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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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The house in Swampscott, Massachusetts
where Mary Baker Eddy was living
in February, 1866



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the Christian Science sentinel.



MARY BAKER EDDY

Our Mother in Israel



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THE SECOND DEATH

THE twenty-first chapter of Revelation is devoted to the holy city, New Jerusalem: but there is one verse which describes the second death. That is those which have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone.

Christians, and especially Christian Scientists, tend to feel that this applies not to them. Revelation 21:8 lists eight categories which "shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Four of those eight categories do not apply to basically good people. Those four are the abominable, murderers, whoremongers, sorcerers.

Idolatry

The First Commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me;" is broken constantly by good, well-intentioned people. They worship money, they worship success, education, degrees, things (houses, automobiles, cell phones, etc.). They worship health, health laws, doctors, drugs, food, television, games, entertainment. They fall into the category of idolators, and know it not.

First Commandment of All

If we put *anything* before God, we are idolators. When Jesus was asked, "Which is the first commandment of all?" his answer was, "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." (Mark 12:28-30)

The Unbelieving

The next category, which includes everyone, is the unbelieving. Christians think this applies not to them because they profess to believe. What is it that they profess to believe? If we believe in Jesus Christ we need to heed his instructions.

When the disciples came to Jesus asking why they had failed to heal a case that had come to them, he told them it was because of their unbelief. Matthew tells us: "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (17:20)

Are you satisfied to be among the unbelieving who have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone? If not, you must learn to remove mountains. The place to do this is here. The time to do this is now. Let your endeavor begin today.

Liars

The next category which has their part in the lake which burneth etc., is all liars. Many tend to think that a little white lie is acceptable. This falsity ensnares many good people. There is no little white lie. Everything is either the truth or a lie. There are no gray areas. The gross is easy to discern: the infinitesimal is more deceptive. All the world needs to know and to apply the eleventh of George Washington's Seventeen Rules of Life; viz. "Let all statements and narrations be an exact exhibition of the real truth." Our Leader tells us: "Humility is the door, honesty is the way."

Fear

The final category is the first one listed in Rev 21:8, and that is the fearful. And that is the first thing a practitioner handles in any case, — the patient's fear. We all have that to overcome. The higher we rise, the more sudden

and extreme fear will seem to be. This forces us to know “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” (Ps 91:1) And it causes us to stay “hid with Christ in God,’ — with Truth in divine Love, where human sense hath not seen man.” (S&H 325:17) Our work is to love, and to be Love. “Perfect love casteth out fear.”

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Overcoming

Lying is fairly easy to overcome once we abandon the world’s ways, adhere to Truth’s standard, and apply ourselves conscientiously.

Idolatry needs our constant attention. Mrs. Eddy’s words at the end of “Science of Being” are our guide:

The First Commandment is my favorite text. It demonstrates Christian Science. It inculcates the triunity of God, Spirit, Mind; it signifies that man shall have no other spirit or mind but God, eternal good, and that all men shall have one Mind. The divine Principle of the First Commandment bases the Science of being, by which man demonstrates health, holiness, and life eternal. One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed. (S&H 340:16)

As we progress spiritually, unbelief diminishes. As we challenge every aggressive mental suggestion our demonstrations become more immediate. We have long said that Spirit is All; *knowing* it and *feeling* it destroys unbelief.

Every challenge we have to meet tries to enter through the door of fear. Our textbook tells us:

St. Paul says, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling:" Jesus said, "Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." This truth is Christian Science. (442:25)

Revelation 21:7 tells us, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." Jesus also said to John: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." (Rev 2:11)

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A SPIRITUAL BIOGRAPHY

“IT is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing.” (John 6:63)

When Mrs. Eddy wrote her biography, *Retrospection and Introspection*, first published in 1891, she began with the spiritual experience of God's voice audibly calling her by name repeatedly when she was seven years of age, — until her devout mother instructed her to answer as Eli had directed Samual to respond to the same voice centuries earlier.

Worldly Interest

But the world was more interested in the flesh than in the Spirit, so God's Chosen Witness had to add much about human ancestry to satisfy the worldly questions. About the time that she was doing this that she might reach human thought, she also wrote her spiritual biography in a poem of fifteen stanzas. Have you ever analyzed that poem as her spiritual biography?



STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

Our Leader, this God idea,
was bright, blessed, afar, — and
this brave star shone o'er earth's
grim night of chaos.

Then, in tender mercy,
Spirit sped this loyal ray, to rouse
the living, wake the dead and
point the Way.

In order to point the Way out of the Adam dream for all mankind on this earth, she had to enter into this false belief, even as Jesus had entered into it. That entrance is the first death, — which we call birth. Man is never born and never dies. He is and ever has been the image and likeness of God. God is the only cause and creator; but the first death, the lie of human birth, says there are two causes, denies that God is the only cause and creator by claiming that man creates man sexually. “Jesus was asked, ‘When shall the dominion of death cease?’ Jesus saith, ‘As long as birth continues, for I came to destroy the works of birth.’” (DCC 14)



CHRIST HEALING

Mary Baker Eddy had to work her way out of this false belief in order to point the Way, to be the Leader to show us the way out. If we read, watch, or listen to anything that does not point us back to the Leader, the only Way, we are wandering off on a by-way and wasting our time.

Mary was God-directed and God-anointed from childhood, but it was two score years and more before she understood this. Her path was 45 long years of human experience with a great deal of illness, pain and suffering from infancy, plus much loss and sorrow, and a constant search for healing and health. She writes of these trying times on page 107 in *Science and Health*: “God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute divine Principle of scientific mental healing.”

The only Truth of these preparatory years was condensed into four lines in her spiritual biography:

The Christ-idea, God anoints —
Of Truth and Life;
The Way in Science He appoints,
That stills all strife.

Our Leader’s discovery of what she first called the Science of Man did not end the trials and tribulation. She had been dealing all her years with sickness and she had found the scientific solution. She could and did heal every illness that presented itself to her, usually instantaneously, as Jesus had done.



SEEKING AND FINDING.

Now her experience took an entirely different course. Sickness had ever been with her. But this new phase was entirely foreign to her pure thought. She had to meet sin. Her illustrated poem shows this clearly with a serpent behind her as she studies to learn "What the Beloved knew and taught."

And she adds: "Science repeats, through understanding dearly sought with fierce heart-beats." It was the uncovering of sin, so foreign to her, that caused the fierce heart-beats. Note that the serpent in the scene has not the fangs of a serpent, but the teeth of a man.



CHRISTMAS EVE

With the serpent, or great red dragon, ever at her heel, she continued her God-appointed work, to teach the Christ-healing, to demonstrate the Science of Life, and to lead the Way.

Thus Christ, eternal and divine,
 To celebrate
 As Truth demands, — this living Vine
 Ye demonstrate.



CHRISTMAS MORN

But this new view of Christ as a living Vine to be demonstrated was largely rejected. Mary's experience was not unlike that of Jesus when he healed the ten lepers. *One* of them returned to express thanks. Mary, too, found that nine-tenths of those whom she healed and taught were indifferent or apathetic. They clung to their former beliefs tenaciously and sought to continue the worldly pleasures, especially concerning their limited concept of Christ.



CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALING

For heaven's *Christus*, earthly Eves,
 By Adam bid,
 Make merriment on Christmas eves,
 O'er babe and crib.

And the Wayshower asks: "Yet wherefore signalize the birth of him ne'er born?"

She turns to the spiritual Christ-healing and says: "Christ was not crucified." "Forever present, bounteous, free, Christ comes in gloom." And "for health makes room."

Though adults want healing, it is the child-thought that reaches for Truth. Our Leader saw this receptive child-thought eager to accept "Life without birth and without end, emitting light!" And she expresses her





TREATING THE SICK.

Our Leader was fulfilling her mission to point the Way. Even more, she was, and is the Way.

She writes: "The Way, the Truth, the Life — His word — are here". Because of her presence on earth and endless labor of teaching, she could add, "And now Christ's silent healing, heaven heard, crowns the pale brow." She had planted the seed and it was beginning to bear fruit in spiritual healing.



CHRISTIAN UNITY

And next she tells us why.

For Christian Science brings to view
The great I Am,
Omniscient power, — gleaming through
Mind, mother, man.

Always pointing to one Cause, the Oneness of Being, she writes:
"Tis the same hand unfolds His power, and writes the page."



TRUTH *VERSUS* ERROR

The penultimate stanza and illustration, *Truth versus Error*, depict her entire mission and earth experience most graphically — Truth knocking at the door of mortal mind pleading to be taken in, saying “Away from sin, Christ summons thee.” Is she removing the —m-a-s from Christ [Christ-mas] when she says, “No mass for Me!”?

When Mrs. Eddy completed this spiritual biography, Christ and Christmas, she said: “My story is told,” — the new story of Christ, or the Second Coming.



THE WAY

She ends with the words:

“Eternal swells Christ’s music-tone
in heaven’s hymn.”

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CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS

POEM

Fast circling on, from zone to zone, —
 Bright, blessed, afar, —
 O'er the grim night of chaos shone
 One lone, brave star.

In tender mercy, Spirit sped
 A loyal ray
 To rouse the living, wake the dead,
 And point the Way —

The Christ-idea, God anoints —
 Of Truth and Life;
 The Way in Science He appoints,
 That stills all strife.

What the Beloved knew and taught,
 Science repeats,
 Through understanding, dearly sought,
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Thus Christ, eternal and divine,
 To celebrate
 As Truth demands, — this living Vine
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For heaven's *Christus*, earthly Eves,
 By Adam bid,
 Make merriment on Christmas eves,
 O'er babe and crib.

Yet wherefore signalize the birth
 Of him ne'er born?
 What can rehearse the glorious worth
 Of his high morn?

GLOSSARY

I am the root and the offspring of David,
 and the bright and morning star. —

Christ Jesus

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is
 coming, and now is, when the dead shall
 hear the voice of the Son of God; and they
 that hear shall live. — *Christ Jesus*.

The people that walked in darkness have
 seen a great light: they that dwell in the land
 of the shadow of death, upon them hath the
 light shined.—*Isaiah*.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and
 His righteousness; and all these things shall
 be added unto you. — *Christ Jesus*.

The tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their
 feasts: but they regard not the work of the
 Lord, neither consider the operation of His
 hands. — *Isaiah*.

Man that is born of a woman is of few days
 and full of trouble. — *Job*.

Before Abraham was, I am. — *Christ Jesus*.

Christ was not crucified — that doom
 Was Jesus' part;
 For Sharon's rose must bud and bloom
 In human heart.*

* "God manifest in the flesh." — Timothy

Forever present, bounteous, free,
 Christ comes in gloom;
 And aye, with grace towards you and me,
 For health makes room.

Thus olden faith's pale star now blends
 In seven-hued white!
 Life, without birth and without end,
 Emitting light!

The Way, the Truth, the Life—His word
 Are here, and now
 Christ's silent healing, heaven heard
 Crowns the pale brow.

For Christian Science brings to view
 The great I Am, —
 Omniscient power, — gleaming through
 Mind, mother, man.

As in blest Palestina's hour,
 So in our age,
 'Tis the same hand unfolds His power,
 And writes the page.

To-day, as oft, away from sin
 Christ summons thee!
 Truth pleads to-night: Just take Me in!
 No mass for Me!

No blight, no broken wing, no moan,
 Truth's fane can dim;
 Eternal swells Christ's music-tone,
 In heaven's hymn.

If Christ be in you, the body is dead
 because of sin; but the Spirit [God-
 likeness] is life because of righteousness.
 — *St. Paul.*

But such as I have give I thee: In the name
 of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and
 walk. — *St. Peter.*

Without father, without mother, without
 descent, having neither beginning of days,
 nor end of life; but made like unto the Son
 of God. — *St. Paul.*

Heal the sick. — *Christ Jesus.*

For whosoever shall do the will of my
 Father which is in heaven, the same is
 my brother, and sister, and mother.
 — *Christ Jesus.*

And there shall be one fold, and
 one shepherd.— *Christ Jesus*

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 will sup
 with him, and he with me.
 — *Christ Jesus.*

And whosoever liveth and believeth in
 me shall never die. — *Christ Jesus.*

LEARN BY EXPERIENCE

SPIRIT sped a loyal ray to earth's grim night of chaos in 1821, A.D. It was 45 years later that this messenger from God, our Mother in Israel, wakened sufficiently from earth's dream of life in matter to comprehend the Science she had come to present to "break earth's stupid rest."

You know her story, — how, as her brother in Nazareth, she came unto her own; and her own received her not. The Bible tells us that neither did his brethren believe on him. Mary Baker Eddy's family was the same; they all rejected her and the Science she taught and practised.

But as we know she persisted until the world recognized the Science that Jesus had introduced nearly two thousand years earlier.

Lost Israel

Jesus said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matt 15:24) Very few Christians, all these centuries later, yet know that they are the lost Israel. That is why they are lost. They know not their own identity.

Mrs. Eddy, too, was sent to the lost Israel, the Christians, to give them the Science of Christianity, the Science of all Being. With few exceptions the churches closed their doors on Science and ousted their spiritually-minded members who had embraced it, forcing Christian Science to be considered a new denomination, which it is not. It is the Science of all Christianity; the Science of all Being.

In Science we learn that Life is eternal; that there is no death; and that there is no life in matter. All Scientists have learned these facts. Many profess and proclaim them. And a few strive diligently to understand, accept, and prove them.

Christian non-Scientists

Christians who are not Scientists acknowledge only one of these three fundamentals. They will admit that life is eternal. But they cling tenaciously to the belief that all must die, and to the belief that there is life in matter.

When we do not learn from teaching, or from observation and consideration, we will have an experience that will teach us the lesson we need to learn.

The enemy has been consistently eroding our U.S. Constitution for many, many years with little protest or concern on the part of most Americans. There have been voices raised in protest by those who saw what was transpiring and tried to warn us, but they were little heeded. Even our Leader, when asked for a public statement on a political move that was being lauded by the press, said it "is not an executive power," (My 281:29). Who paid attention to her warning? The experiences facing us now are a result of not learning from teaching, observation and consideration.

But those who have studied and pondered and learned know that on one side there will be discord and dismay and on the other side Science and peace.

Learning There Is No Death

In another area, a number of Christians who have rejected Science, have clung tenaciously and unthinkingly to life in matter, to sickness and death, have had experiences to challenge these false beliefs. That is, the experience of dying and coming back to tell others that they died not.

These are being termed "Near Death Experiences." A number of people who have had this experience have written books about it. There are probably many more who have not written books. In the market one day I heard a man endeavoring to relate his "near death experience" to a somewhat disinterested clerk. When I ran into him in an aisle later, I questioned him about it. He dashed eagerly out to his car to get me a typewritten sheet. There is little doubt that this death experience is wakening a few Christians and stirring them into action to waken others.

Leavened Thought

Many Christians are still opposed to Christian Science, and many more are indifferent to it. Nonetheless, Mrs. Eddy's labors have leavened thought considerably.

One man's story about his death experience reveals what has been accomplished. He was a Christian minister as were many of his friends, all clinging to the false beliefs of death and life in matter. One friend wrote of this man's experience: "In death he saw things *as they are*. He witnessed what was *really going on*. This is true because, being made in God's image, we are not human beings having an occasional *spiritual experience*; rather we are *spiritual beings* having a temporary human experience."

Have you ever before heard anyone, other than a Christian Scientist, say that we are not human beings? That is a step in progress, and progress is the law of God. The scientific statement of being has been here well over a century, and it is doing its work in our consciousness and in our world.

Mrs. Eddy says of our learning experiences: "My prayer is for all who learn by suffering, and for all who learn by enjoying, to enter into the rest of rightness; for every experience human is met, compensated or punished by divine Love." (DCC 210:33)

When we say "learn by experience," we usually mean that one will have a learning experience, sometimes drastic, because he has failed to learn in any other way. But we can change that in our own experience.

Let us remind ourselves daily, hourly, that "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation." Therefore manifestation is not material, it is spiritual.

All is Spirit here and now. If we will insist upon this fact in our every experience every day, we will follow in our Leader's footsteps to "rouse the living, wake the dead, and point the way."

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SELFISHNESS, SENSUALITY, SEXUALITY

SELFISHNESS is sin. Sensuality is disease and sickness.
Sexuality is death.

Selfishness is the father of the lie. Sensuality is the mother of the lie. Sexuality is the child of the lie.

Selfishness is the predisposing cause. Sensuality is the remote cause. Sexuality is the exciting cause.

Selfishness is the old theology. Sensuality is the *materia medica*. Sexuality is the old natural science (so-called).

Selfishness is the old mortal sight. Sensuality is the old mortal hearing. Sexuality is the old mortal feeling (touch).

OVERCOME selfishness and you bring out unity. OVERCOME sensuality and you bring out purity. OVERCOME sexuality and you bring out the God idea.

These are the laws of sickness, sin and death, which war against the spiritual laws of Life, Truth and Love.

“Science lays the axe at the root of the tree.” You must go back to overcome the root, *cause*. Selfishness is the cause of sensuality.

Mary Baker Eddy
Divinity Course and General Collectanea
 pages 210-211

[Our thanks to Kathryn Salter for sending us the above.]

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ONE INSTANTANEOUS HEALING

A healing which I recall with much interest occurred in the year 1907, at the time of the “Next Friends Suit,” when many newspapers were sending their reporters to Concord in the hope of securing interviews with Mrs. Eddy. Since it would have taken nearly all her time if she had seen all these representatives of the press, she appointed me as a receiver and giver of messages. At this time there were three or four reporters particularly determined to see Mrs. Eddy. They had been sent to Concord to “dig up” the truth about her. The orders from the city desk were positive; they were, “Use whatever methods are necessary, but get the facts!” If Mrs. Eddy was dead and someone was impersonating her, if she was mentally incompetent and physically in ill-health, they were to bring back the story, sparing no one.

As one of these men remarked later: "We hoped that something of a sensational nature would be uncovered. If Mrs. Eddy was merely living in a saintly retirement, working and praying for mankind, it was not news. But if any of the other rumours about her were true, it would be a great story." This man said they were a belligerent lot of old-timers, and they hoped and expected to "dig up" a lot of scandal; that they were news hounds baying on the trail.

Having been in Concord for some time, covering the occurrences surrounding the suit, and trying to get whatever information they could about Mrs. Eddy, this reporter said they were all greatly amazed at the kind and loving treatment accorded them. "If ever anyone has a right to hate someone, surely the Christian Scientists had a right to hate us," he said. "We were there to villify Mrs. Eddy if we could. We had no reverence and no decency. We did not believe anything but the worst about anybody, and we wanted if possible to hold Mrs. Eddy up to scorn and ridicule, to expose and denounce her."

The chief man among this group, representing a big New York newspaper, was known as a particularly hard-boiled reporter and a steady drinker. He had been afflicted for some years with a cancerous growth of the throat, which was extremely painful and at times overwhelmed him completely.

One evening as they were all sitting in his room at the Eagle Hotel, drinking and smoking, bored with their stay, this man was suffering with his throat; he had lost his voice entirely and was unable to speak a word. Mrs. Eddy had asked me to call these men by telephone and inform them that it was impossible for her to see them. But she cautioned me at the same time, "Be sure to ask for the leading man and speak directly to him."

The telephone rang and one of the younger reporters answered the call. According to instructions, I asked to speak to the head man, whose name he mentioned, but was told that this man was too ill to come, could not come, and could not speak if he did come to the telephone, and could not speak any way. Remembering Mrs. Eddy's instruction I said, "Tell him to come to the telephone; he can hear what I say even if he can't talk."

Accordingly, the suffering newspaper man came to the telephone, showing decided anger (as I was later informed). He listened for a few

you imagine that ignorance can think logically, then you are likely to believe that ignorance can think in the realm of pure Mind; that it can conjure up some devilry to checkmate the metaphysician. The Christian Scientist is never checkmated by malicious mental malpractice, but is checkmated by his own ignorance of what malicious mental malpractice is, and of its operation as the negative of infinite intelligence.

“There is, however, one important difference between the ignorance confronting one in higher mathematics, and the ignorance confronting one in the highest phases of Christian Science. Mathematical ignorance is plain ignorance of facts without any directed intent back of the ignorance, because the principle governing numbers is called a dead principle. Hence the negation in the ignorance of mathematics is without premeditated intent.

“The exact opposite of this is the case in Christian Science where God, the divine Principle of being, as Mind itself, is infinitely active intelligence directing the whole of being. The negation or ignorance of this intelligence must be infinite ignorance which assumes, as the negative, the opposite of every quality of good, but in its infinity of ignorance it appears as infinitely intelligent ignorance. It has no power of its own and when reversed, automatically becomes the very presence and activity of God.

“Our work as Christian Scientists is to be about our Father’s business in the realm of unfoldment that we have attained, where Satan is attempting to stand in the holy place of Mind and to operate as pure evil mentality. Satan can be dethroned from this pinnacle of evil only by the understanding of pure divine Mind and its operation.” (CCT 466)

It takes constant alertness on our part to dethrone evil on every point on every issue. No one else is going to do this for us. Each one must do it for himself sooner or later. The sooner we start the sooner will we see the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven and eternal Life demonstrated.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

A number of ministers were assembled for the discussion of difficult questions. Among others it was asked how the command to "Pray without ceasing" could be complied with, and one of the members was appointed to write an essay to be read at the next meeting. This being overheard (or heard) by a maid-servant, she exclaimed, "What! A whole month to tell the meaning of that text? It is one of the easiest and best in the Bible!"

"Well, well," said the minister, "What can you say about it Mary? How do you understand it? Can you pray all the time when you have so many things to do?" "Why yes sir," said Mary. "The more things I have to do the more I can pray."

"Let us hear how you do this," said the minister. "Well," said the girl, "When I open my eyes in the morning, I pray, Lord, open the eyes of my understanding. While I am dressing, I pray that I may be clothed with righteousness; when I have washed, I ask for the washing of regeneration; when I begin to work, I pray that I may have strength equal to my day; when I kindle the fire, I pray that God's work may revive my heart; and as I begin to sweep out the house, I pray that my heart may be cleansed of its impurities; when I am preparing and partaking of breakfast, I desire to be fed with the manna and sincere milk of the Word; and as I am busy with the children, I look to God as my Father and pray for the spirit of adoption, that I may be His child; and so on, all the day everything I do furnishes me with a thought of prayer."

"Enough," said the minister, "These things are revealed to babes and often hid from the wise and prudent. Go on Mary, pray without ceasing."

From the Christian Science Monitor
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will be a wholly spiritual idea of
God and man . . . The daystar
of this appearing is the light
of Christian Science...

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leaves nothing that is material;
neither darkness, doubt, disease,
nor death. The material
corporeality disappears; and
individual spirituality, perfect
and eternal, appears —
never to disappear.”

Miscellaneous Writings,
by Mary Baker Eddy, p.165

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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.

Thank you so much for the complimentary copy of George Washington’s Vision. I have read it several times before, but I always am so moved and “awaken” each time I read it. I have so much to learn from Washington’s character and example, and drew so much needed inspiration from his vision. It is my hope too that others will be equally inspired and awakened by it.

Zenia Nichols
Winfield, Illinois

Thank you for lovely edition of T.I.C.S. just received. [Oct,2009]
It is always wonderful to be reminded of the “founding fathers” of our favored nation. And I especially loved the brief message, “What Is

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

—Mary Baker Eddy—

Matter?" That message has the 'true ring of the metal,' namely the voice of our inspired Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, and I am grateful you were inspired to include it.

Gail Weatherbe
Medina, Ohio

The enclosed items have been so extremely helpful to me — I wish everyone in the universe could study the ones on Selfishness, Sensuality and Sexuality. There would be "heaven on earth" in No Time!

Kathryn Salter
Madison, Wisconsin

Our copy of the October, 2009 TICS has been received and read and reread with much gratitude. Reading George Washington's Seventeen Rules of Life leaves no doubt as to why he was chosen of God to be The "Father of Our Country" where Christian Science could be brought forth by Mary Baker Eddy. Thank you so much for bringing out this fact.

Lois and Werner Meyer
Buckingham, Pennsylvania

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALING

Healing
is the being
of the ever-present Christ —
the light
 of Truth
 loved
 and lived
as one's own daily life.

My great sense of gratitude for Christian Science, — the promised Comforter, — leads me to submit this original poem. Thanks be to God, and His Two Witnesses!

Jane H. Hanson
Hemet, California

COMPULSORY HEALTH INSURANCE

Mildred L. LeBlond, C.S.B.

WHAT is health? And how is it demonstrated? Webster's definition of the word is "sound in body, mind or soul." This meaning of the word health is as we understand it in Christian Science, for Mind or Soul is the health of the body.

Mrs. Eddy says, "A scientific mental method is more sanitary than the use of drugs, and such a mental method produces permanent health." (S&H 79:7) Then health is a state of Mind or Soul. Scientific knowing is health.

The title of Mrs. Eddy's book, *Science and Health*, indicates this. Ever since the Textbook was published, doctors have been becoming more and more mental in their treatment of disease. Again, divine Science must interpret health and health laws, and keep on interpreting and defining it until the world agrees with divine Science and reflects it.

There is a statement of Mrs. Eddy's to be found in the April Journal of 1898, "And may God forever keep our country from aggressive class legislation whether in the form of a medical bill or bull." After hearing that, surely no one here could believe that the compulsory health measures are right or in accord with the teachings of Christian Science.

The current compulsory Health Insurance legislation, both state and federal, is antagonistic to Christian Science and the field must be alert as to the seriousness of this encroachment on individual and religious freedom. For the Christian Scientist, healing, health, is his religion, church and Science. ...

Exemptions for Christian Scientists in these various health laws are not enough. We are leaders, not followers. The work of Christian Scientists is not only individual but universal as well. Being is One, therefore indivisible.

Either a compulsory law is right or it is wrong. There is nothing compulsory in the following statement found in our Textbook, "God has endowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government, reason, and conscience." (S&H 106:7) Anything made compulsory

attempts to infringe this freedom, and this is the sole reason why we oppose compulsory measures. Under the guise of goodness, planned economy of whatsoever nature steals away self-government. But Mrs. Eddy classifies self-government as an inalienable right, therefore incapable of being surrendered. Why? Because self-government, scientifically understood is God-government. ...

We must realize that health cannot be legislated or brought into being by legislation. It is a state of Mind, and we must remain free to develop it as Mind, and as our own law concerning it.

As Mrs. Eddy says, “No crown nor sceptre nor rulers rampant can quench the vital heritage of freedom — man’s right to adopt a religion, to employ a physician, to live or to die according to the dictates of his own rational conscience and enlightened understanding.” (My 128:12)

[Our thanks to Edna English for sending us this excerpt from Mrs. LeBlond’s Association Address for 1945.]

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SIGHT

MIND is God and seeing or vision must be and is an idea of God, never in nor of matter and never impaired nor lost.

This vision is your vision by reflection, and as long as you can see the truth of God, your vision is unimpaired and you can prove it.

Free yourself from the thought that you have lost your eyesight and that Christian Science can regain it for you.

Instead Christian Science is the truth about your eyesight which was never lost and as this idea appears as your consciousness the belief of material or imperfect eyesight will disappear and the idea of spiritual, perfect, indestructible intelligence will appear as the only sight of Mind, therefore as the only sight of man or woman.

Mary Baker Eddy

Lessons of the Seventh Day, pp. 135-136

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*



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