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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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Our Mother in Israel

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



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ELOHIM

AT a social gathering at a community church there was a conversation about the initials J and E. The minister remarked that they were easy for him to remember because in Seminary he had learned two words for God, one beginning with J and the other with E. A Christian Scientist in the gathering said, "Would that be Jehovah and Elohim?" The minister had an astounded facial expression along with his affirmative reply. Little did he know that serious students of Christian Science know far more about Elohim than does he.

Elohim in the Textbook

The Book from the right hand of God, our textbook, Science and Health, tells us:

It may be worth while here to remark that, according to the best scholars, there are clear evidences of two distinct documents in the early part of the book of Genesis. One is called the Elohistic, because

the Supreme Being is therein called Elohim. The other document is called the Jehovistic, because Deity therein is always called Jehovah, — or Lord God, as our common version translates it.

Throughout the first chapter of Genesis and in three verses of the second, — in what we understand to be the spiritually scientific account of creation, — it is Elohim (God) who creates. (S&H 523:14)

Elohim in the Bible

All of Christendom know the name Jehovah, but few other than Christian Scientists are even aware of Elohim. The translators did not even include Elohim in their translations, so in our common version only Jesus used that spiritual name. On the cross, Jesus' plaintive cry to God before "giving up the ghost," (which rent the veil of the temple in twain from top to bottom), was, "Eloi, Eloi." (Mark 15:34)

Elohim, God Almighty

And it was Eloi, or Elohim, who spoke to Moses and said, "I am the Lord: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them." (Ex 6:2-3)

Jehovah

Under the marginal heading Anthropomorphism, our textbook says: "The Jewish tribal Jehovah was a man-projected God, liable to wrath, repentance, and human changeableness." (140:23)

This human belief of God is said to have created man materially after the record of Elohim's spiritual creation. And Adam's first offspring was what? A murderer.

Paul's Perception

The belief that man is matter and that Adam is our progenitor has been generally accepted as reality. These are the false beliefs that have to be overcome. Paul was probably the first to see this scientifically for he tells us that in the first Adam all die and in the last Adam (Christ) shall all be made alive. And for imparting this spiritual understanding Paul is being stoned by people and churches calling themselves Christian. [It

was astounding in recent years to meet a seemingly devout Christian man whose main purpose was the denunciation of Paul.]

Separating Tares from Wheat

The Bible is full of messages from God. It also has many man-made thoughts attributed to God. Our Leader has led us to Elohim. It is up to us to separate the tares from the wheat.

The time has come to separate the belief of personal sense on the one hand, from science on the other; hitherto man has called on man to interpret God, and on matter and its supposed laws, to heal the sick; but as progress compels the change, we shall see outside of personal sense in the Principle of things, their true interpretation and remedy. (PV 38:18)

The Glossary tells us:

LORD GOD. JEHOVAH.

This double term is not used in the first chapter of Genesis, the record of spiritual creation. It is introduced in the second and following chapters, when the spiritual sense of God and of infinity is disappearing from the recorder's thought, — when the true scientific statements of the Scriptures become clouded through a physical sense of God as finite and corporeal. From this follow idolatry and mythology, — belief in many gods, or material intelligences, as the opposite of the one Spirit, or intelligence, named Elohim, or God. (S&H 590:20)

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GENEALOGY OR GENESIS 1?

By Julie J. Harrison

THE hot pursuit of genealogical records in order to establish past family history is a subtle denial of your divinity. By acknowledging many human fathers, we are acknowledging that we are the product of many human minds, many false beliefs and having those beliefs as our source, we too, are the helpless victims of those false beliefs, be they good or bad. We are taught that these beliefs, sometimes referred to as heredity,

genetics, DNA, are laws that determine our lives. This is having other gods, to which we bow, giving our assent to their so-called authority. We, at the same time, agree that God is our Father, is, in fact, everyone's Father and try somehow to justify this combining of the material with the spiritual, ending up with confusion and chaos in regard to our true identity.

Booming Genealogical Societies

Currently, genealogy search sites on the internet and the ease they provide for researchers has genealogy societies booming. In one long-established society, twice the number of applicants for membership was received in the past year as had been received in any previous year in this one hundred and seventy-five year-old group. The interest in looking up ancestors extends through every age-group from young teens to octogenarians. As a tool for learning human history, this is useful and fun. But care must be taken that this glorification of the human concept of progenitors does not retard or impede spiritual understanding of the one true Father, and as we are taught in Christian Science, man's only real relative.

“Who Is My Mother?”

Jesus' question, “Who is my mother and my sisters and brethren...?” should be earnestly pondered by all Christian Scientists. In his time, this was such a shocking teaching that it was remembered by Matthew, Mark and Luke and noted in each of their gospels. Luke quotes the conclusion of : “these which hear the Word of God and do it.” (Luke 8:20-21) Both Matthew and Mark wrote: “Whosoever shall do the will of my Father” (Matt 12:50). They who acknowledge God as their Source and only authority. So must we, if we would correctly identify ourselves.

“One Is Your Father”

In the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, we read, “Jesus acknowledged no ties of the flesh (emphasis added). He said: ‘Call no man your Father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.’... We have no record of his calling any man by the name of *father*. He recognized Spirit, God, as the only creator and therefore as the Father of all.” (31:4)

Spiritual Origin

While all of Christendom teaches that Jesus' spiritual origin is unique to him, Christian Science does not. We read on nearly every page of our beloved Book that God is the only author of man. Unless we give this teaching our full acknowledgement, we miss the entire point of Mary Baker Eddy's revelation as to the nature and relation of man to God and vice versa. This results in the failure to understand the Truth of this revelation. The result is that we cannot demonstrate the scientific healing power of the Truth to harmonize our daily experience, including our health and human relations.

Adam (Matter)

The avid pursuit of genealogical information carried to its ultimate is that all must eventually end in Adam as our common progenitor. And we all know what happened to him: he "disappeared in the atheism of matter." (S&H 580:27).

Or Spirit (God)

We are assured on page 69:12 of the textbook, "Spiritually to understand that there is but one creator, God, unfolds all creation, confirms the Scriptures, brings the sweet assurance of no parting, no pain, and of man deathless and perfect and eternal." St. John assures us "...we know that we are of God..." (I John 5:19)

Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother

This in no way negates or denigrates the Fifth Commandment, to honor thy Father and thy Mother, rather does it uphold it. To express, feel, and take all the human footsteps in giving tender unconditional love to our human parents is entirely correct and emphasized by Christ Jesus. One of the ways to honor our parents is to understand that they too are the sons and daughters of the One Father and as such they can only see us, their children, the same way. Thus the spiritual family of man is realized and is entirely harmonious.

DNA — REALITY *versus* MYTH

Databases and Scripts

By Julie Treadwell

[DNA - noun, compound in cell nuclei that is the basis of heredity]

IF we use the Science of today we can better understand God and man and lift thought and reasoning above the commonly misunderstood conception of DNA.

The physical scientists tell us that each individual comes into the world with his own DNA. In lay terms DNA is the building blocks of your being or identity.

In computer language, this could be referred to as a database. This data holds information that has been input. The conventional method is to use data from historical records of the DNA of one's parents, grandparents, etc., back to the first known ancestor. This information has been stored in the seed, cells, embryo, etc., and programmed into the human brain. This information is deemed to be the source of one's DNA by the physical scientist.

Truth or Error?

Over the years, various physical scientists have applied their research findings (software equations and language) to what they believe to be the DNA of one's identity and have produced a result based on such beliefs. However, one must consider whether the real DNA database is used as the input or if it is a material-based set of theories, beliefs, so-called laws, and opinions.

Jesus' Statement

The problem with using the conventional method to determine one's DNA is that it conflicts with profound statements by Christ Jesus:

46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

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

Matthew 12

If our DNA is composed of who does the will of God, is not that the same as saying God is my Father, Mother, etc., the creator of my being?

If God is our Father and Mother, as is stated in the Holy Bible and Science and Health, are we using this input applied by the *divine* software to obtain the *real* results from the spiritual database.

Do we trust the Bible to contain secret (spiritual) source of the real DNA? Or are we using a material based set of theories, etc.?

Intelligent Design

The Bible contains the *intelligent* design, if we can only uncover the spiritual facts contained therein and interpret them aright.

One must determine on a moment by moment basis whether the result we are viewing is based on the *intelligent* design of God, obtained from the database containing God's components, or is it from some other source that is less than the database of God.

The hard drive of a computer can store many databases. We must be careful to make sure we are using the reliable data for analysis if we desire to have a pure, unadulterated result.

Two Accounts

The Holy Bible gives a detailed rundown of these two in its opening statements (volley?).

Genesis 1 and Genesis 2 — only one is true. To which is one applying their script?

Mary Baker Eddy has told us that Christian Scientists take the inspired word of the Bible as their sufficient guide to eternal Life.

The Bible gives these two databases and then shows how civilization has progressed with a dual concept (corrupted database) as it seeks the pure generating power and *glory* of the One God Mind and its spiritual idea.

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“THOU SHALT NOT STEAL”

By Clarence W. Steves, C.S.B.

WHEN you gossip, you steal from your neighbor. You might not steal his money, but you assassinate his birthright. Believing we are persons living with persons, we steal our own spiritual sense. You steal if you call *now*, yesterday, or if you believe Mind is less than divine, or see man as less than perfect. Integrity is the essence of man because man is the infinite satisfaction of Soul. Integrity is the fact of being and demands manifestation.

A friend called me to report valuable papers stolen from her suitcase. I was surprised myself at what I said: “Do not work to know man is honest, but know that integrity is present and demands evidence of itself. If you work to know man is honest, you have the possibility of man appearing as dishonest. That would come from working in the second degree, the moral — instead of the third degree, the spiritual. (See *Science and Health*, page 115) Man is the being of integrity.” The papers were returned in the mail the following day.

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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*

OPENING THE BOOK

1 I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book...sealed with seven seals.

3 And no man...was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and read the book...

5 And one of the elders saith unto me: Weep not; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda...hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Revelation 5

The Lion of the Tribe of Juda

Mary Baker Eddy, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, was able to take this book from the hand of God and give it to mankind. But giving this magnificent gift is one thing. Getting mankind to accept it is quite another. And this proved to be a long, slow, tedious process. "How can I cast out devils without bearding error, attacking the beliefs that produce all this discord through ignorance of Soul and body, and then are you sometimes 'offended because of me.'" (PV 402:5)

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

Teachers

With a good deal of rejection and desertion at every forward step, our Leader labored on. It was many years before one student remained faithful to Christian Science and to his Teacher. However, very early in Christian Science history, totally unqualified individuals began "teaching Christian Science." This caused Mrs. Eddy to authorize teachers who were sincere seekers for Truth, even though she knew they had not yet "opened the book." In 1886 when she copyrighted *Christian Healing*, she wrote therein: "I have never yet had a student who has reached this ability to teach; it includes more than they understand."

Book Still Closed



By January of 1891 that lack of understanding still prevailed despite the fact that Science and Health was in its fiftieth edition and had seen four major revisions since its first appearance in 1875. Two years later the illustration Mrs. Eddy published in *Christ and Christmas* made it very plain that Science and Health was still a closed book in 1893.

An Incident of Interest

About 1896 or 1897 an interesting incident occurred. At a gathering of students the Leader had been teaching (probably at Pleasant View), Edward A. Kimball made a statement that caused Mrs. Eddy to whirl around and say, "Where did you learn that?" Mr. Kimball replied, "Why, Mrs. Eddy, it is in Science and Health."

Many Long Years

After all the long years of waiting, one student had opened the book! What a joyful day! It had been more than twenty years since Mrs. Eddy wrote: "We have faith this book will do its work, though not fully understood in the nineteenth century." (PV 414:1) And now that faith was seeing fulfillment. One student, at long last, had loosed the seals and opened the book.

Mrs. Eddy's Response

Beginning in 1897 the sentence in *Christian Healing* was changed to read: "I waited many years for a student to reach the ability to teach; it included more than they understood." (14:22)

In 1898 Mrs. Eddy established the Christian Science Board of Lectureship and appointed Mr. Kimball as chairman. The following year she reopened her College and appointed Mr. Kimball the sole teacher for several years. She also drew up a legal document putting the future of Science and Health into Mr. Kimball's hands and giving the copyright of *The Book* to him.

The Imp of Darkness

And the imp of darkness, animal magnetism, has never stopped trying to destroy Mr. Kimball and his teaching, robbing many students of helpful instruction and inspiration. And it has deceived many Christian Scientists despite Mrs. Eddy's published words: "My beloved Edward A. Kimball, whose clear, correct teaching of Christian Science has been and is an inspiration to the whole field" (My 297:18). She wrote this knowing full well how animal magnetism strikes at the highest and the best as she had described in her first edition of *Science and Health* thirty-four years earlier:

Error had hoped to destroy Truth, and kill Jesus. Those for whom he laid down all worldly honors, and bore their infirmities that through his stripes they might be healed, were his accusers. So will it be today, Christian martyr; he who best understands the Truth of being, will be most falsified, pursued, and condemned. (PV 298:8)

Individual Effort

Once we know that the seven seals must be loosed to open (understand) the book, it seems quite obvious from our Leader's actions and words that Mr. Kimball was the first to accomplish this. But that does not relieve us of the responsibility to do the same.

What are the seven seals? They are the first angel that was bound in the great river, Euphrates; that is, "the true idea of God." (Rev 9:14, S&H 585:17) Mrs. Eddy has given us the seven divine synonyms for God in *Science and Health*; but students were more interested in getting a healing than in spiritual growth and gaining understanding.

Schoolrooms

Before the end of the century the Founder of Christian Science was able to lead Christian Science churches to become, somewhat, schoolrooms, by establishing lesson sermons to be studied daily. And seven of the first eight lessons each year are God, Life, Truth, Love, Spirit, Soul, Mind. If you compile your own lessons, as many serious students do, it would seem that the first lesson, God, should be devoted largely to Principle, as the other six synonyms each has its own lesson. In addition, lessons 23 and 24 are “God, the Only Cause and Creator” and “God, the Preserver of Man.”

No! No!

When Mrs. Eddy gave the titles for twenty-six lesson topics, Rev. Tomlinson sent her twenty-six more topics for the rest of the year. She said to him, at their next meeting, “No! No! That will never do!” She wanted each of the twenty-six topics repeated; and once again seven of the first eight are God (Principle), Life, Truth, Love, Spirit, Soul, Mind.

For well over one hundred years Christian Scientists have been devoting most of January, February, July and August to studying the divine synonyms for God; and a few of them have begun to understand the first angel that has been loosed from the river Euphrates, “the true idea of God.”

Our Work

Our Leader’s work has loosed the four angels that were bound in the great river; and our work must follow her example if mankind is to understand “the true idea of God.”

Have you yet opened the book? If you have, then you are beginning to have instantaneous demonstrations as our Leader did. If you are not making instantaneous demonstrations, at least in a small degree, — Science and Health is still a closed book to you.

But now you know that if your demonstrations are not what they should be, that you have not yet opened the book. When John first saw the book no man was found worthy to open it. Thanks to our Leader’s dedicated work there are many today who are worthy. But some of the worthies still lack sufficient understanding.

To gain this understanding we know that the seven seals must be loosed. And we know what the seven seals are. Memorizing Science and Health may be helpful, but it is not a substitute for understanding.

Our Leader has led the Way. She has pointed out the path. And she has given guide posts and requirements to keep us in this path. The rest is up to us and our consecration.

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Science makes the demonstration of Life perfection; and this we all must show before we have any grounds to say we understand Life, or are Spirit.

Mary Baker Eddy
Science and Health, First Edition, p. 436

RECOLLECTIONS

By Bicknell Young

IT was in October, 1891, that I first met Edward A. Kimball. A short time before that I had become interested in Christian Science through being healed by it, and a mutual friend sent me a letter of introduction, which resulted in an interview. Thus began a friendship which I count the most sacred and beautiful that I have ever known.

Upon that and many succeeding occasions I was impressed by the depth of this character, which had a certain majestic kindliness all its own, for Mr. Kimball not only had a great intellect but a great heart as well. One of his striking characteristics was the power of analysis, which in his case amounted to genius. In that hour he explained many of the basic facts of Christian Science so clearly and met the inquiries of a somewhat puzzled student so completely that I found myself newly conscious of a certain point of view, supported by such irresistible logic as to fix my interest in the subject upon unshakable foundations.

That interview was but one of many, as from time to time he gave rich instruction from the inexhaustible store of his ever increasing



EDWARD A. KIMBALL, C.S.D.

understanding. He not only knew how to satisfy the intellect, but also how to appeal to the moral nature and awaken the understanding to perceive the spiritual facts which connect man with Deity. His disinterestedness and generosity were boundless. He felt that all men have a right to know God aright and it was his greatest joy to help them to gain that knowledge so unmistakably that they could prove its practical value in every day life.

Although naturally dignified in appearance and manner, Mr. Kimball was the most approachable of men. His native ability and breadth of vision set him apart and gave him an inevitable distinction; yet his instincts, feelings, and expressions were all democratic, and his response to the call for help always came with the simplicity that one rightly associates with the greatest characters.

His executive ability, judgment, and resourcefulness were invaluable to the movement, and his unselfish devotion to it, and through it to the welfare of mankind, early won for him the confidence of Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, and the gratitude of Christian Scientists throughout the world. He had the privilege of instruction from Mrs. Eddy in three different classes, and grasped the deep spiritual import of her teachings in an exceptional measure.

When the Board of Lectureship was formed she appointed him to be a member of it, and he acted as its chairman from that time continuously. In this work his natural gifts shone resplendently. He could deliver extemporaneously a lecture that might have been printed practically without alterations. In speaking and writing the commanding clearness of his mentality produced a style commensurate with itself.

His vocabulary, which he seemed to have acquired without conscious effort, was varied, apt, and extraordinarily rich. His wit was spontaneous, instant, and irresistible and his illustrations original and copious. He had read well rather than much, but his remarkable mentality was not less remarkable in that what he had read was worthy and was always his own.

Mrs. Eddy further showed her confidence in him by appointing him to be the first teacher of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College when it was reopened in 1899. His instruction both there and in his private classes was of the highest order.

To remember him is to remember great, though unheralded achievements. Had he selected the field of political or philosophical endeavor, instead of the more unselfish one of Christian Science, he would, without doubt, have attained a recognized place among the most distinguished men of the age. His fame though less widespread than it might have been is of a nature that can but be enhanced with time, bringing, as it must, the abundant, cumulative proof of his words and works in the healing of the sick and redemption of the sinful. It does not rest upon personality. Personality played little part in his thought of himself or of others and little in their thought of him. It is perpetuated because of his exemplification of the power of Truth in humanity's behalf, just as he himself would have had it; as though the great things of life had dwelt among us; as if nobility, moral courage, immeasurable compassion, the good, the true, and really beautiful, had passed this way in a career which was all too brief.

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ABSOLUTE

By Joyellen Reaves

WHEN reading the writings of our beloved Leader, it is so important to know the full meaning of the words she uses in order to gain a higher understanding of the text. She chose them with great care. Daisette D. S. McKenzie makes this very clear in *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy — Series 1*. “In her revisions of Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy studied with the utmost care *every* word of the text, and in a subsequent conversation she remarked that she often studied *for months* the origin and meaning of one word and its synonyms, before giving it a permanent place in the textbook, and in one notable instance she prayed and waited on God concerning a single word *for three years*.” (Emphasis added.) (pp 43-44)

Mrs. Eddy uses the word absolute over thirty times in our textbook and about twice that in her other writings. Have you ever looked it up? We are all familiar with the absolute as opposed to the relative. In Miscellany she says, “Christian Science is absolute.” (p. 24) In regard to the teaching in the Sunday School she says, “The instruction

given by the children's teachers must not deviate from the absolute Christian Science contained in their textbook." (Man 63) Absolute is a very important word in the study of the Science of our being.

When pondering recently "All our thought should be given to the absolute demonstration of Christian Science." (Mis 136:7) I wondered why she used the adjective absolute with demonstration. I went immediately to my dictionary (*Webster's Collegiate*) and was amazed at what I found.

Absolute comes from the Latin *absolvere* which means *to set free*. The definitions of absolute are 1) Free from imperfection; perfect. 2) Free from mixture; pure... 3) Positive, certain... 4) Free from limit, restriction or qualification... 5) Determined in itself and not by anything outside itself...ultimate; intrinsic.

These definitions gave me a wholly new understanding of absolute. "All our thoughts should be given to the [perfect, pure, positive, unlimited] demonstration of Christian Science." What a wonderful expansion of the thought!

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SHILOH

"IT IS FINISHED" — John 19:30

THE Line of Light...from Eve through all its various unfoldments to its last impersonal appearance as Science and Health, is complete and finished. In other words, Science and Health is proved to be the final statement of Mind, and is sufficient to annihilate totally the Adam-man or so-called human mind.

“THIS IS THE WAY, WALK YE IN IT” — Isaiah 30:21

In order to be fully settled on this point, one question must be answered, and that question is, Could there not be some other avenue or channel through which good could appear to destroy the Adam-mind?

For a moment ask yourself, To what source do I look to gain spiritual advancement? Do I not find myself as a mortal, made up of all kinds of emotions and feelings and beliefs, some called appetites, some passions, some artistic talents, and so forth, and then, last of all, have I not my highest sense of right, of Principle? To which of these do you look for spiritual advancement? Of course, only to your highest sense of right, for that alone can bring you a greater spirituality. You do not think for a moment that anything you eat or drink, or anything you put on can advance you spiritually one iota. Neither do you think that your anger, resentment or passions of one kind or another, can bring you spiritual enlightenment. You do not think that your sense of art, of music, of beauty, or of grandeur can advance you one step spiritually. In fact, you know that there is only one way to advance spiritually, and that is by listening to your highest sense of Principle and living right up to that highest sense.

Then, does not this mean that you, as a mortal, have just one source, and one source alone to which you can turn in your process of overcoming the mortal? This is perfectly clear to you, for you know it to be a fact.

ANALYSIS OF THE MORTAL AND HIS REDEMPTION

Now, let us turn to this so-called Adam or Adam-mind, and see just what takes place there. First of all, there is just the one Adam-mind, the negative interpretation of the one divine Mind. This Adam-mind, as you have discovered, has what you might call its highest sense of good, and that good you have named Eve. You have traced this “Eve” in a direct line through what appeared as persons, nations and so forth, without deviation, to its present name, Science and Health. But just as you, as a mortal, seem to have countless other thoughts besides your highest sense of good, so the Adam-mind had countless thoughts besides Eve. These thoughts also appeared as persons, nations and so forth, coming down through what is called the ages, some appearing good and some bad, but none of them having any more relation to Eve and the direct Line of Light, than have your passions and appetites any relation

to your highest sense of Principle. You do not think of turning to your sense of art or music any more than to your anger or resentment to gain real spiritual good. In the same way, not one atom of spiritual light can be gained from the varying beliefs constituting Adam and his so-called progeny, except that which is of the direct Line of Light, that Line of Light unbroken from Eve to Science and Health.

“UNTO SHILOH SHALL THE GATHERING
OF THE PEOPLE BE” Gen 49:10

You have only one highest sense of good, not two, and that one is what you have to follow. There are not two Lines of Light, there is only one, and that one is the one you have traced down, from the impersonalizing of evil in its simple form as Eve, to its world-embracing form as Science and Health.

Science and Health finishes entirely the appearing of God to man in the form of a Redeemer or Saviour. This one Redeemer takes you to Mind itself, and in your communion with infinite Mind you find complete salvation and satisfaction, salvation from every erroneous belief, and satisfaction in Mind’s infinite allness.

You do not look elsewhere for guidance or direction. You do not imagine that light can come forth from Egypt, in other words, from that which expresses the darkness of Adam. Has India anything to do with the Line of Light? Has China anything to do with it? Has any nation or people anything to do with it? You know that out of Israel alone Shiloh must come, and it is unto Shiloh, spiritual sense that the gathering of the people shall be.

If evil attempts to present itself as a doubt or question, as to the truth of what you know and have established as this Line of Light, remember what Jesus pointed out in regard to John the Baptist. Jesus and John the Baptist stood as the two distinct conditions of good, one the purely spiritual good, and the other the highest material sense of good. Jesus said of this highest material sense of good, expressed as John the Baptist, “For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (Luke 7:28) Analyze this statement of Jesus and see if it was not as though he had said, there is not an atom of spirituality in the highest material sense of good. Good to be good and

to be of real value, must be the good that Mind is, without one element of materiality.

If Jesus could so wipe out, as of no spiritual value, the highest sense of material good, could you be in doubt for one moment as to whether or not any spiritual good can be obtained from any source apart from the Line of Light as revealed in the Bible and its consummation, Science and Health?

From *The Line of Light*, p.635

By Herbert W. Eustace, C.S.B.

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PRIESTCRAFT

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AFTER the Commandments were given, the people were still not ready to see God face to face. They insisted on Moses acting as a medium for them. Thus, priestcraft was born, and a veil drawn over the Science. "And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die."

The thunder of Sinai is heard when the human opposes the divine. A personal private ego hears the thunder and lightning. Revelation is thunder to personal sense. Man has no private ego. God is the only I AM. Moses could not lift the people to the mountain, so he had to translate the revelation to the people. The greatest danger in the organization today is priestcraft. The people don't want to come face to face with pure Science. They want a practitioner to "know the truth" for them. They will not give up their false sense of self and find the Christ as their own identity. Paul said, "Whom ye...ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you."

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“For in him we live, and move, and have our being,” but Moses could not say that. Moses was not talking to *man*, but to a rebellious people. Jeremiah asked if God was a God afar off and not a God at hand. “Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord.” The human mind is enmity against God and cannot understand God. The Christ says, “Come unto me...for my yoke is easy [no personal sense], and my burden is light.” We are so afraid we must give up something. Let the I AM be the I of all. Bring all into obedience to Christ.

The *Church Manual* is discipline for the human mind which is enmity against God, and persists in believing itself a person. “Heaps upon heaps of praise confront me, and for what?” Mrs. Eddy asked. “That which I said in my heart would never be needed, — namely, laws of limitation for a Christian Scientist.” (*Miscellany*)

There is too much *talk about* the absolute while continuing to *live* as a person — approving of *some* Christian Scientists, liking only the lecturer who says what *we think* is Christian Science, stopping our support of the church. *What is absolute Christian Science?* —to CONSTANTLY LIVE THE CHRIST. To consistently *LIVE* the Christ would lift the movement into CHURCH. Absolute Truth is not something seen by a minority — it knows no intellectual snobbery. Living as the Christ never condemns nor damns.

We must support Mary Baker Eddy’s demonstration of Church, a demonstration that goes far beyond what personal sense believes adequate support. The “Church Universal and Triumphant” (*Church Manual*), is already established. It is more than an institution of persons trying to demonstrate one Mind. Church *is* one Mind. The institution tries to prove truth. The Church embraces all with its divinity. The movement exists as the conscious knowing of the members. It is not a building on a corner; it has no priest, no laity, no practitioner, no patient, no priestcraft. Take an hour and ask yourself what church means to you. A church or Reading Room is not just an oasis in a world of sin, but Church is a universal fact declaring the omnipresence of harmony here and now, declaring that man’s harmony cannot be invaded. *Know*, but be wise in what you say.



**“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.

Only now have I noted a reader's request of six years ago to share "horse related healings"! However late, I am happy to relate two healings through prayer in Christian Science that my children and I experienced with one of their horses about forty-five years ago. We lived in San Antonio, Texas; and Brian and Carol (eleven and ten years of age) attended the Christian Science Sunday School.

Unbeknown to us, Chula suffered a long, deep gash across her chest. Upon discovering the injury, we began praying and also called a Christian Science practitioner for helpful support.

To protect the area, we thought the wound needed to be closed; but we could not obtain a trailer to haul Chula to the veterinary clinic at Fort Sam Houston until the next day. When the veterinarian examined

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

—Mary Baker Eddy—

her, he explained that too much time had elapsed for him to close the wound and expressed concern about possible infection. However, he suggested that for protection from harmful insects, we apply a black tar-like, non-medicinal salve, which we did. Chula showed no signs of discomfort, and the children rode her as usual after a few days. There was never any infection, nor were there white hairs on her coat as evidence of a scar.

On another occasion, we received a call early one morning from the owners of the farm where we boarded Chula. She had been fine when they fed her, but she went to the pasture and was lying down with her young foal Lightning standing beside her. Because they could not rouse her to get her out of the summer heat, they asked for us to come.

Since I was not able to drive us to the country immediately, the owners came to town and picked up the children. We three prayed, and a Christian Science practitioner supported the healing work.

On arrival Brian and Carol were able to rouse Chula and lead her and Lightning to water and shade. She showed no signs of physical discomfort and did not lie down again. Brian then searched her stall where he discovered and killed a rattlesnake in the feed box.

Because all of this happened before I arrived, I was grateful that I had felt no concern about not being on the scene. The children expressed courage and intelligence, and Chula responded to that atmosphere of love.

The bite was about an inch and a half below her eye. The only aftereffect was an enlarged area (like half a golf ball) where fang marks were faintly visible. A week later, Chula walked up to a tree trunk and rubbed off that reminder of poison. Her eye was not affected and she had no scar.

In the positive atmosphere of prayerful thought, we never expressed negative or fearful suggestions. Nor did other riders or people on the farm voice concern. Rather, they observed the healing quietly as if it were perfectly natural. Truly, it was the natural answer to prayer and a sign of God's care for all His creatures.

Today Brian and Carol remain closely associated with horses and give their permission to share Chula's healings, for which we are most grateful.

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Thank you so much for Principle and Practice. What a treasure it is. Also, I am enjoying all four copies of T.I.C.S. The articles are thought-provoking and uplifting.

God Bless T.I.C.S.

Marguerite Fountain
Jamaica, New York

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“We are Soul, Spirit, and not matter; and it is quite as impossible to be both as to serve God and mammon. Let science interpret God, and man will become harmonious and immortal. You can rest assured of the impossibility to enter into the understanding of science by any other door than Truth that emanates from Principle, and all the opinions and beliefs of man can never change this unerring standard.”

Mary Baker Eddy
Science and Health
First Edition, page 169

THE SEVEN DIVINE SYNONYMS

MRS. Eddy said if we were really conscious of the meaning of the synonyms of God, this would heal every case. Then she defined them as follows:

Mind — Infinite knowing — not thinking. It is reasoning.

Spirit — The presence of omnipotence. Nothing else is going on.

Soul — Consciousness. We are the children of Soul. If we knew this, there would be no dimness of sight, no dullness of hearing.

Principle — The presence of infinite law.

Life — The reflection of activity. No weariness.

Truth — Infinite inclusion of all facts.

Love — Infinite giving. Jesus gave on the cross — gave comfort to those hanging with him; compassion to mother; blessing to disciples.

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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*

