind that hates his neighbor, will have no need to traverse his fields, to destroy his flocks and herds, and spoil his vines; or to enter his house to demoralize his household; for the evil mind will do this through mesmerism; and not in *propria persona* be seen committing the deed. Unless this terrible hour be met and restrained by *Science*, mesmerism, that scourge of man, will leave nothing sacred when mind begins to act under direction of conscious power. Sensuous man makes war to the death on his enemies; but the spiritual pours blessings on them unseen and unacknowledged; like the chamomile, that crushed, yields the sweetest odor, spiritual minds emit an atmosphere of Truth that blesses their enemies and destroys error while it is persecuting them; but stir the evil sensual mind, and worse than the deadly Upas are the plagues it emits. Those who gain the essential points of the science of Life will suffer from the sensual world more than even the primitive prophets and disciples did; but the science of being supports its followers amid shoals and quicksand. (122:24)

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We will specify three of the footsteps that enter in by the door, or enable us to become receptive of Truth. First. To become as a little child in that we are willing to leave the old for the new, and look beyond landmarks, theories, doctrines, and beliefs, pleasure or pain of sense; but here we must watch that we receive not Truth from person, but Principle; the test being, that whatever cometh from Truth is demonstrable, and brings forth good fruits; our lives must testify to this. Secondly. Purity is the foundation of the science of Life; “none but the pure in heart shall see God.” Inspiration is the highest means to convey messages from Principle to idea, *i.e.*, from God to man; but these messages are never borne into matter, therefore to be recipient of Truth, we must begin to recognize ourselves Soul, and not body, and receive and impart the teachings of Spirit. Such messages are angels, but not winged messengers; they are the aroma of Soul passing to man, the impressions that guide him aright, and are demonstrable when understood, and not understood unless demonstrated. Thirdly. To rightly apprehend and receive more Truth, we must put into practice what we already possess.

Mary Baker Eddy

Science and Health, First Edition, pp. 53-54

A Treasure Trove

When the fiftieth edition was published in 1891 Mrs. Eddy gave large distribution to a lengthy article entitled "Science and Health, Fiftieth Edition, Revised." One paragraph included these words:

A practical suggestion or two regarding study of the new edition: In the first place, *do not attempt to dispose of the earlier editions.* ...Fortunate is he who has all former revisions, together with the original edition of 1875! ...Keep them all; they will prove a "treasure trove." Again: Let the new volume be studied *in connection with earlier editions.*

Footnotes

In addition, Mrs. Eddy very intentionally added footnotes in *Miscellaneous Writings* referring the reader back to earlier editions of Science and Health. Materialism later changed these footnotes to comply with human opinion rather than with Mrs. Eddy's scientific intent.

How long have you been studying the last (and lowest) revision? Do you desire to go up higher? It may be time to start exploring the "treasure trove" and most especially the edition of 1875. Our Leader named this original edition the "Precious Volume."

Some of the statements in that first edition are blunt and at times jolting. For example: Jesus gave dire predictions for these latter days. So did Mary Baker Eddy. We are familiar with the gentle way she has stated them in her 1910 Science and Health. This is some of her wording in 1875:

The material world, at a future date, will become a spectacle of disorder and dismay on one hand, and of science on the other. There will be convulsions of mind and consequently of matter, spasms of error, earthquakes, famine and pestilence. Sickness will become more acute, and death more sudden: but to those who understand this hour, as explained in the science of being, length of days will increase, and harmony and immortality be near, even at the door. Knowledge will then diminish and lose estimate in the sight of man; and Spirit instead of matter be made the basis of generation. At this period phenomena will be spiritually discerned, but there will be strong conflicting opinions and results. Those understanding Life scientifically will hold in check those, letting go of old opinions, who would hang an M.D., a mesmerist, or a medium, — thus curbing the violence of old beliefs exercising retributive vengeance. The truly scientific will be a law to themselves of Love, Wisdom and Truth, and "do violence to no man,

Your diagnosis of the case paralleled my conclusions exactly, and for many weeks I have been endeavoring, without stirring up more error than I could handle, to speak the truth fearlessly when the occasion to do so has arisen. Your work has strengthened me in my endeavor constantly to look through the sympathetic mesmerism and the appeal of personal sense and consistently to manifest genuine love — the divine reflection.

There is no one among the mental workers here in the household, who is not glad and relieved that you know the exact situation, the precise form, which the error takes, for I assure you we need the protection which comes from a full knowledge of conditions by the faithful, loyal, workers outside the house. If the trustworthy students only knew the truth of the lie, we should at least be somewhat freed from the pressure of the adulation of personality, which pours in here, adding greatly to the claim of bondage.

I have written to you frankly, for I am sure that you see how important it is for both our Leader and the Cause that the few, who have sufficient understanding of Truth to pierce this illusion of error, should stand, shoulder to shoulder at this crucial hour.

Sincerely yours,
Lewis C. Strang

[Our thanks to Gail and George Weatherbe for locating Lewis Strang's letter of August 17, 1906 and for providing us with a copy in his handwriting.

The Saga of 1906 will be continued in a future issue.]

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SCIENCE AND HEALTH

EARLY students of Christian Science thought that each successive revision of Science and Health took the thought higher and higher. However, at one time Mrs. Eddy said to one of her students that she had brought Science down and down and down for human comprehension and that if she brought it down any farther it would be lost.

There is no doubt that God's Chosen Witness left her 1910 edition of Science and Health (the little book from the hand of the angel in Revelation) as the best possible vehicle for wakening a slumbering world. But she always upheld the earlier editions.

and actions of animal magnetism and remained ever loyal and faithful to her Teacher and Leader.

Fulfillment

Mary Baker Eddy had taken up the cross, she had fulfilled the four commands on her Christian Science seal, and she had defeated the enemy's attempt to tarnish the manifestation of the crown. Her crown was spiritual, but to the whole world it was manifested materially as the excelsior extension of The Mother Church.

Sacred Secrecy

When Mrs. Eddy called Augusta Stetson to Pleasant View on August 7, 1906, she had written in her message: "Do not let anyone know that you are coming here." On this occasion Mrs. Stetson worked in Mrs. Eddy's home for approximately ten days. And the heart of the message she took home following these days of work and instruction was Mrs. Eddy's words: "I have risen! Do not look for me in matter. I have risen."

The students working at Pleasant View (Fort Besieged) thought that they were *helping* Mrs. Eddy. The truth of the situation was almost the opposite; the Leader and Teacher was helping them, — helping, teaching, correcting, directing, inspiring, lifting (sometimes carrying) them. And those dear students had little idea of the burden they put upon the Leader and of her patience in working to waken them from their mortal dream of material sensation. The one individual on earth who was AWAKE endeavoring to rouse, to waken, a sleeping world at times found her students so mesmerized by animal magnetism that the burden was almost overwhelming.

More than once she had called her strong, obedient, faithful Augusta Stetson to "Fort Besieged" to help rouse her household. Lewis Strang, who was serving at Pleasant View in the summer of 1906 had been studying Science for four or five years. Augusta Stetson was a veteran of more than twenty years. On August 17, the day before Augusta returned to New York, Mr. Strang wrote her an appreciative letter:

Dear Mrs. Stetson: —

In my own behalf I want to thank you for your visit to Pleasant View and for your excellent work while here. Although the error was stirred rather deeply for a while, I knew at the time that the ultimate effect would be good, and subsequent events proved this to be true. Mrs. Eddy had an excellent night, and she is bright and cheerful this morning.



LEWIS CLINTON STRANG

Fidelity

Sad to say that student, that “loved one,” did not bear with his Leader. But her faithful Augusta battled all the aggressive, malicious suggestions

Prophecy Revealed

The “speed...of goodness” had outflanked malicious animal magnetism and a fitting climax to this unseen drama appeared in the *Sentinel* of July 28. The editor had printed a portion of Longfellow’s poem which had appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly* and which prophesied “a lady with a lamp.”

Help at Pleasant View

In the summer of 1906 all the “warriors” at Pleasant View were battle-weary, not excepting the Leader who was always the main target for the fiery darts of the wicked. One of the strongest workers at that time was a relatively new student named Lewis Clinton Strang. Mr. Strang was an accomplished editorial writer who had written in the May, 1906 *Christian Science Journal* what later became the Foreword for *First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany*. He was also listed in *Who’s Who in America* as a drama critic and the author of several books.

On August 7 Mrs. Eddy sent a message to her “precious student,” Augusta Stetson to come to Pleasant View. All the household needed Augusta’s strong support. In addition the Leader had a very important message for all of her faithful followers, and in 1906 none could see or comprehend this message.

Augusta Stetson *knew* her Leader’s divinity and her obedience was immediate. This staunch student could preserve this message which might otherwise be buried and lost in the glee, the turmoil, and the deceit of successorship.

A very few days earlier Mary Baker Eddy had written to another student:

“When first I learned my Lord” I was so sure of Truth, my faith so strong in Christian Science as I then discovered it I had no struggle to meet; but stood on the height of its glory a crowned monarch triumphant over sin and death. But behold me now washing that spiritual understanding with my tears; learning little by little the *allness* of omnipotent Mind; and the nothingness of matter, yea the absolute nothingness of *nothing* and the infinite somethingness of *All*. O bear with me, loved one, till I accomplish the height, the depth, the Horeb light of divine Life, — divine Love, divine health, holiness and immortality. The way seems not only long but very straight and narrow. [TFL 269]

Boston News

The erection early in the twentieth century, of the tallest building in Boston, the magnificent extension of The Mother Church, brought world-wide attention to Christian Science and to Mary Baker Eddy. The press reported regularly on the plans and the progress.

This tremendous undertaking was to see completion in June of 1907. And the enemy laid very intricate plans to counteract this world-arousing event by defaming God's Chosen Witness. An extensive, well-researched, extremely biased [calling itself unbiased] history of Mary Baker Eddy and Christian Science was being prepared to appear as monthly installments in a very popular magazine every month in 1907.

The Impossible

Even though all concerned thought it impossible, the Leader, very quietly, convinced them (except for the architect who was adamant on its impossibility and resigned in protest) to complete the extension a year earlier than scheduled. And this was kept very quiet until the April 14, 1906 *Sentinel* announced that the extension was to be dedicated on June 10, 1906. The field was thrilled; the world was amazed; and the dragon was enraged at the foiling of his plot.

The Leader had said at an early July 4 service: "The hour is come. The great battle of Armageddon is upon us. ...Will you doff your lavender-kid zeal, and become real and consecrated warriors?" (Mis 177:4) A few of the students at Pleasant View had learned this, answered aright, and knew why Pleasant View was called Fort Besieged. But none could understand the next step the Leader was contemplating to establish the Way for her followers.

The Cross and the Crown

In her address for the dedication of the extension Mrs. Eddy had written: "The modest edifice of The Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, began with the cross; its excelsior extension is the crown. The room of your Leader remains in the beginning of this edifice, evidencing the praise of babes and the word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Its crowning ultimate rises to a mental monument, a superstructure high above the work of men's hands, even the outcome of their hearts, giving to the material a spiritual significance — the speed, beauty, and achievements of goodness. Methinks this church is the one edifice on earth which most prefigures self-abnegation, hope, faith; love catching a glimpse of glory." (My 6:17)

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The weekly publication was truly a sentinel for the field. The dictionary tells us that a sentinel is a person or animal that guards a group against surprise; sentry — one who stands guard. The Latin root for sentinel means *to avoid danger by wise means*.

In only a few months the name of the *Weekly* was changed to *Christian Science Sentinel* with Jesus' words as a motto: "What I say unto you, I say unto all — *Watch*." The Christian Science seal remained the center of the new masthead.

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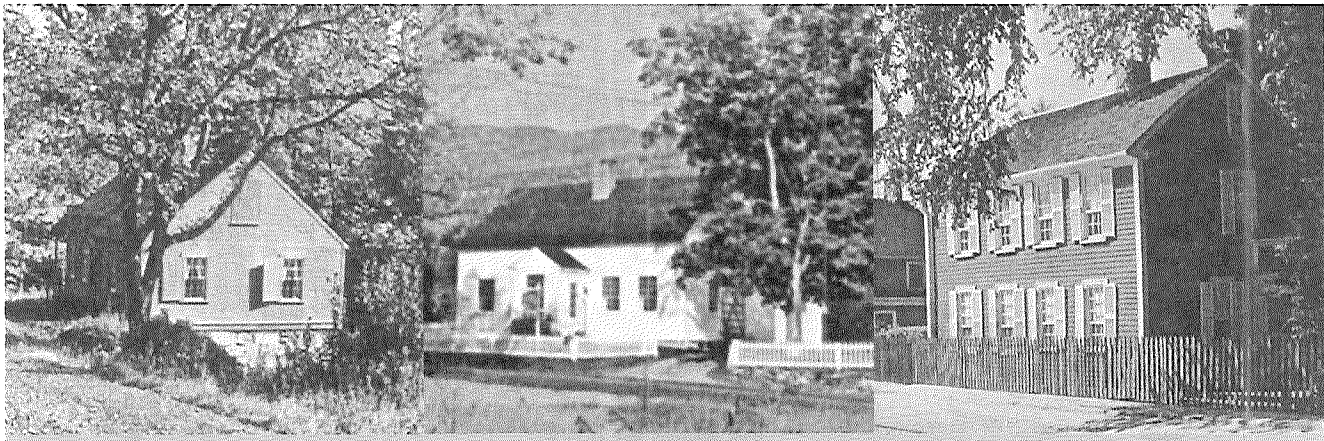
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Volume II of the *Sentinel* began in September, 1899 with a cover design which still kept the Christian Science seal top center. The contents was in the center of the cover with a torch on each side. The torches are now on our front cover.



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

SAGA OF 1906

THE Revelator to this age gave to her disciples the same commands that Jesus had given to his, namely, Heal the sick; Raise the dead; Cleanse the lepers; Cast out demons. By the time she had received the “little book” from the hand of the angel, written, and published it, she had learned much about the cross that is to be borne before the crown is attained.

Christian Science Seal

Mrs. Eddy designed a Christian Science seal with the cross and crown as its center encircled by the four commands. This seal was soon on the front cover of *Science and Health*.

The last of these four commands — Cast out demons — is really the first one in importance because, in the new tongue, it is learning how to uncover and handle malicious animal magnetism. Once that is done persistently and consistently, healing the sick, raising the dead, reforming the sinner follow as a natural consequence. Though eager to escape from sickness and suffering, the last thing mankind wanted to hear about was malicious animal magnetism. That may be why it is placed last.

In 1898 when Mary Baker Eddy began her *Christian Science Weekly* the Christian Science seal was the centerpiece of the masthead on the first page.

“My history is a holy one.” —Mary Baker Eddy

Can we not, then, conclude that with the advent of Christian Science we have the second appearing of Jesus; but that in this age it is a “spiritual advent” rather than human even though it came to humanity through the Christly nature and individuality of our dear Leader, Mary Baker Eddy whose human trials and tribulations strikingly paralleled those of Jesus? To emphasize that Christian Science is a “spiritual advent” and not a “philosophy” or personal interpretation of Scripture Mrs. Eddy repeatedly names God as the divine Principle of Christian Science and that it is not the product of human intellect. Inasmuch as the “scientific ultimate of this God-idea...[is] forever individual,” the concept of “individual” or “individuality” is very important.

One’s concept of “individual” or “individuality” may be that of being an individual idea — each idea being individual and not absorbed or blended into one with another; or his concept of individual may be that of “infinite indivisible” as in “infinite individuality” (’00 5:12-14), and as in “infinite identity.” (My 239:17) In these last two references “individuality” or “identity,” being infinite, “individuality” or “identity” is not one of a series, for there can be only one individuality or identity if that one is infinite.

The article “Spirit and Law” beginning on page 256 of *Miscellaneous Writings* deals a great deal with individuality. For example, after stating that “God named Himself I AM,” the article states:

The name, I AM, indicated no personality that could be paralleled with it; but it did declare a mighty individuality, even the everlasting Father, as infinite consciousness, ever-presence, omnipotence; as all law, Life, Truth, and Love.

Thus the reader accepting the fact that the “spiritual ultimate” of the “spiritual advent” (the “second appearing of Jesus”) is “forever individual” will find “The Individual Christian Scientist” to be a fitting title, and he will receive its message according to his light.

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Material man loses his individuality, but the spiritual, never; his identity is as immortal as the Soul of man. The man of personal sense loses his identity with all its pleasures and pains, but the man of Soul possesses his individuality on this safe platform, to wit: that there is no personality; being is spirit.

Science and Health, First Edition, p. 185

more he replied, 'This minute I only need to put on my overcoat and get into the car.' Which he did. You see, he met every argument presented to his thought by taking possession of the thing immediately facing him. And when they returned that evening, he found himself completely healed."

This is an excellent example of the results obtained by an alert porter. He refused admittance to all of the negative suggestions, declared the positive truth, took one step at a time and the result was he controlled himself harmoniously. Let us resolve this minute to be more alert, watchful porters at the door of our thinking and we will also control ourselves harmoniously.

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SOME UNFOLDING THOUGHTS

Malcolm W. MacDonald

ONE'S concept of "individual" depends on his degree of enlightenment. The reader of T.I.C.S. reads the publication from the viewpoint of his concept of "individual" or "individuality." If that concept is that of being an individual Christian Scientist among other Christian Scientists, it will reach and bless him on that level. If his concept is that of there being only "infinite individuality," it is in this light that it will be received.

This is an expression of some unfolding thoughts regarding the name "The Individual Christian Scientist." The unfoldment is not a sudden illumination as much as it is rather a distillation of much pondering of the title in the light of the article beginning on page 67 of *Retrospection and Introspection* entitled "The Human Concept." The remarks below refer specifically to the following excerpts:

The second appearing of Jesus is, unquestionably, the spiritual advent of the advancing idea of God, as in Christian Science.

And the scientific ultimate of this God-idea must be, will be, forever individual, incorporeal, and infinite, even the reflection, "image and