

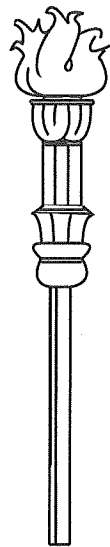
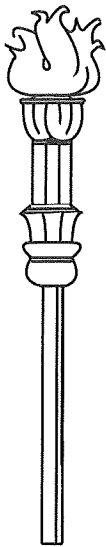
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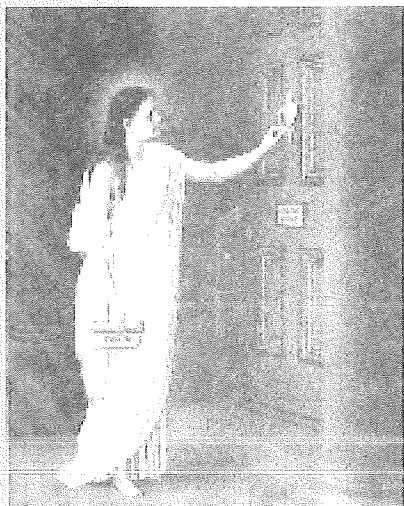
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Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock: if any man hear
my voice, and open the door,
I will come in to him, and sup
with him, and he with me.

— *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

S&H - *Science and Health*
Hea - *Christian Healing*
Mis - *Miscellaneous Writings*
No - *No and Yes*
Pul - *Pulpit and Press*
Un - *Unity of Good*
Po - *Poems*

Man - *Manual of The Mother Church*
Pan - *Christian Science versus Pantheism*
Peo - *The People's Idea of God*
Ret - *Retrospection and Introspection*
Rud - *Rudimental Divine Science*
Chr - *Christ and Christmas*

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*
PV - *Science and Health, First Edition, "Precious Volume"*
DCC - *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*
EOF - *Essays and Other Footprints*
6 Days - *Mary Baker Eddy's Six Days of Revelation*
7th Day - *Mary Baker Eddy's Lessons of the Seventh Day*
CCT - *Christian Science, Its Clear Correct Teaching and Complete Writings*
Dis - *The Discovery of the Science of Man*
Found - *The Founding of Christian Science*
TFL - *The Forever Leader*

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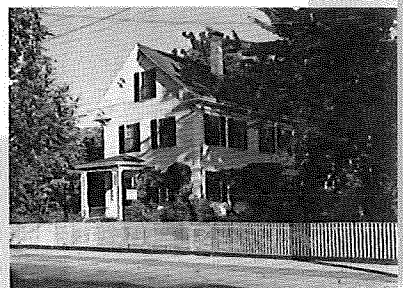
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Our Mother in Israel



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“WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL – WATCH” JESUS

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

By Gail M. Weatherbe

AS compassionate Christian Scientists, we must help the world prepare for the Second Coming of Christ. It would seem that there has never been such a *chemicalization* since the world began. The Seventh Millennium is upon us, and the world awaits the promised Comforter, or Second Coming of Christ.

Seven Thousand Years

Our beloved Leader says on page 282 of the First Edition of Science and Health, published in 1875, when commenting upon the approaching Paradise:

Error will continue seven thousand years, from the time of Adam, its origin. At the expiration of this period Truth will be generally comprehended, and science roll back the darkness that now hides the eternal sunshine and lift the curtain on Paradise, where earth produces at the command of Intelligence, and Soul, instead of sense, govern man.

Our Lord and Master, Jesus the Christ, assured, and reassured us of the coming of the promised Comforter. In the gospel of the beloved disciple, John, Jesus refers several times to the Comforter to come.

IN SCIENCE ALL BEING IS INDIVIDUAL – *Mary Baker Eddy*

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. ...

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14

7 I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

John 16

Thus we learn from our Lord and Master, that the assured Comforter is coming, and in fact, has come.

Apostle to the Pagan World

Now, what effect did the promised Comforter have on the world around that "coming," — that is, the world that Jesus lived in? A hint can be gained in Jesus' response to Paul, Jesus' foremost Apostle, when Paul complained that Jesus' disciples in Jerusalem appeared not to accept his presence in Jerusalem after his startling conversion to Christ in the glorious light that came upon him when on the way to Damascus to persecute early Christian followers of Jesus. Jesus said to Paul:

17 And it came to pass, that, when I [Paul] was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18 And saw him [Jesus] saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

Acts 22

So Paul, the great Apostle, became the “Apostle to the Gentiles,” at Jesus’ command. By Gentiles (or non-Hebrews) were meant the Greeks, Romans, and inhabitants of Asia Minor. Paul was born a Roman citizen in Tarsus, capital of Cilicia; but his parents were Jewish. As a young man, Paul had studied in Jerusalem, and was known to the ruling priests.

Paul followed Jesus’ instruction, and put all his efforts into converting the Gentiles to Christ. Paul and his Christian associates were very successful in these early efforts to spread the gospel of Christ throughout the Greek, Roman and Asia Minor world bordering Judea (Palestine). Hence began the spread of Christianity into the non-Christian world very soon after Jesus walked on this earth.

Effect of First Coming

One feels keenly the present worldwide and domestic political conditions. Actually, this upheaval is because of the Second Coming of Christ. And this statement is not an exaggeration. If anyone does not believe this, all one needs to do is to review the political conditions that developed and followed the first coming of Christ — which resulted in the Holy Roman Empire, or the conversion of much of Europe to Christianity! It could not have been a more powerful upheaval! And Jesus’ coming even changed how time was reckoned — A.D., Anno Domini, or “in the year of the Lord.”

Powerful Chemicalization

So, the Second Coming of Christ is not to be underestimated. And we are in the final millennium, and Mrs. Eddy said there would be a powerful *chemicalization*. So, we should proceed with an awareness of the ‘signs of the times’ we are in, and be alert to the possible changes that will take place all around us in the era to come.

Apostolic Work

The Second Coming of Christ is what the present national and international commotion is all about! And all one has to do is review the powerful upheaval and religious and political realignments that took place as a result of the *first coming* of Christ! The world was permanently changed and realigned as a result of the *first coming* of Christ! So, what can we expect as a result of the Second Coming of Christ! We will find out. And, of course, we are the custodians of the apostolic work that is taking place and will continue to take place as a result of this Second Coming of Christ.

Universal Realignment

These events are powerful and will bring on a universal realignment. So, we must be alert and astute. And God, or divine impulsion, will show us what to do. It is impersonal, and divine intelligence and divine compassion show us how to work.

So, here we are. And the Second Coming of Christ is taking place. And we can't be too alert and astute. And it is a result of Christianity, and its Divine Science. And that is what is causing this universal upheaval.

As Christian Scientists we are the keepers of the potent apostolic works regarding the Second Coming of Christ, and we cannot be too alert! and hopefully astute! to the changing demands of our apostolic work.

This is just a hint of how awake and intelligent we must be, and remain to be, as we move forward into the Seventh Millennium.

Severe Chemicalization

The final paragraph of the First Edition of *Science and Health*, by Mary Baker Eddy, follows and concludes this treatise:

Some of our present readers may wish to tone down the radical points in this work, others to cast them overboard; yet science will reproduce itself, and as mind changes base from matter to Spirit, there will be *severe chemicalization*. Truth cannot be lost; if not admitted to-day in its fullness, the error that shuts it out will occasion such discord in sickness, sin, etc., that future years will point it out, and restore at length the fair proportions and radical claims of Christian Science.

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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*

AMERICA

BICKNELL Young has told us: “The whole and sole mission of the United States of America is Christian Science.” Serious students know that this nation is the place God prepared in the wilderness for the Woman to bring forth her child, Science and Health; and that “when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:” (John 16:13).

Patriotic Music

For many years freedom and patriotism were held dear. Patriotic music was heard and sung daily. But in recent years patriotic music has not been popular.

In these days of rock music, patriotic music is seldom heard. It was thrilling recently to hear Katherine Lee Bates’ beautiful poem sung from beginning to end. Most are familiar with the first stanza. Those who know all four stanzas will enjoy reviewing them. Some may enjoy them for the first time.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.

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

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat
Across the wilderness.

America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

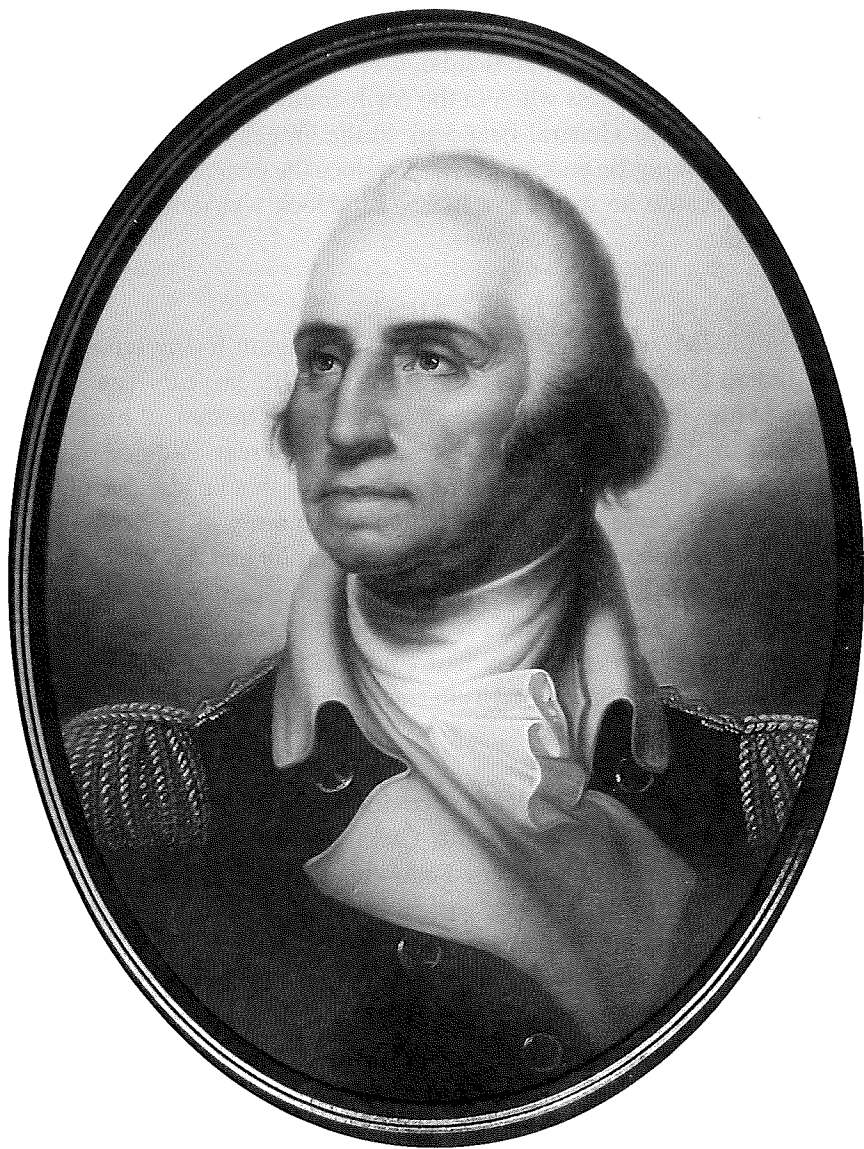
O beautiful for heroes prov'd
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life.

America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Immaculate of tears.

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Christian Scientists should be aware that Mary Baker Eddy is the woman of the Apocalypse, that she is our Mother in Israel, and that she was chosen of God. "Many are called, but few are chosen."



GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington Chosen

George Washington has long been known as the “Father of our country.” It is time to recognize that he, too, was chosen of God to *found* this place in the wilderness wherein the earth could help the woman.

As an aide to General Braddock in the French and Indian Wars, the youthful Washington endeavored to convince the general of the danger of ambush. Because he would not listen, Braddock was defeated in just such an attack.

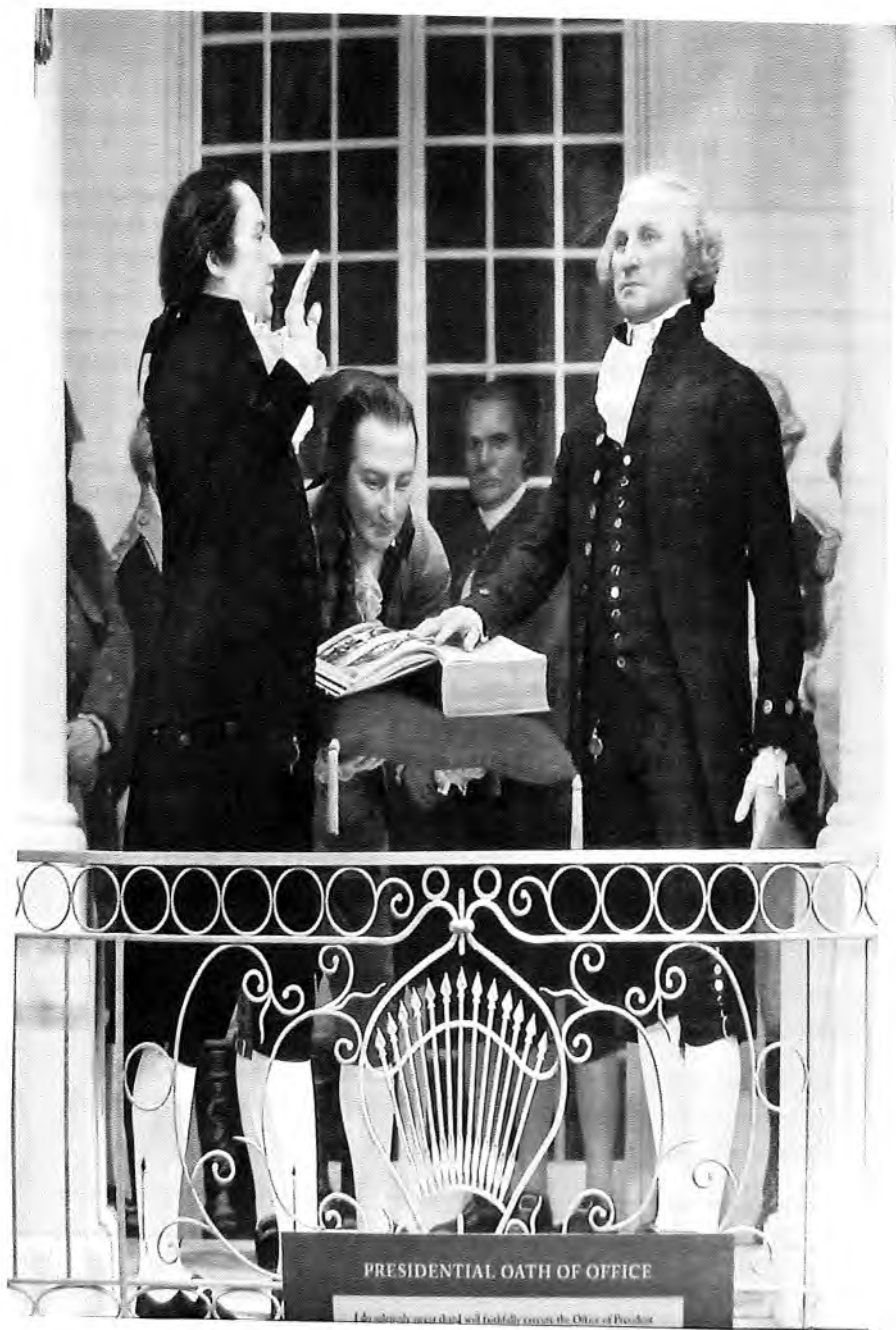
Indian Attack

In his *Life of George Washington*, Washington Irving wrote that an old Indian chief visited George Washington fifteen years later, and approached him with great reverence. “He had heard, he said, of his being in that part of the country, and had come from a great distance to see him. On further discourse the sachem made known that he was one of the warriors in the service of the French, who lay in ambush...and wrought such havoc in Braddock’s army. He declared that he and his young men had singled out Washington, as he made himself conspicuous riding about the field of battle with the general’s orders, and had fired at him repeatedly, but without success; whence they had concluded that he was under the protection of the Great Spirit, had a charmed life, and could not be slain in battle.” (Vol. 1, p 369)

Miracle of Providence

What the Indians called the Great Spirit, was called Divine Providence by our founding fathers. Following that fateful battle, George Washington wrote to his brother, Jack: “I now exist and appear in the land of the living by the miraculous care of Providence, that protected me beyond all human expectation; I had four bullets through my Coat, and two Horses shot under me, and yet escaped unhurt.” (*Affectionately Yours, George Washington*, by Thomas J. Fleming, p 28)

Malicious animal magnetism endeavored many more times to destroy George Washington and his mission, but both he and his mission were under the protection of Divine Providence to bring forth this nation to provide “liberty and justice for all,” to provide the Bethlehem for Science and Health, and to set a standard for all the world.



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S SEVENTEEN RULES OF LIFE

1. Act at all times as in the presence of God, and make it the great object in all things to please Him. In order to do this,

2. Seek first of all to gain clear views of His will, and with regard to all things to be perfectly conformed to it. In doing this,

3. Cherish no thoughts, indulge no feelings, speak no words, and do no actions, but what you really think, after all the light you can gain, will most honor God, most benefit yourself and others, and give you the greatest joy when they come to be exhibited before the assembled universe at the judgment day.

4. Begin and end each day by a season of communion with God, and by a solemn and hearty commitment of yourself and all your interests, temporal and eternal, to His guidance, care, and disposal.

5. Daily read, with deep attention and fervent prayer, a portion of the word of God, for the purpose of understanding, believing, and obeying it.

6. Never express or indulge the least degree of unkindness towards any human being, and give no needless pain to any one of the human race, or even of the animal creation.

7. Make it your object to promote the greatest happiness, on the whole, of all upon whom you may have influence, both of the present and all future generations.

8. Regard the hand of God in all the dispensations of His providence, and in whatsoever state He places you, therewith be content.

9. Envy none who are above you, and despise none who are below you; but possess and manifest the utmost goodwill towards all men.

10. Never speak of any, or feel towards them in a manner that you ought not to wish them, under similar circumstances, to speak or feel with regard to you.

11. Let all statements and narrations be an exact exhibition of the real truth.

12. Act for God, for the universe, and for eternity; and in such a manner as is adapted to promote the highest good forever. In order to do this,

13. Look habitually to Jesus Christ; let your whole soul be imbued with his spirit, and manifest it in all your actions.

14. Look to the Holy Ghost as the author of all good in man; seek habitually His teaching, His illuminating and purifying influences, that He may dwell in you as His temple, and take full possession of all your powers and talents for Himself.

15. Earnestly desire that He would take of the things of Christ and more and more show them unto you; and carefully avoid everything which tends to hinder you from becoming perfectly like Him.

16. Make it as your meat and drink to do the will of God, and perseveringly have respect to all His commandments.

17. Feel and acknowledge that all the good that you ever have received, that you now receive, or ever will receive is of grace through Jesus Christ; trust in him for all which you need, both for this life and the life to come; rely on his merits, imitate his example, and in view of every blessing give him and the Father and the Holy Ghost all the glory.

Reading and pondering George Washington's seventeen rules of life leaves no doubt that he was chosen to be the father of this Christian nation. He was the instrument in God's hand to found the place in the wilderness, "prepared of God," where the Woman could bring forth her child, Science and Health.

Washington's life was dedicated to building upon the Rock, Christ, under the total guidance of God as his fourth rule states.

4. Begin and end each day by a season of communion with God, and by a solemn and hearty commitment of yourself and all your interests, temporal and eternal, to His guidance, care, and disposal.

The result was the United States of America.

“Upon this rock I will build my church.” Rule number 14 describes his building process.

14. Look to the Holy Ghost as the author of all good in man; seek habitually His teaching, His illuminating and purifying influences, that He may dwell in you as His temple, and take full possession of all your powers and talents for Himself.

Does this not make the United States George Washington’s building, his church? Jesus tells us, “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

What a blessing it would be to our nation and to the world, if every true American who recognizes George Washington as the father of his country, would study, ponder, and endeavor to follow George Washington’s Seventeen Rules of Life.

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A conflict more terrible than the battle of Gettysburg awaits the crouching wrong that refused to yield its prey the peace of a desert, when a voice was heard crying in the wilderness, — the spiritual famine of 1866,— “Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”

Shall religious intolerance, arrayed against the rights of man, again deluge the earth in blood? The question at issue with mankind is: Shall we have a spiritual Christianity and a spiritual healing, or a materialistic religion and a *materia medica*?

Mary Baker Eddy
Miscellaneous Writings, page 246

ONENESS

Part V

By Mildred L. LeBlond, C.S.B.

Olet us awake from the belief that we are dealing with persons, places and things, and see that it is a claim of mortal thinking alone. See that we have dominion over it now, because God is our Mind. ...

War

War waged between good and evil — that is, between the suppositional forces of evil and the forces of good — must be understood. For centuries the world has pictured to us the results of waging war between good and evil — as if evil were real. It results in one side eventually claiming itself victorious and the other side realizing itself defeated — with all the resentment and injustice which that entails — only to spring out again in twenty or twenty-five years, or with the appearing of a new generation.

This must cease; and the only people in the world today who know how to handle it scientifically are Christian Scientists, because they know God is the Mind of man.

It is not possible to shoot, kill, or blow up aggression, greed, dishonesty, or human will. These and other things which are the basis of war are not exterminated in this way. Nobody believes any more that jailing a liar prevents him from lying. The only way these beliefs in evil can be exterminated is by the scientific consciousness that: "Principle and its idea is one and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe." (S&H 465:17)

Omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being leaves no power no science, no presence other than God, good. ...The only way to end war among nations is to see as unreal the desires of the aggressors and to destroy the things which seem to create war; such as, selfishness, greed, dishonesty, aggression, envy, hatred....God never gave such mental characteristics to His idea. When we realize that man has no other Mind than God, we see that the individual mentality is God, not man. Now this

proves the truth of our assertions that the errors of aggressors are unreal.

...

The wisdom of Mrs. Eddy in insisting that physical healing be the proof of our scientific understanding of the oneness of God and man is more and more apparent to the advancing student of Christian Science. In order to heal physical belief, one must reason correctly, and, learning to do this, he finds he must carry this same reasoning into world affairs. To illustrate, let us say a practitioner is asked to heal someone of a headache. He begins with the basic truth that it isn't true and that he hasn't got it because of his oneness with God. The world today presents a picture of being very ill with a totalitarian belief. The same reasoning applied to physical healing must be applied to world conditions. One cannot credit...any...nation with aggression, greed, cruelty, or revenge, any more than one could credit an individual with the reality of a disease or wrong characteristics and expect to heal the condition. No matter what human footsteps we seem to have to take, our mental stand must ever be the same: the error is not true because God did not make it, for God is all.

Mr. Kimball in a lecture once said, "There is no need for a labored treatment. I have heard this statement, 'She handles error without gloves,' or 'She goes for it hammer and tongs.' If error could talk about it, it would probably say, 'I don't care a particle for that kind of a treatment. That kind of a treatment means I am real and must be hammered, and that is all I pretend to be. The only treatment I am afraid of is the one that makes nothing of me — not enough to hammer. I am afraid of the destructive calm of the one who knows that I am nothing.'"

Edward Kimball, in the days of horse and buggy, was being driven to a lecture. When the horses suddenly started to run away wild, he exclaimed, "They can't do it!" That was his treatment, and they stopped. Of course his denial they can't do it was based upon his understanding of the goodness and oneness of God and His creation. The point is, he did not credit the horses with willfulness or fright. In like manner should we credit man with injustice, greed, aggression, cruelty, duplicity, etc? Persistent and consistent work of this kind would accomplish something; however, let no one here mistake this to mean condoning error. Far from it. It means the scientific way, which sees the nothingness of evil because it knows the allness and goodness of God.

New Jerusalem

In Revelation, where John describes the city foursquare as the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, he says there shall be no night there, no death, no sorrow, nor pain. Where is this there where there is no night? Is it a locality near or distant? We have been taught in Christian Science that the place where there shall be no night is in individual consciousness through understanding the oneness of God and man. Here in that divine consciousness there is no evil war, no darkness, none in God or in the idea which expresses Him. We cannot wait, hope and pray for it to take place anywhere else, just here where we are thinking. In very deed, we are the temple of the living God, for temple is where we dwell, and we know consciousness is our dwelling. This is equivalent to saying our consciousness is the living God. Then in order for God to be made manifest, this is the way, the place, where it must occur.

Here in this God consciousness there shall be no night, no belief in evil, sin, sickness, death, sorrow, poverty, dissension, hatred, jealousy, war — all the et ceteras of mortal belief. The gates of this city, or divine consciousness, are never shut, and nothing enters it which defileth or maketh a lie. As John says;

“And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.” (Rev 21:24)

You, me, each one of us is this city, and this is our work. Then shall come to pass, as stated in the book of Revelation, the end of all error.

“Jesus said, Let not him who seeks cease until he find, and when he finds, he shall be astonished; astonished, he shall reach the kingdom, and having reached the kingdom he shall rest. The kingdom of heaven is within you, and whosoever shall know himself shall find it. Strive therefore, to know yourselves, and ye shall know that ye are the sons of the Father, and that ye are in the city of God, and ye are the city.” (*The Gospel According to Thomas*)

THE CALL

By Julie J. Harrison

THE fear and unrest so prevalent in the world today concerning government and the consequent political/public economy needs to be challenged and healed by Christian Science minutemen and women (see page 158:19 in *Miscellaneous Writings*). Such alert volunteers are completely armed with a clear understanding of Truth: the truth of God's eternal government of each of us, our homes, our families, our state, our nation, and our world as infinite Mind's infinite manifestation of Itself. This manifestation is ordered, is spiritual, pure, totally good, harmonious, safe and abundantly prosperous NOW.

One Power

Calm thought with the remembrance of Jesus' walking OVER the waves (Matt 14:24; '02 20:1; S&H 455:8). He did not walk in them or through them or under them nor did he allow himself to be mesmerized by their noise. There was no storm in the Christ-Mind therefore no recognition of potential danger to himself or to his disciples who were struggling with the elements of fear. And why? Was it not that Jesus was fully aware of the supreme, the total government of divine Mind, infinite Love harmoniously present and completely in control? His understanding of God's Omnipotence and Omnipresence nullified the possibility of opposing powers contending for supremacy. The winds of conflicting human emotions swirling violently around and lifting waves promising complete destruction held no more terror for our Master than does the viewing of a television production of a hurricane terrify the viewer in his armchair. The viewer knows he is safe.

Self-sacrifice

The American philosophy and resulting form of impersonal government is founded on Principle's recognition of Itself as the only power governing man. In Christian Science we have many statements of Mrs. Eddy that man is governed by God. Generally speaking, this is not necessarily recognized by human kind. However, those whose consciousness is in harmony with the divine Mind or whose faith in Christ is unsullied by mortal concepts have been able to perceive the harmonious strains of this governing Principle by their complete willingness to

sacrifice self, pride, evil indulgences, ignorance, even human power and place for Truth and the good Truth and its invariable law is capable of bestowing impartially on all Its own creation.

In varying degrees this governing Principle is slowly seeding Itself throughout the material world as has been forever prophesied. This truth of Soul's government is always resisted by sense, both personal and material, and bitterly fought on every level and avenue of mortal mind. This resistance has never been successful. Nor will it ever be. It is without power because it is without Principle and therefore nothing.

Hold Crime in Check

In our blessed chosen land of Christian Science, we are aware that the material arena is always one of conflicting forces. But our Leader assures us that Christian Scientists will hold crime in check — the crime of not following and not living the Golden Rule (S&H 96:12), and that they will endure to the end — the end of error while *cheerfully* awaiting the certainty of ultimate perfection.

Conquer Evil

How to do this? How do we hold crime in check?

INDIVIDUALLY in our daily, hourly, minute-by-minute prayers, thoughts, watches, and battles with sin and self, and with impersonal malicious mental malpractice. Above all else: resist the temptation to personalize evil. Mrs. Eddy tells us that evil is neither person, place or thing (S&H 330:27; No 23:18). We are also taught that evil/error reversed and corrected by truth proclaims Truth. Find divinity in every single circumstance by this precious method of divine Science. This is true prayer. We conquer evil by our obedience to be Mind's minute men and women and to pray daily for our country (Please read Pan 14:11), to pray for our leaders, for the splendid self-sacrificing men and women of our armed forces, for the editors of our news sources and services, for those in control of the media and media messages, for our business and civic leaders, for our clergy, for our enemies, so-proclaimed or subtle, in short, for all mankind. Don't forget yourself. Lift thought above personalities to Principle, God as All-in-all and be grateful that this is so. We don't make it so but we recognize and hold to this Truth as the governing Principle of all existence.

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*Augusta Stetson concludes
her Reminiscences:*

**“Spirit is infinite; therefore
Spirit is all”** (*Miscellany* p. 357).

**“ . . . man is not material;
he is spiritual”**

(*Science and Health* p. 468).

On these statements I stand
and am demonstrating my eternal
oneness with Life and Love.

Christian Science as taught by
Mary Baker Eddy is demonstrable
Truth and I “press toward the
mark for the prize of the high
calling of God in Christ Jesus”

(*Philippians* 3:14) —

the crown of immortality.

— *In the bonds of Christ,*

Augusta E. Stetson

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THE CALL - continued from page 20**Source of Power**

Never fear. God is in complete control. God, good alone governs. No matter what mortal man or woman holds the title of president, chief executive or chairman, the human holder or representative of power is not the Source of power. No matter which party, platform personal whim, or philosophy or lying suggestion of evil seems to be glorying in its own grandeur, it is nothing, likened by Paul to sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

“Power Belongeth Unto God”

The Psalmist writes: “God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.” (Ps 62:11) This is the present fact for now and eternity. Christ and divine Science are governing. Refuse fear. Recognize and refute evil in all its forms, no matter how convincing its argument. Rest in the Everlasting Arms and Rejoice! Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health*: “Immortal Mind, governing all, *must* be acknowledged as supreme in the physical realm, so-called, as well as in the spiritual” (427:23). Furthermore she instructed the students in one of her classes that they in that room were enough to change the world if they were of One Mind.

We are able. Are we willing?

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WHAT IS MATTER?

THE Revelator to this age was taught, as is all of humanity, that she lived in a material body, in a material world, in a material universe; — in short, that all is matter. But Mary Baker Eddy was a “loyal ray” from infinite Spirit, so when she discovered, in her search for eternal Truth, that all is Spirit, the belief that all is matter was seen clearly to be the basic lie.

Seventh Question

In her first class in 1870 she used the Socratic method of questions and answers even as she still does in *Recapitulation in Science and Health* today. In that first class the seventh question was, “What is matter?”

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Each Christian Science practitioner advertising in our columns has signed his or her name to the following statement: "I am one hundred per cent in agreement with Christian Science as discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy, as exemplified in her life and works, and as set forth in her book *Science and Health*. I acknowledge Mary Baker Eddy as the God-anointed and God-appointed Revelator to this age. I also acknowledge it to be a 'special offence' to represent falsely by word or work our Leader and Pastor Emeritus (Church Manual, Article XI, Section 12). And I am in agreement with the demand of her Church that a member shall not practise or teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in its textbook *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* (Article XII, Section 2). I further aver that I do not practise or teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in Mrs. Eddy's last (1910) edition of *Science and Health*."

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God's Chosen Witness found the students' thought so material in 1870 that they could not comprehend the answer to the question "What is matter?" They saw her marvelous demonstrations. Sincere students accepted what she said and often had marvelous demonstrations of their own because of this acceptance and because of their faith. But the Teacher knew that thought had to be elevated spiritually before it could understand the answer to the question "What is matter?"

Substance Matter

So she dropped that question and uplifted mortal thought with "There is no life, truth, intelligence nor substance in matter."

The false belief that all is matter is the forbidden tree. When Christian Scientists work with the Christian Scientist's Prayer as given to us by our Leader they begin to lay the axe at the root of this forbidden tree that all is matter.

The Christian Scientist's Prayer

There is no matter and no mortal mind. God is All-in-all. All is harmony, health, holiness. This is the prayer "unceasing" to be used on all occasions and at all times. It lays the axe at the root of unreality, materiality (that forbidden tree) and cuts it down. Preserve a sacred silence on this subject of prayer.

(Signed, Author of S.&H.) (DCC 63)

Leavened Thought

The leaven the Woman put into the three measures of meal has leavened thought considerably in the one hundred thirty-nine years since she taught the class of 1870. Serious Christian Scientists should be able to comprehend today the answer to the question "What is matter?" which our Leader gave to the world one hundred thirty-nine years ago.

Question: What is matter?

Answer: It is not substance if Soul is substance, for Soul and matter are not one; then matter held as shadow is the idea of God, but matter held as substance is a belief and error.

Science of Man, page 3



**“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.

Received the April TICS today and...every article is inspiring. The one on “Left and Right” is so clear and understandable. It helps to see exactly today’s claim of disruption. I thank God that His Kingdom is come.

I had just finished reading about Frances Thurber Seal in Germany a few days before TICS came and it was a joy indeed what marvelous healings were accomplished through her C.S. understanding.

David Robinson’s letter on the “benefit of obedience” was extremely interesting and to the point.

Kathryn Salter
Madison, Wisconsin

Your latest issue [April, 2009] of “The Individual Christian Scientist” was eagerly read from cover to cover upon receipt. I enjoyed the entire pamphlet but read with special interest several times the article entitled “Sarah L. Winchester.” It pointed to one’s infinite possibilities, it expanded thought! It impelled a deeper realization of the need to think in broader terms even like in your subheading, “Moving Spiritually Not Physically,” etc. Expecting of ourselves more as “The only I, or Us,” we should accomplish more.

Naomi Brenton
Beverly Hills, California

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

— *Mary Baker Eddy*

Want to thank you for the April, 2009 TICS. All of the contents were so enlightened to me. I have read and reread them. The “Left and Right” was very special. I never had identified the left and right as was explained in it. “History” was inspiring also. Also the A.M. article — most important.

Mary Ellen Kysor
Simi Valley, California

Thank you for the current issue [April, 2009] of T.I.C.S. It has some unusual features, such as the article about the activities of Sarah L. Winchester. Also, I appreciated keenly your distinctions between “right” and “left”! That feature was timely and helpful. Also, I appreciated Joyellen Reaves’ article on M.A.M., and I always am glad to be reminded of Mrs. Eddy’s “Alertness to Duty,” where she tells us not to “be made to forget nor to neglect [our] duty to God, to [our] Leader, and to mankind,” and that we will be “justified” or “condemned.” I was grateful that Joyellen included that reference. That was a valuable article. ...

The Second Coming of Christ is here, and is no doubt the cause of all the worldwide upheaval and great chemicalization. The world must wake up! and acknowledge the Second Coming of Christ! and adjust and advance accordingly.

I repeat: “Christian Science stills all distress over doubtful interpretations of the Bible; it lights the fires of the Holy Ghost, and floods the world with the baptism of Jesus. It is this ethereal flame, this almost unconceived light of *divine Love*, that heaven husbands in the First Commandment.” (’02 5:6)

Gail Weatherbe
Medina, Ohio

Upon reading [in the] July 09 edition on True Money it came to me that they (the coin of C.S.) are the three P’s (Prayer — Gold, Pulpit — Silver, and Periodicals — Currency)

This is really a great issue... The 7 churches were presented in a way I had not thought of before. ...

Interesting about Mexico. ...

Shawnee Ramage
Golden, Colorado

CONSECRATION

THIS poem is anonymous, but Mrs. Eddy evidently thought highly of it, because she asked to have it published in *The Christian Science Journal* of October 1900. Obviously it is not wholly metaphysical, but it is easy to comprehend why she thought it worth publishing, for it is filled with the right understanding of will power, and is worthy of your most thoughtful consideration.

CONSECRATION

Laid on Thy altar, my Lord divine,
 Accept my gift this day for Jesus' sake;
 I have no jewels to adorn Thy shrine,
 Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make.

But here I bring within my trembling hand
 This will of mine — a thing which seemeth small,
 And only Thou, dear Lord, canst understand
 How, when I yield Thee this, I yield mine all.

Hidden therein Thy searching eyes can see
 Struggles of passions, visions of delight,
 All that I love or am, or fain would be —
 Deep loves, fond hope, and longing infinite.

It hath been wet with tears and dimmed with sighs,
 Clinched in my grasp 'til beauty it hath none,
 Now, from Thy footstool, where it vanquished lies,
 The prayer ascendeth, O may Thy will be done.

Take it, Oh Father, ere my courage fail;
 And merge it so in Thine own will that e'en
 If in some desperate hour my cries prevail
 And Thou give back my gift, it may have been

So changed, so purified, so fair have grown,
 So one with Thee, so filled with peace divine,
 I may not know, or feel it as my own,
 But gaining back my will may find it Thine.

Anonymous

Notice how in gaining back (your) will, you “may not know, or feel it as (your) own, but find it Thine”. You find God’s will as your will. Use it then. Do not act as though you were helpless, but use this will of God, and you will be turning directly to God, and God alone, to find out what His will is. You will never deal with effect, but will always start with cause. You know to begin with effect, is to yield yourself to the enemy of mankind and aid and abet the wilfulness of evil, malicious mental malpractice and its tools. You start first with God, divine Mind, and find Him the source of all that appears. You cannot then malpractise but will bless mankind. This is what is meant when Science and Health says, “Your true course is to destroy the foe, and leave the field to God, — Life, Truth, and Love, remembering that God and His ideas alone are real and harmonious.”

May I now leave with you a statement of fact and an exhortation from Mrs. Eddy’s *Miscellaneous Writings*: “Christian Scientists cannot watch too sedulously, or bar their doors too closely, or pray to God too fervently, for deliverance from the claims of evil. Thus doing, Scientists will silence evil suggestions, uncover their methods, and stop their hidden influence upon the lives of mortals. Rest assured that God in His wisdom will test all mankind on all questions; and then, if found faithful, He will deliver us from temptation and show us the powerlessness of evil, — even its utter nothingness.”

Herbert W. Eustace, C.S.B.

Clear, Correct Teaching, p. 427

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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*

