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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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MARY BAKER EDDY

Our Mother in Israel



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

“COULD YE NOT WATCH WITH ME...?”

By Julie J. Harrison

THIS question posed to his most trusted disciples by our Lord and Master, Christ Jesus in his hour of human need is familiar to all devoted Christians, to those of us who claim to be his followers.

A Higher Dimension

In a moment of revelation, thought became suddenly aware of a higher dimension of meaning to the modifying phrase “with me.”

To watch with the man, Jesus, for approaching traitorous activity is certainly one interpretation, one meaning; To watch *as the Christ* is quite another.

Understanding

Through the gift of Christian Science which was conveyed by our treasured Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, from God the Supreme Giver, we have had the spiritual understanding opened to enable the seeker for Truth to see and understand things unutterable.

To watch *as* the “divine manifestation of God” (See S&H 583:10) is to see no enemy; to experience no action but divine good, — reality. To watch and to see *as this manifestation* or God’s man sees, is “to destroy incarnate error” or evil made manifest in one’s experience, or even more clearly, the *belief* of evil accepted as real individually or universally. God and his idea are one. (S&H 465:17)

Temptation to Fear

Christ Jesus’ command to watch with him was coupled with the command to be alert to the suggestion “to enter *not* into temptation.” This is quoted by Matthew, Mark, and Luke in each of their gospels. One of malicious mortal mind’s most subtle tricks and the one most cleverly hidden, is to make one believe that the evil is “out there” *i.e.*, caused by persons, places or things, human laws, theories or practices separate from one’s own accepted consciousness. Even more subtle is the *fear* that evil is real, has power to destroy the law of God or present perfection and harmony; and its depth of subtlety, that the *fear is* in *one’s own* unguarded, unaware consciousness.

Persistent Spiritual Courage

Paul assures us that we have not been given the spirit of fear (II Tim 1:7), but of love, of power and of a sound mind — ONE MIND. Our Leader’s writings reveal that man is Mind, God *expressed*. (S&H 591:19) This brings the glorious realization that fear is simply not possible to man. It can be overcome by watching and praying. To pray: to be filled with the all consuming desire to know the TRUTH. Persistent spiritual courage in the face of all evil, the Michael of His presence, will bring this awareness, and thus evil is dissolved, banished into its “native nothingness” (S&H 572:6).

Possibility

Think of the possible outcome of the Gethsemane experience if the three witnesses of Christ Jesus’ transfiguration on the Mount, the peak of spiritual understanding, and had seen mortal man transfigured into spiritual man, matter into MIND, darkness into light and it was made so blindingly clear as to enable them to see, to understand Moses and Elias as eternally present. Think if they had been alert and obeyed their Master’s command what could have been the result? What could have been the result of this exalted realization of the Allness, the all-presence

of Mind, GOD, and the consequent nothingness and powerlessness of resistance to Truth and Love and the impossibility of any action as by direction of malicious mind, *i.e.*, hate.

If followed, the spiritual understanding of the three disciples would have been advanced to the highest possible degree of unselfedness and divine, spiritual power. This no doubt was the motivation behind Jesus' request. To watch *as* the Christ, *with* the Christ was to be alert to animal magnetism's (Satan's) attempted hypnotism and would have reversed the entire experience.

Adam Dreaming

Jesus' twice repeated request of Peter, James and John was denied by Adam dreaming on, deeply sleeping. The disciples themselves were unable to explain why they were unable to comply. They did not know how to recognize and to handle animal magnetism.

The Sword of Spirit

This is the stellar point of Mrs. Eddy's discovery: the powerlessness of evil when the spiritual understanding of God's Allness is brought to bear on any given condition or situation suggested hypnotically as a serpent seeking to swallow up its victim or to destroy him by its poison of hate and fear. If the condition *is reversed by Science*, evil is made to be seen as nothing and only the allness of God realized: Good is demonstrated as ever-present. Mrs. Eddy's Discovery has given the seeker of Truth the means of handling, *i.e.*, destroying the one evil or the evil one. This is the sword of Spirit which cuts away the lie of listlessness and lust of mortal mind. Christ Jesus said, "I came to bring a sword" (Matt 10:34), *i.e.*, TRUTH. Peter took that teaching to mean human violence.

Spiritual Understanding

After his third attempt to understand his Father's will, Jesus realized that the human understanding of the Christ was of no help. Spiritual understanding, a precious quality of Mind, given by God to his idea, was not then realized by even those closest to him personally, much less by thought sunk in self and was thus unable to dissipate evil's challenge to God's complete, loving control and supreme authority.

Taking the human footsteps however painful through the crucifixion experience, the zenith of unselfed love, he would be able to show his followers the powerlessness of hate, the exalting triumph of Love and Truth.

Jesus' work was done so perfectly, it had never been equaled by any man, prophet or apostle. It was surpassed, however by Mary Baker Eddy, whose humble willingness to face the aroused "seven thunders of evil," the combined forces of hate in all its most direct and subtle forms, confident in the correctness of her revelation of Truth, of God as its Source, plus her absolute trust in her understanding of God's Allness and His unerring direction enabled her to "take up the cross" and indeed, *occupy* it for 40 years with uncomplaining courage and love.

Let us be aware, however, that each individual triumph of Truth in our own experience over sin, disease, death, hate, fear, pride, selfishness, is in a degree a resurrection, a correction of mortal mind and its generally accepted lie of life in matter and the actuality of evil and our falsely accepted sense of a personal life revolving in an orbit outside of divine infinite Mind.

Watch One Hour

The Bible teaches that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, a thousand years as a watch in the night, in other words, time is a mortal limitation, a human concept. To watch for one hour is to watch throughout the brief dream of mortal life, in other words, a *constant* watch. If obeyed our spiritual progress is assured. Take heart, dear Watcher, the best is yet to come. We have been given the ability to realize heaven is here now.

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"Jesus did not make the demonstration over death, but yielded to it — because of the desertion of his disciples. If they had stood by him we should now be in the millennium."

Mary Baker Eddy

March 29, 1907

Divinity Course and General Collectanea, p. 27

MIND

MRS. Eddy's momentous discovery in the second half of the nineteenth century has revolutionized the world. In simplest words it is that mind is the cause of all effect.

If mind embraces and emits Truth and Love it is God. If mind embraces and emits fear, error, or belief, it is evil, a lie. In 1866 only one individual on earth could see the magnitude of this great discovery.

Personal Mind

And in 1866 every thinking adult on earth believed that he had a mind of his own that he could do with as he pleased. That was the state of consciousness that our Leader was addressing in her "Precious Volume," — the first edition of Science and Health. She endeavored to point out that mind embracing Wisdom and Intelligence is omnipotent; whereas the mind embracing error, belief, doctrine, creed, fear, etc., produces the very things it greatly fears. On page 344 of her "precious volume" she tells us:

A physician said to us, "I know mind affects the body somewhat, and advise my patients to be hopeful and take less medicine, but there are organic diseases that mind cannot affect." To this we replied, it is poor logic that facts contradict; we have many cases on record of cures wrought through mind alone, that materia medica had failed to reach. You admit death has occurred from fright, and this proves every function of the body controlled by mind; death covers the whole ground, it stops the action of brain, heart, blood, lungs, etc., and if all organic action can be stopped by mind, it is controlled by it, and can be cured also. Mind produces what is termed organic disease, as directly as it does hysteria, and cures it as readily; the demonstration we have given of this removes the question beyond cavil. We predicate this science on proof, and have not more evidence of our existence, than we have gained of the utter control mind holds over the entire organization and functions of the body. Through mind alone we have cured organic disease of the lungs, liver, heart, brains, bones, muscles, etc., that defied physiology and materia medica to heal.

And in this volume we read "mind the only friend or foe to man" (342:20). On page 354 she says:

Theories admit the limbs are matter and moved by mind, but the fact is, all is mind of different admissions and constructions. Mind increases or retards action, causing sickness or health;...

The Great Panacea

Belief may concede that man has little or no soul or spirit, but it clings tenaciously to the error that every man has a mind of his own called a thinking brain. The passage before quoted reads in full: "Metaphysics hold mind the only friend or foe to man, and Truth destroying error, the great panacea." (342:20)

The Truth applied to mind elevates one spiritually to comprehend that "mind which was also in Christ Jesus," and to understand there is only one Mind and that is God.

The Uncovering of A.M.

When Mrs. Eddy (then Glover) first poured out this great truth about Mind to early students, devastating results followed. But it caused her to uncover malicious animal magnetism. Exposing the malpractice of her second student in her first edition of Science and Health, she wrote: "If he has imparted error [to his patients] he certainly will deny it, but if he had not done this we should never have learned what this mal-practice was.." (375:12) It also caused her to include in her precious volume:

Persecution

Power is a belief of matter, a blind force, the offspring of will and not Wisdom, of the mortal, and not the immortal mind, — yea, of error, and not Truth. (PV 349:19)

Experience also has taught us the greater the moral or spiritual distance between us and an individual, the more they persecute us; as with individuals so with the general thought, those cures remote from the comprehension of the age, have only afforded our enemies new opportunity for detraction. (PV 354:5)

Wisdom and Intelligence

With the belief of malicious mind constantly hurling its missiles at the Revelator to this age, it is not surprising that mind has a small m in this 1875 Science and Health, and is not a synonym for God therein. But the Truth about mind is expressed in two synonyms in the “precious volume,” viz., Wisdom and Intelligence.

The Pioneer

The false beliefs about mind must be overcome by everyone in his path from sense to Soul, and our Leader has pioneered the way, cleared this path, and given us guideposts and commands.

We can trace her footsteps beginning with a 46 page chapter entitled “Demonology” in the third edition of Science and Health in 1881. Along with uncovering the workings of evil or malicious mind she was elevating mind to Mind, saying: “have but one God, one Mind and that one perfect, bringing out its own model of excellence.” (3rd ed S&H, Vol I, 119:32)

War in Heaven

It is absolutely essential that mind be separated from the grasp of matter and most especially from the grasp of maliciousness. Our Leader began this process spiritually and innocently and found herself engulfed in “war in heaven.”

Seven Seals

St. John saw in spiritual vision “in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And [he] saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?” (Rev 5:1-2)

In John’s vision no man was found worthy but the plan of infinite Mind was that the Woman “clothed with the sun” would open the book and loose the seals.

The Book scientifically explains God, man, and the universe, but no man can understand it until he can loose the seven seals. Mankind's opinion of God as a mighty king, an all-powerful Jehovah, could not loose the seals. The advanced concept of a heavenly Father opened the door to accepting, embracing and understanding the seven synonyms for God. This understanding opens the Book.

Eight Synonyms

That process began in October of 1875 when Mrs. Eddy gave to the world the first edition of Science and Health and presented God as Principle, Life, Truth, Love, Spirit, Soul, Wisdom, Intelligence.

The war in heaven was still raging. The dragon and his angels were claiming place and power for malicious mind. And the Founder of Christian Science was exploring the way to silence such blatant lies to reveal Mind as it is.

Eight Reduced

The terms for Mind, — Wisdom and Intelligence, — were changed to wisdom and intelligence, while Mind was elevated to its rightful place as a synonym for God. This essential step reduced the eight synonyms for God to the necessary *seven* synonyms that correspond with the *seven* seals which must be loosed, and gave us the key for loosing them.

At the same time she impersonalized evil, and most importantly malicious mind claiming power, by giving a common denominator to all evil and naming it animal magnetism.

Omniscient Power

In *Christ and Christmas* our Leader stated:

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

Unmasked

In our textbook animal magnetism became “Animal Magnetism Unmasked.” And all evil was reduced to aggressive mental suggestion.

Where Are You?

Students were slow to follow their Leader, so, though Mind in Science and Health is always God, there is also a great deal about mortal mind. And most students equate themselves with mortal mind thus rejecting the Science of being, the reality of One Mind and the truth of their own spiritual identity.

As long as we cling to the good in mortal mind we have twoness, we are unscientific, and we are prolonging the Adam dream. We need to keep our Leader’s words in thought, “sometimes beautiful, ALWAYS erroneous.”

The belief of mortal mind is the whole problem. It must be separated from the One Mind. This is separating the tares from the wheat. In her poetic speech Mrs. Edy once said,

Father, teach me how to still
The clamoring of sense and fill
My place as listener.

Thy Voice

All Christian Scientists sing, “I will listen for Thy voice”. We cannot hear His voice without silencing the constant clamoring of aggressive mental suggestion. Again our Leader’s guiding words: “Beloved Christian Scientists, keep your minds so filled with Truth and Love that sin, disease, and death cannot enter them” (My 210:2).

If we do this we will then follow her command to “crown the power of Mind as the Messiah,” and “give to Mind the glory, honor, dominion, and power everlastingly due its holy name.” (S&H 116:14; 143:29)

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THE NECESSITY FOR PROOF

MRS. Eddy never hesitated to say that Christian Science would “disappear from among mortals” (My 197:18) unless the truth of its declaration, that there is only one Mind, is proved by practical demonstration, by one’s ability to abolish all finiteness, all limitation, all sin, disease and death. Without such proof Christian Science not only will be, but *is* lost. Who is there to prove it if you do not do so?

The metaphysician is the one, and the one alone, who knows why he is a Christian Scientist. Each one of you knows this for himself. Your understanding identifies you, and if you do not prove Christian Science, how is it to be made manifest? Who else can prove it? It is understanding alone that will do it. Are you using your understanding? Yes, in proportion to your turning every thought unreservedly to the one Mind as All-in-all. That is what being a Christian Scientist means.

It is no harder to find Mind as All-in-all than it is to find matter as all-in-all, and it is vastly more comfortable. Is your world declaring that matter is God? Is it going on the basis, Let us “eat, drink, and be merry,” for tomorrow we die? If it is, will this usher you into the kingdom of heaven, into that understanding which enabled Jesus to bring all matter into subjection and imbued him with such power that he spake with absolute authority to every form of evil? “With Christ, Life was not merely a sense of existence, but a sense of might and ability to subdue material conditions.” (Un 42:16) It must be the same with you.

Herbert W. Eustace, C.S.B.

Clear, Correct Teaching, page 824

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“All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all.”

Mary Baker Eddy

Science and Health, p. 468



ELIZABETH EARL JONES

Following this class Mrs. Mims became a teacher of Christian Science in Atlanta, Georgia. Her first Primary class was held in the fall of 1899, and one of the members of that class was the youthful Elizabeth Earl Jones. Miss Jones was still in her early twenties when she entered the public practice of Christian Science.

In 1940 Miss Jones was a member of the Normal class, following which she became a teacher of Christian Science in Ashville, North Carolina.

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“NEITHER UNDER THE EARTH”

WHILE searching for a passage in Revelation Mind diverted me instead to Revelation 5 and the Book “in the right hand of him that sat on the throne.” Pondering John’s words brought a clear view of how they outlined our Leader’s work.

Another phrase in this passage caught my attention. It is related to the strong angel’s proclamation, “Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?” It is sad that no man in heaven (in harmony) was found worthy; and not too surprising that no man in earth was found worthy. But the phrase that caught my attention was, “neither under the earth.” “no man...under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.” (Rev 5:3)

Do men dwell “under the earth”? This phrase caused me to recall a book I had read many, many years ago entitled *The Smoky God* first copyrighted and published in 1908.

Have you ever heard that the earth is hollow? I had not until I read Olaf Jansen’s story. Though the Jansens’ home was in Stockholm, Sweden, Olaf’s father was a prosperous Norwegian fisherman. Olaf was still a teenager in 1829 when he and his father, on a fishing cruise, ventured farther north than ever man had sailed.

On this fateful journey they sailed northward on and on, beyond all icebergs, and found themselves inside the earth. They saw a bright orb

in the sky above, "the smoky god," — presumably the exact earth center.

They found a civilization greatly advanced beyond that of outer earth in 1829; and a more compassionate people.

They spent two years with these people before heading homeward via the South Pole. But, Alas! their fishing sloop and Olaf's father were both lost and Olaf was rescued off an iceberg by a whaling vessel. When he told his story, the captain put him in irons.

Eventually he got back to Stockholm to find that his mother had passed away during the more than four years of his absence. He told his story to his uncle who committed him to an insane asylum where the poor young man was confined to a life of suffering and misery for twenty-eight long years.

He never breathed a word of his experiences again to anyone although he dwelt upon them all his years and put them all in writing that the world may sometime benefit from his knowledge. At the age of 95, after several years of retirement in Southern California, he met a Glendale neighbor he felt he could trust. The neighbor found Olaf Jansen to be a learned, scholarly, earnest deep-thinker.

On the night he passed away Olaf summoned his new friend and put all of his writings into his hands. He also extracted the promise from him that he would give the story of his experiences to the world saying that because it was not his own story he would not have to endure the horrible persecution of disbelievers.

The words "neither under the earth" in Revelation 5 caused me to recall and to review Olaf Jansen's story. And our Leader's early words in Science and Health seem to relate: "those cures remote from the comprehension of the age, have only afforded our enemies new opportunity for detraction."

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SAINTS AND ANGELS

By Gail M. Weatherbe

THE Holy Bible is filled with saints and angels, from Genesis through Revelation! The first mention of the “angel of the Lord” is Genesis 16:7, and further mention of angels goes on repeatedly throughout the Bible to the book of Revelation, where approximately forty-four specific “angels” are mentioned, along with “ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands...of angels round about the throne” of God. (Rev 5:11)

Two Archangels

The two “archangels” of the Bible are Michael and Gabriel. Michael, the “chief archangel,” has very little to say. But Gabriel freely announced to Zacharias, prior to the birth of John the Baptist: “I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.” And this same archangel soon thereafter announced to Mary, who would bring forth Jesus the Christ: “Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women”! This herald of joy is followed by Mary’s song: “My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.” (Luke 1:19, 28, 46, 47)

The angel of the Lord, then appeared to the “shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night,” and announced with reassuring comfort: “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:8,10,11)

Two Angels in White

Again, “two angels in white” were seen by another Mary when she stood looking into Jesus’ tomb. For “the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door...His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.” (John 20:12; Matt 28:2,3)

Thus the angels of the Lord were present at both the birth and resurrection of Jesus, and were visible to those spiritually minded enough to see them!

The angel of the Lord delivered and directed the apostles of the New Testament, in like manner with the deliverance and direction of the seers and prophets of the Old Testament.

The Book of Revelation

The book of Revelation deserves special attention because of the front and back covers of this periodical, *The Individual Christian Scientist*. The “woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet,” and the “angel” with the “little book” in his hand, climax the final revelation of the Holy Bible! and have special and precious meaning to Christian Scientists of all times and ages. These two pictures on the covers of this periodical represent two of the stained glass windows in the original edifice of The Mother Church, placed there by our Leader and Mother, Mary Baker Eddy. (Rev 12:1; 10:1,2)

Announcements and Assignments

The Book of Revelation presents a series of very special assignments and announcements of angels. The first is a “strong angel,” who asks: “Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?” The “ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands...of angels” answered: “Worthy is the Lamb...to take the book, and to open the seals thereof.” (Rev 5:2, 11, 12, 9)

Then “another mighty angel [came] down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open:” — again referring to the book that only the Lamb (“The spiritual idea of Love” S&H 590:9) is “worthy” to open. This is closely followed by the “woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:” whose presence is announced by “lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail”! (Rev 10:1,2; 12:1; 11:19)

The “Little Book”

Thus the “‘little book,’ open for all to read and understand” is characterized as “the revelation of divine Science, the ‘right foot’ or dominant power of which was upon the sea, — upon elementary, latent error, the source of all error’s visible forms,” and the “angel’s left foot was upon the earth; that is, a secondary power was exercised upon visible error and audible sin.” (S&H 559:1) This revelation concludes with the warning that “the dragon was wroth” with this woman who is clothed with the sun, and “went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” (Rev 12:17)

Following the “woman clothed with the sun,” the Revelator witnesses “another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth.” Further, the Revelator sees “another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” This is followed by the vision of an “angel standing in the sun,” who pleads yearningly, “Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God”! (Rev 14:6; 18:1; 19:17)

Key of the Bottomless Pit

The Revelator then beholds an “angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand” with which “he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years” — thus sealing his doom. The Revelator echoes the “angel which shewed me these things”: “Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.” (Rev 20:1,2; 22:8,10)

Saints Arose

THE TIME IS AT HAND! When our Lord and Master, Christ Jesus, was crucified, it was known in Jerusalem that “the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” (Matt 27:52,53)

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The Revelator characterizes the saints: “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. ...And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord, God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.”
(Rev 14:12; 15:3)

In the Torah, Moses declares, “The LORD came from Sinai, ...and He came with ten thousands of saints: from His right hand went a fiery law for them. Yea, He loved the people; all His saints are in thy hand.” (Deut 33:2,3) Jude adds: “Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints.” (Jude 14)

Our Mother in Israel, Christ Mary, summarizes: “May this sacrifice bring to your beloved church a vision of the new church, that cometh down from heaven, whose altar is a loving heart, whose communion is fellowship with saints and angels.” (Mis 149:22)

We conclude with Paul’s “rapture of the church”: “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”
(I Thess 4:16-18)

God knows only His own spiritual universe, inhabited by His saints and angels! — “beings under the control of supreme wisdom” ... “some of the ideas of God beheld as men” ... “the spirits of just men made perfect.” (S&H 91:3; 583:8; Heb 12:23)

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“The science of being inevitably lifts us higher in the scale of harmony, and will ultimately shake off all shackles that fetter the mind, ripe for advancement.”

Mary Baker Eddy

Science & Health, First Edition p.317



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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

I was grateful to see the excerpt from *Love's Chosen Love* in the October, 2010 issue, but I was confused by several statements that were made about that excerpt in a letter to the editor in the January, 2011 issue.

The first statement was: “...there was conflict with [Mrs. Stetson] and Mrs. Eddy...” The excerpts from Mrs. Eddy's letters to Augusta quoted in *Love's Chosen Love* certainly don't indicate anything but genuine affection between them. I've always read that the conflict developed between Augusta and the Board of Directors, not between Augusta and Mrs. Eddy. Augusta was faithfully following her highest sense of Christian Science, which she had learned from Mrs. Eddy. That would have made her a very valuable worker and endeared her to Mrs. Eddy, not caused a conflict.

The second comment was: “...Mrs. Stetson started or tried to start a church which was not under the auspices of the Mother Church.”

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

—Mary Baker Eddy—

If you read Mrs. Stetson's books, she records how she always acted in absolute obedience to Mrs. Eddy's instructions and she also strictly obeyed the Manual by-laws or any ruling of the Board of Directors. After she was excommunicated, she would have been completely free to start her own "rival church" if she had wanted to. If she didn't start her own church then, she certainly wouldn't have considered violating the by-laws of the Mother Church and doing it when she was still a loyal member of the church.

The last confusing statement was: "...Mrs. Stetson's idea and method of creating a church based on spirituality..." Mrs. Eddy was the one who issued the statement that, "When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher...they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation..." It seems to me that the invitation to rise above the material organization was Mrs. Eddy's, not Augusta's.

By that invitation to rise higher, Mrs. Eddy provided us all with the final answer as to the correct way to demonstrate absolute Christian Science. We're all striving to understand that absolute position as we feel the decline of material organization. Augusta's experience provides us with a first-hand account of the birth of the spiritual organization which will finally replace it and can help us all to bring about this change of base.

As I read the letter to the editor in the January issue, it made me go back and read about Augusta's experience again. Perhaps this would be a good time for all of us to read Love's Chosen Love in its entirety. This tender account of Augusta's footsteps has always been very helpful to me as I work to demonstrate Christian Science today. I can't imagine that it wouldn't be a help to everyone.

Maryellen Romine
Oswego, Illinois

I look forward to each and every issue, and refer to them for fresh inspiration often.

These certainly are wonderful times to be an independent Christian Scientist!

Leslie Taisey
North Yarmouth, Maine

In the 1940's I was a Sunday School pupil of Elizabeth Earl Jones at First Church of Christ, Scientist in Ashville, North Carolina.

The class was all girls, and the teenage boys were in the class of another teacher of Christian Science. When Sunday School began, all our attention was focused on the Bible Lesson. But Miss Jones also shared other thoughts about Christian Science with us — once at a luncheon in a hotel and another time at her home when we were overnight guests. On that occasion she showed us an envelope with Mary Baker Eddy's signature, addressed to "Miss Elizabeth Earl Jones, C.S.B." She did not become a teacher until 1940.

Before class one Sunday, Miss Jones mentioned her joy in attending the Annual Meeting and staying with her close friends, the Bliss Knapps. At Christmas she gave us each the little blue book that was the first volume in the series *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy*. It contained Mr. Knapp's talk at the meeting in which he referred to the fan that Mary Baker Eddy encouraged him to use in a visit to Pleasant View. The fan was a gift to Mrs. Eddy from Elizabeth Earl Jones.

The special visits Miss Jones had with her Sunday School class must have been very important to her. An account she related to us on one of those occasions is in this edition of T.I.C.S.

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The continuation of the article on "Money" by Mrs. LeBlond was so helpful — especially the presentation of Gold, Silver and Currency and also the idea of male and female as relating to the understanding of money and supply.

"Schoolmaster to America — Noah Webster" brought out to me how important it is to love and respect our language and to help preserve it in its purity by watching our own use of it — free of slang and strange new words that would degrade it. The article was inspiring.

TICS feeds us. After reading and studying it, one feels well-fed. It is the only present publication on Christian Science that truly "feeds the hungry and heals the heart."

Lois Meyer
Buckingham, Pennsylvania

PLEASE NOTE

Kindly accept our apology if you were affected. Our computer erratically wiped out many current names and addresses from our mailing list. It also brought up a great many that had been deleted years ago.

It took a great deal of additional work to get the April issue out on time. However, we have heard from several that we have an obsolete address for them. If this is so with you, kindly let us know and we shall correct it. Thank you.

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INTELLIGENCE

When we admit Spirit governs man, and demonstrate this, in our control over the body, sickness, sin and death will disappear; for nothing evil or mortal comes from Spirit; but if we would divide Spirit into persons called "spirits," putting Soul in body and Spirit in personality, we make an unaccountable blunder, and lose the science of being. The senses of Soul are without pain, and forever at peace; nothing can hide from them the beauties of Truth; but what a transient trust is the eye, when the power of light and lens may all end with the prick of the retina. To understand our being is to hold sight immortal. The science of Soul preserves the sight, and there is no physical science; the Principle of all phenomena is Intelligence and Life, unconfined to matter; where the altitude of the eye need not be perpendicular to the geometrical plane; whatsoever is governed by Soul instead of sense, is never deprived of the action or blessing of Intelligence.

Mary Baker Eddy
Science and Health, First Edition
page 161

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*

