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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 Febuary, 1866



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the Christian Science sentinel.



MARY BAKER EDDY

Our Mother in Israel



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MARY BAKER EDDY'S CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

A DEAR friend who was a dedicated Christian Science practitioner was discussing with us an article on Christian Science written by a non-Scientist. She said she found nothing wrong in the article. Her only objection was to the title, "Mary Baker Eddy's Christian Science," saying that Christian Science did not belong to Mrs. Eddy. We respected her opinion and at that time accepted it without question. However, over the years Mind has corrected that mistake.

Christian Science *does* belong to Mary Baker Eddy. It is her discovery and cannot be separated from her.

Life Eternal

No true Christian would endeavor to separate Jesus from Christianity. Those who do that lose their way to the eternal life they are seeking. Jesus said, "This is life eternal that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." (John 17:3)

Separating

Many sincere Christian Scientists have made the mistake of separating Mary Baker Eddy from Christian Science not realizing that it is not they but malicious animal magnetism that is endeavoring to separate the Revelator from her revelation. If it could do this, it could also separate you from your demonstration of Christian Science.

Sent

Mrs. Eddy did not name herself when she told us, as did Jesus, that she was sent by God. She wrote in *Christ and Christmas*:

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

Pointing the Way

Her instantaneous seemingly miraculous healing work did rouse the living and wake the dead. Pointing the Way meant the establishing of this Principle of divine healing in the hearts of mortals which amounted to 44 years of intensive labor. Her poetic words describe this life of toil:

O make me glad for every scalding tear,
 For hope deferred, ingratitude, disdain!
 Wait, and love more for every hate,...

Her first rendition of this poem, "Mother's Evening Prayer," ended with these words: "And Mother finds her home and far-off rest."

The Child-Thought

Our Leader was and is "the Lion of the tribe of Juda" that John revealed in Revelation 5:5, the Lamb whose seven eyes are the seven spirits of God which loosed the seven seals and opened the Book. And Mrs. Eddy pictured this "Lion" in her illustrated poem as the child thought. This is the only illustration in *Christ and Christmas* that has no title. In correspondence she called it "Suffer Little Children." And the caption she gave it is Jesus' words, "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and

prudent, and revealed them unto babes." Self-satisfaction makes the "wise and prudent" far less teachable or receptive than are those who "do hunger and thirst after righteousness."



Revelation 5:5 ...behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Seven Eyes

The seven "eyes" which enabled our Leader to open the Book were a spiritual understanding of the seven-fold (complete) nature of God. In order to impart this understanding and "point the Way" she had first to give to mankind a new vocabulary, — a new, expanded and higher meaning to words they already knew.

What Is God?

To propose the question, "What is God?" at a meeting of serious Christians often causes diversity of opinion, argument, loud debate and disagreement according to a dear friend who has attended many such meetings.

Progressive Step

The same question posed to a meeting of Christian Scientists would probably bring the response, "God is Love;" or the total response, "Principle, Mind, Soul, Spirit, Life, Truth, Love," together with harmonious agreement. The first page of the Preface in our textbook describes this progressive step: "Ignorance of God is no longer the stepping-stone to faith. The only guarantee of obedience is a right apprehension of Him whom to know aright is Life eternal." (S&H vii:17)

The New Tongue

Jesus said, "they shall speak with new tongues." (Mark 16:17) The task of developing this new tongue was part of our Leader's assignment. The "wise and prudent" may speak fluent English and use the same words but without a study of Science they do not comprehend the meaning of the words. If you converse with non-Scientists and Scientists, as most of us do, you know that you can speak very differently with the latter and be understood, — words that are incomprehensible to the non-Scientist.

Christian Science is the new tongue. Our Leader developed this new tongue with the constant guidance of God. And she has passed this guidance on to us with her words, "I will listen for Thy voice, Lest my footsteps stray."

Gifts from God

The new tongue, Christian Science, and Science and Health are all gifts from God. He gave them to His anointed one, His Second Witness that she may give them to all mankind. The work of translating God's spiritual messages in order to penetrate the opacity of materialism was our Leader's mission. She has given us "a biographical sketch, narrating experiences which led her, in the year 1866, to the discovery of the system that *she denominated Christian Science.*" (Emphasis added.) (S&H viii:25)

This marvelous system, this new tongue, this one textbook —the spiritual key to the Scriptures — are all ours! They are gifts from their rightful owner, Mary Baker Eddy.

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ELECTRICITY OR POWER

By Julie J. Harrison

“**A**ND he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.” —Jesus (Luke 10:18)

“Electricity is the counterfeit of the descent of the Holy Ghost.” —Mary Baker Eddy (DCC 208:15)

These two statements from God's two anointed ones are spiritual corollaries. Carefully hidden in Holy Scripture and in Scientific revelation, they illumine the extremely subtle underlying cause of much of the chaos prevailing on earth in our time.

Humanly speaking, who among us does not long for peace? Who does not wish for the restoration of gracious order in our lives? Who does not yearn for the security and abundance that unchanging Love does unflinching provide, to be our daily experience?

Isaiah challenges us to awake to the fact that peace, order and love is the universal reality NOW. (Isa 52:1) Have we overlooked this marvelous fact? Have we failed to rejoice in this fact? Are we alert to, not only deny, but to fight any and all claims to the contrary? And why not?

Another Power?

Could it be that we have come to believe in the existence, the presence, the power of another god? Are we being magnetically held in the belief that, unlike David sang, "that power belongeth unto God" (Ps 62:11), we have come to accept that power belongs to electricity?

Energy

Power, the power which drives almost every aspect of human life today, is often equated with the term "energy" in current vernacular. In Science and Health we find energy defined as "mythological material intelligence" (534:16). Does true power or energy lie in electricity or in some less ethereal aspect of matter such as decayed plant and animal life appearing as oil, gas or shale, or as fired and hardened into coal; or as the ancient Egyptian belief, in the power of the sun, or in wind "which bloweth where it listeth," which comes and goes accordingly as mortal mind pushes it, having no fixity?

Human Progress

Our Leader refers to the "many useful wonders" brought to light by thought based on materiality and its consequent challenge to metaphysics or spiritual thought. (S&H 268:1) These "useful wonders" have brought mankind to a level of living unsurpassed in human history, although many of the basic ideas underlying these wonders may be found in earlier cultures and civilizations.

Duality

In its vanity, mortal mind appearing in or as electrically generated forms claims to be the new Messiah, bringing power to mankind. Unfortunately, like all of mortal mind's claims, this so-called power is a mixture of good and evil existing side by side, having equal power bringing great good and great evil, great life and horrible death, great ease and disturbing anxiety, blinding speed and agonizing delay,

providing individual power and causing loss of identity. It claims to bring us closer to our friends, at the same time making us more vulnerable to our enemies. This is not Emmanuel. It is the direct opposite.

Technology or Science

Blinded by the glamour of electricity and its ever multiplying uses, and gadgetry termed "technology," mankind is being led down a false path. Webster defines technology as "applied science," human science which, however hard it tries, however brilliantly intellectual it may be, has never given man a true definition of God or of man. Hence it cannot be accurately termed science: for our Leader has revealed to all mankind that all true Science is of God. (S&H 551:16) True Science endues man with power unknown to human intellect.

Technology

Technology has not stilled the storm; has not fed instantly and fully the 5000, the 4000; has not eradicated disease, destroyed death, wiped out or cleansed sin. On a lesser note, technology has not produced great symphonies, literature, paintings. And its pitiful attempts in these areas are far from the level of those works wrought from inspiration. Technology has not wrought peace on any level of human endeavor personal or world-wide. And so far it has not lifted humanity to the level of his God-given Christly nature. Nor can it. It cannot transcend itself.

Electrical Poison

In interviewing a student as a prospective member of her household, Mrs. Eddy instructed the interviewer to inquire "how did the student handle the belief of electricity?" Among her private instructions to members of her household she likened electricity to poison, poisonous thought essence, and the students were admonished to heal it by realizing the powerlessness of poisonous thought as the suppositional opposite of divine Principle, Love.

Electricity Defined

Like time, electricity has no humanly scientific explanation or even proof. There are huge tomes devoted to its effects, how it works, what its possibilities are, etc. Our Leader has defined it thus: "Electricity

is the thought essence which forms the link between what is matter and mortal mind.” (DCC 146:3)

The Real Dynamo

She then contrasts this with this statement: “God, the divine Mind, self-existent, self-perpetuating and self-energizing, is the great universal reservoir, or dynamo, and the thoughts which flow from such fountains, constituting a complete expression of that infinite Mind, Spirit, are thus shown to be inseparably linked with the Principle of Life and action and to be the manifestation of *spiritual force or power*. (Emphasis added.)

This is followed by throwing the light of Truth upon man’s role in this definition of true power: “All of us as individual thoughts proceeding from one central source must be communicators in some way of the flow of divine Mind, and should recognize in each other a oneness proceeding from the unity in that source.”

Human Invention

Here we may see mortal mind’s attempt to imitate the function of man in instant electronic communication. Our Leader writes: “We welcome the increase of knowledge and the end of error, because even human invention must have its day, and we want that day to be succeeded by Christian Science, by divine reality.” (S&H 95:19) And she adds: “spiritual sense lifts human consciousness into eternal Truth.”

Lose Connection

Mrs. Eddy further points out (DCC 146), “Blurred and clogged by material sense we oftentimes lose sight of our connection with the power we are to express,” this being divine power. “And in a vain attempt to externalize ourselves as an independent life, apart from God, we fail to be about our Father’s business, and are thus temporarily defrauded of our birthright,

Lose Power

“For we find, if we neglect to live up to the light [the truth, the Christ] we have, according to the scientific law of operation, we lose our

power proportionately, for that which obstructs, self-deception, pride, whatever it may be, is accumulating until removed.”

Let us remove these self-deluding aspects of mortal mind, let us tear off the mask and expose the true malicious intent of its false magnetic attraction, the hardened, willful aspect of human vanity and ignorance which would vaunt itself above the divine. We do this with the “universal solvent of Love.” (S&H 242:17)

Wizard of Oz

In the universally popular children’s story of the *Wizard of Oz*, by Frank Baum, a Christian Scientist by the way, Dorothy dissolves evil, depicted by the wicked witch, with the little girl’s pure desire to save her friends from harm. This was accomplished by dousing the witch with water, representing the purity and power of Life. It was that simple, although it required great courage to accomplish. It was a Goliath smitten by the pebble slung from the arm of David’s confidence that God was indeed the superior, indeed, the only power.

Energy Efficient or Endless Power

We must enjoy the myriad wonders technological advancement has brought to light for mankind’s comfort and any good it may bring to pass. At the same time, let us rejoice that the so-called power of electricity, radio, microwaves, resulting in an energy fast depleting, all of this virtual reality, only feebly points to an even greater and endless true reality that of the eternal power of divine Mind, expressed in divine Science, divine intelligence and eternal Love, elevating man to understand his true power as God’s complete expression of Himself, the All, The Only Power.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON SCIENCE

By Clive Lamprell

THE application of the word "Science" to Christianity is absolutely indispensable. This makes a separation from the generally accepted theology that Jesus' mission and healings were miracles which could only be performed by him. Jesus refuted this when he said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12)

Scientific Explanation

Mary Baker Eddy has made this plain to us in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* with her explanation in many parts of the book of how science applies to Christianity.

Comparison

It has been helpful to me to consider another "science," that of mathematics, the nature of which is unchanging and has always been available to everyone. Even the young child can count, add, and subtract, without knowing it is mathematics. As we learn more we can perform calculations for trade, accounting, engineering, and many other purposes. Some use it more than others, but it is still available. If all we know is simple arithmetic, we are not knowledgeable enough to solve problems in differential or integral calculus. But it is there to be learned if we so desire.

Forever Available

So it is with the Science of Christianity, or the science of our real being. It has been there forever. It was used in part by such characters in the Bible as far back as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses, and was discovered (not invented) and explained by Mary Baker Eddy in our present age, to make it available to all.

Effort Essential

Today we learn and practice it in the best way we can according to our understanding, as it is with other subjects. For instance, to be a musician we are not expected to play a work by one of the master composers until we have learned and practiced persistently, starting at the basic scales. It involves the effort of learning, and "demands absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire." (S&H 3:15)

Mrs. Eddy in Science and Health states: "Beyond the frail premises of human beliefs, above the loosening grasp of creeds, the demonstration of Christian Mind-healing stands a revealed and practical Science. It is imperious throughout all ages as Christ's revelation of Truth, of Life, and of Love, which remains inviolate for every man to understand and to practise." (98:15)

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MAN

Man, divine idea, is complete, absolutely conditioned by the law of Love, for man is Love's own identification. Man is Love, God, saying I AM. So this ever-present law of Love conditions its own idea, man, and maintains the condition flawless, immaculate, as itself.

On page 344 of Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy has written of God as the only absolute Life and Soul, and man as His idea — that is, His image. "It should be added that this is claimed to represent the normal, healthful, and sinless condition of man in divine Science, and that this claim is made because the Scriptures say that God has created man in His own image and after His likeness."

So man is in a sinless condition, for man is the purity of Mind, God, in manifestation. Man is the healthy condition that is God's own self-expression. So we know without a single exception that man is not something separate from Mind, but is the direct expression of Mind itself.

Clarence W. Steves

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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*

RECOLLECTIONS OF ELIZABETH EARL JONES, C.S.B.

By Veta Foote Wright

ELIZABETH Earl Jones was a friend of Mary Baker Eddy and a tireless worker for the Cause of Christian Science in the state of North Carolina. She was also my Sunday School teacher in First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Asheville.

Early workers such as Miss Jones are a wonder and inspiration to read about. Therefore, I am grateful to be able to share some recollections of her teaching and the practical application of her personal examples in my own experience.

A Favorite Memory

A favorite memory of Miss Jones’ wise —and probably amused — encounter with two of us occurred before class one Sunday morning. We were pleased with ourselves because we had found our “Letter to the Editor” in the morning paper. So had Miss Jones, but she was unimpressed, asking “What distinguishes adults from young people?”

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

(The letter was about the improbable superior knowledge of adults.) Although our answers failed to meet her expectations, our curiosity was aroused enough to appreciate the answer — experience and wisdom. (My 273:10-17) That moment I gained a newfound respect for adults that was based on qualities, not age.

What is Soul?

The Bible Lesson on “Soul” would not have influenced my life as it did without her question, “What is Soul?” It sounded easy enough, but our pat answers missed the mark. Finally, we gave up, but she did not. Instead, she said we were leaving something out and asked, “What is it?” Through her questions, she led us to see that we had ignored some of the most wonderful things in life. She mentioned the “evergreen of Soul” (Mis ix:22) and explained that all the beauty we see around us and enjoy in nature, music, literature, and art was an expression of Soul, God.

The “evergreen of Soul”

That Sunday School lesson remained fresh in my heart. I had a deep desire to study art but was advised it would not be a practical, full-time pursuit in college — a limitation that I accepted. However, many years later and with “the evergreen of Soul,” I renewed that first love and have enjoyed years of activity in the field of art.

It began simply with my exploring new media and forms of expression, and I soon found satisfying avenues for professional work that also brought rewarding contacts with other artists. My focus was landscape art, a satisfying individual way to “multiply and replenish the earth” (Gen 1:28). And soon in my new and unexpected career, two works were purchased by the United States Department of State for the Art Bank Program in Washington, D.C.

Pison

The beauty of Soul is *Pison*, one of the four rivers proceeding from Eden as described in the “Glossary” to Science and Health: “The love of the good and beautiful and their immortality.” *River* is described as a “Channel of thought.” (S&H 593) The message is clear that we should see that at least one-quarter of our thought dwells on the love of all the good and beautiful and their immortality. *Pison* is also an inalienable right as defined in the Declaration of Independence. That

right is to pursue happiness. What can bring us more happiness than the love of the good and the beautiful with their "evergreen" of spiritual vitality?

As Sunday School students, we had no feeling of superior knowledge being handed down to us. We were discovering together the Christ Truth that was presented for our practical use, partly because our teacher often shared her personal experiences with us. I have often applied her examples in my own daily life.

A Shared Experience

Driving to church one Sunday morning, she picked up a woman who had been waiting in the rain at the bus stop. The passenger was filled with complaints. But Miss Jones, not to be deterred, invited her to "magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." (Ps 34:3) She encouraged the woman to see and voice good instead of negativity.

I then realized that my family practiced the art of magnifying good by not complaining. Later I was surrounded by friends who practiced the same art, a blessing to us when we sometimes found ourselves, as fellow travelers for many years, dealing with serious situations beyond what we were familiar with handling. Each in his or her quiet, individual way magnified the Lord, the good that is God.

A Serious Situation

Once snowbound in tents on a remote wilderness river, our group, including professional rafters, expressed cooperation and kindness. There were no negative suggestions of disappointment or fear. In "magnifying the Lord," we made decisions for a rescue; and a member of the company made the fourteen-mile hike to the nearest ranch to radio for a vehicle to come for us and the rafts. That day we enjoyed a beautiful experience of selfless dedication, and the following spring we enthusiastically returned to repeat the five-day trip, seeing it to its completion.

Prayer

Perhaps the Bible Lesson was on "Mind" the Sunday Miss Jones told us about taking a test on Greek before she learned of Christian

Science. She was not familiar with one question so had no recall of the answer, but through prayer she answered the question correctly.

And Study

Later I was inspired by her example when studying for a three-hour freshman math final in college. I was at a loss to understand logarithms, and my semester average was a dismal D. Through persistent prayer and study, I mastered the subject enough to receive an A+ with the instructor's "BRAVO!" printed beside it in big red letters.

A Million Dollars

Miss Jones told us she would not want a million dollars in the bank because she would be tempted to put her trust in it instead of in God for the demonstration of her supply. Her comment was not an irresponsible attitude of irreverence toward money and economy but of pure reverence for God as the source of the understanding of substance that supplies our needs for which there do not appear to be any means of supplying.

While living in Virginia soon after my Sunday School years, I was shocked to receive a bill of \$40 for payment of a personal property automobile tax, which I did not know existed. I had no money for the payment. But knowing a demonstration of supply was demanded, I was not fearful. The idea of not needing a million dollars but a spiritual understanding of substance had remained with me.

I recalled Christ Jesus' direction to his disciples to find in a fish's mouth the money for the Capernaum extraction of tribute. (Matt 17:24-27) The lesson was a rich example of meeting the demands of Caesar yet remaining faithful to those of God. There was no depletion of supply in order to pay the tribute; and in obediently following the demands of the human law, I could not be punished by having my own resources depleted. Finding a specific amount of money in the mouth of a specific fish seemed humanly improbable, but it was not impossible and related to the normal occupation of the disciples as fishermen. It was a natural act of God that the disciples learned — a miracle.

A few days before the tax was due, I received a phone call from a man in the Western Union office in Washington, D.C., saying it was holding \$40 in my name. I explained that the year before I had wired the

money from that office to a United States military post in Japan and had written proof that it had been received. The man replied that Western Union had information to the contrary; and to complete its annual records, it requested that I come to the office and collect the money.

How the exact amount of money came to me at the exact moment I needed it was a miracle, too. Mrs. Eddy explains that such phenomenon are natural to God but must be learned humanly. (S&H 591:21)

As I recall during my conversation with Western Union, I inquired about the discrepancy in our accounting of the \$40. The man explained that American Express, which handled its foreign business, could not deliver the money to the Camp Drake Officers' Club because the club and its records had burned in a fire. There was no alternative except for Western Union to return the money to me that American Express had returned to them.

Mary Baker Eddy includes information about the important work of Elizabeth Earl Jones for the cause of Christian Science in North Carolina in *First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*. Previous articles about Miss Jones by the author may be found in the July 2011 and April 2012 issues of this publication.

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THE TRINITY

WHAT is the trinity? Christians say it is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Paul tells us that God is All, so the trinity is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

Oneness

Science makes all of this understandable. We could say scientifically that the Trinity is Cause, effect, and the communication between the two; or Principle, idea, and divine Science. The Allness of God and the Oneness of being are embraced in one very important

sentence on page 465 of our textbook: "Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being,"

Spirit

"and His reflection is man and the universe." (S&H 466:1)
The thought essence which forms the link between this reflection or manifestation and Principle, the divine Mind or Creator, is Spirit.

Evil

Even as our Leader, we seem to have come into this "grim night of chaos" where everything is reversed, where evil claims to have place and to be power. Have we learned, as she did, that it is our responsibility to straighten everything out? That is why we are here, for "Sharon's rose must bud and bloom in human heart." (Chr)

The Rose of Sharon

The primary Hebrew root of Sharon means "to be straight; to make right, pleasant, prosperous; to bring, look, or make straight; to take the straight way; to be, esteem, or go right; to be upright."

You have probably found it is not easy to convince others to pursue the right, the straight and narrow way. The only one you can truly influence is yourself. And that is all right because this is your universe to do with as you will. Jesus tells us in a parable that the Father saith: "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine." (Luke 15:31)

Nothing

If you do *nothing* those such as Mrs. Eddy's second student, who inaugurated the practice of malicious animal magnetism in this age, will keep your thought filled with their aggressive mental suggestions and keep you occupied endeavoring to extinguish the flames of their creating.

Something

If we would do *something* we must deny the reality of everything we see or hear that is less than perfect. We do not have to make God's universe perfect! That has already been done. Our task is to totally

eliminate all of the aggressive mental suggestions to the contrary that we may see this omnipresent, perfect universe.

Watch

Jesus said, "What I say unto you, I say unto all — Watch." Watch your every thought to see whether it is a perfect thought from divine Mind or an aggressive mental suggestion.

Work, Work, Work

Mrs. Eddy tells us to "Work, work, work, watch and pray." ('00 2:7) If we have been watching every thought our work is tripled. Aggressive mental suggestion is hammering constantly on the door of consciousness, and unless we work, work, work, to silence this clamoring, God's voice cannot be heard.

Prayer Unceasing

Our Leader left a very short prayer which she titled "The Christian Scientist's Prayer" and which she signed "Author of Science and Health." She says of this prayer: "This is the prayer 'unceasing' to be used on all occasions and at all times. It lays the axe at the root of unreality, materiality (that forbidden tree) and cuts it down. Preserve a sacred silence on this subject of prayer."

Perhaps you already know this short prayer. But if not, it should be learned and "used on all occasions and at all times."

Christian Scientist's Prayer: There is no matter and no mortal mind. God is All-in-all. All is harmony, health, holiness. (DCC 63:30)

Electricity

This prayer "unceasing" is a constant denial of a material cause, mortal mind, and a material effect, matter. "Electricity is the thought essence which forms the link between what is matter and mortal mind." (DCC 146:3) If we are to deny matter and to deny mortal mind at all times, must we not deny electricity? Mortal mind, matter and electricity are the suppositional opposites of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, or Principle, idea and divine Science — the true Trinity.

Electricity Defined

During Mrs. Eddy's earthly sojourn the age of electricity was just beginning. People were thrilled with its marvelous advances and new inventions. Only one individual on earth knew what electricity was. The time had not yet come to deny electricity, but our Leader did define it for us. "Electricity is the counterfeit of the descent of the Holy Ghost." (DCC 208:15)

Divine Reality

Electricity with all its human inventions is having its day. Are we ready for divine reality? If so, the time has come to deny electricity as well as the other two claims (matter and mortal mind) that the trinity is material.

One Power

The one generator, the one dynamo is divine Mind, self-existent, self-generating, self-energizing, — the only Cause.

The one manifestation, the divine idea, Christ, is the only effect.

The inseparable link between Cause and effect is spiritual force or power, the Holy Ghost, divine Science.

Choose you this day whom ye will serve, mortal mind-matter-electricity's claim to be a material trinity or Life, Truth and Love, the true Trinity — divine Mind, infinite manifestation, and their indissoluble link, Spirit, divine Science. The right choice is the descent of the Holy Ghost.

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THE TEXTBOOK

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

MARY Baker Eddy, in speaking of the textbook *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, said, "It is the voice of Truth to this age, and contains the full statement of Christian Science, or the Science of healing through Mind." In *Miscellaneous Writings*, she writes, "The opinions of men cannot be substituted for God's revelation." In times past, arrogance, ignorance and pride have dimmed the power and glory of the Scriptures, to which this Christian Science textbook is the Key.

In *Miscellany*, Mrs. Eddy writes, "It was not myself, but the divine power of Truth and Love, infinitely above me, which dictated 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.' I have been learning the higher meaning of this book since writing it...I should blush to write of 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' as I have, were it of human origin, and were I, apart from God, its author. But, as I was only a scribe echoing the harmonies of heaven in divine metaphysics, I cannot be supermodest in my estimate of the Christian Science textbook."

The purpose of this Association today is to give us the higher meaning of the textbook. It is to permit the Mind that is God to reveal itself. In Revelation, we read, "Go and take the little book...Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey." Mrs. Eddy says, "Mortals, obey the heavenly evangel. Take Divine Science. Read this book from beginning to end. Study it, ponder it. It will be indeed sweet at its first taste, when it heals you; but murmur not over Truth, if you find its digestion bitter. When you approach nearer and nearer to this divine Principle ...— thus partaking of ...the primal elements, of Truth and Love — do not be surprised nor discontented because you must share the hemlock cup and eat the bitter herbs; for the Israelites of old... thus prefigured this perilous passage out of bondage into the El Dorado of faith and hope."

This means that we eat the book by acknowledging to one's self that this divine man is one's own identity, here and now; and approaching nearer and nearer the divine Principle, means that as we see

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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

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

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man to be the functioning presence of the Mind that is God; then we cease existing as persons, as mortals trying so hard to understand, trying to find out what the book is saying, trying to demonstrate what we read; but when we read it, we eat it, and make it our own identification — no longer humans trying to be divine; but our divinity embraces our humanity, and from now on the digestion is sweet! There is no personal mind to digest the revelation. There is only the revelation to be lived and loved as oneself. When the human mind is believed to be digesting divine ideas, we have a dangerous situation. This intellectuality seems to get itself accepted as the Christ. But beware of intellectuality! It is the antichrist. There is no life in it! High sounding words of man's wisdom are not divine Science. Willingness to let the old personal sense of self go, is the greatest sense of humility, because it is permitting the personal sense of ego to disappear in the Christly realization that the only ego is Mind, or God.

No little ego, running everything from a personal, egotistical sense, but to experience this true sense of ego as Jesus and Mrs. Eddy exemplified, we permit the ego to go unto the Father and remain as the Father. It is this joyous willingness to let this evil, abortive ego go, and permit the Ego God to express Himself as the Ego man. This willingness opens the very gates of heaven that the personal sense of self has closed. Let us not read the textbook as egotistical persons knowing something of the truth, but rather let us permit the Mind that is Christ to reveal itself. This humility permits us to eat the little book with the joyous realization of self-identification. In reading the textbook, it must be carefully ascertained whether our Leader is speaking from the divine standpoint of revelation or from the limited human standpoint — that is, the Christian religious viewpoint. Educational statements gently lead the student on to the acceptance of the absolute, or divine; but this acceptance comes only as the student lives and loves the educational statements, until he can let go of the letter and experience the revelation.

From Association Address entitled
"The Higher Meaning of the Textbook"
1959

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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.

In pondering the reason why Mrs. Eddy chose *Christ and Christmas* instead of *Retrospection and Introspection* as one of her six principle books since both recount Christian Science history, the thought came that perhaps the pictures bore unseen things of Christian Science which could not be written or spoken of in her time. She did say in *Miscellaneous Writings* (p 308:12) “Advanced scientific students are ready for *Christ and Christmas...*” It stands to reason that these would be more receptive, grasp its deep inner meanings, and be capable of translating its history better than nominal students.

I have a few old copies of this historical paint book with its lovely poem. Former owners have written notations on the pages, but all seem to avoid connecting important details of our Leader’s human sojourn with the pictures. I should appreciate your thoughts...on my interpretation of the second picture.

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

—Mary Baker Eddy—

This picture, to me, is a transfiguration experience of our Leader. Today it would be called a life after life occurrence. The clothes worn by the different figures are contemporary and biblical. The women's raiment might be said to be white as snow, and are more like simple bridal gowns. Both women are one and the same, but one wears a death-pallor. It could be, when Mary Baker Eddy was "apparently near the confines of mortal existence," (S&H 108:18) she met with her Master and the man with the withered hand while reading Mark 3:1-5. The man in the background holds up his arm as proof of the Christ-healing. In retrospect when looking back on this past event, she wrote, "I was waiting and watching; and, lo, the bridegroom came!" (Ret 23:15)

Helen Morell
Miami, Florida

The article "True Selfhood" in the April, 2012 issue is of great interest. This prompted me to look further. Mortal mind would define our "selfhoods" as human beings with certain capabilities and limitations. Today we seem to be defined by our date of birth and social security number.

In Christian Science we know that this is not the truth of our being, and that our real identity or "self" is the expression of the infinite Mind, God, with which we are one. Hence our selves consist of eternal life (not time-related), with unlimited capabilities and resources.

This is what I think Jesus meant when he said "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." (John 5:30)

Clive Lamprell
Golden, Colorado

DECLARATION OF NOTICE TO THE WORLD

Just before the end of last year, Pennsylvania —as a state— removed itself from the RuSA organization. After they did this, they put together a *Declaration of Notice to the World* stating that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania had returned itself and its people back under its *de jur* Constitution, of the 1700s, and declared the People of

Pennsylvania, Free!—no longer recognizing *unlawful corporate* government within their state.

They did this *legally and properly*. They did not ask for permission, they simply went ahead and did it. And they received their receipt back from the Office of Private International Law at the Hague.

And shortly after that an informed contact—who had been in touch with the various groups who had come forward in the beginning, concerning funding for RuSA and Rap, before changes were made and they withdrew their support—was contacted and given a simple message, and that message was this:

“It has come to our attention, what Pennsylvania has done. How long would it take you to put together a simple majority of states to duplicate what Pennsylvania has done, for at such a time there could be monetary and military support?”

They asked for a copy of the original documentation that Pennsylvania had submitted to the Office of Private International Law at the Hague, so *they could see who had been involved*.

Our contact had no problem with that, and neither did Pennsylvania. So they forwarded on the documentation that Pennsylvania had submitted. The answer was *“Yes! we’ll just see how fast we can get that done!”*

So they sent out emails to everyone across the country that they knew, and had worked with all this time, that they knew to be capable, honorable, and honest Patriots, who would roll up their sleeves and actually get the job done, once they were told what had to be done.

And by the following day, at least one contact in 20-22 states had stepped up and volunteered to be a lead person in their state, to get it done!

The goal was for at least a simple majority—meaning 26 or more states to duplicate *exactly* what Pennsylvania had done.

It was later decided by those involved, to add *more strength* to the action by making the *Declaration of Notice to the World*, collectively as a united effort, so that the world will know we are not just free people in the various free states, but a Free People, *united as we were meant to be*.

We need no permission, recognition or opinion from foreign bodies or corporations to be what we are—Americans who claim our rightful heritage that was given to us by our founders in 1776.

This action should be seen as a *Declaration*; not just a notification—this is primary.

This action is interim; and we can't emphasize that enough.

A small group of elite people, have already screwed things up—and in order to make sure that this doesn't happen again, all of the temporary aspects of this will be in writing.

After a period of about 120 days after a public announcement in the media, free elections will be held. Paper ballots only; machines can be played with; paper ballots are a lot more difficult.

We've been told that old money people...have been in contact with our military, and that some 80-90 percent of the military agree with the ideology found in our founding documents.

Everything we do is based on the principles in our 1787 Constitution and the Bill of Rights—including the *original 13th Amendment* that prohibits any foreign association, title of nobility, etc.—and the Oath of Service that everybody must take to "*support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.*"

The U.S. Military has indicated to the financial people that they are willing to back us and that we have their recognition and support....

As pointed out above, this is temporary, and what gives the people the power and the authority and the standing to do this is simply that a majority of states filed the same paperwork that Pennsylvania filed, putting the world on Notice that they have gone back under their *de jur* Constitution.

They have reclaimed the Articles of Confederation, which have never been rescinded.

The Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation are the basis of our freedom. ...

There are many men and women dedicated to this cause who have been working diligently in secret for years to bring us to this moment, who are eager to present to humanity the new system that will redistribute abundance to all, and release humanity from the mundane life it has known. ...

David E. Robinson
Brunswick, Maine

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*

