

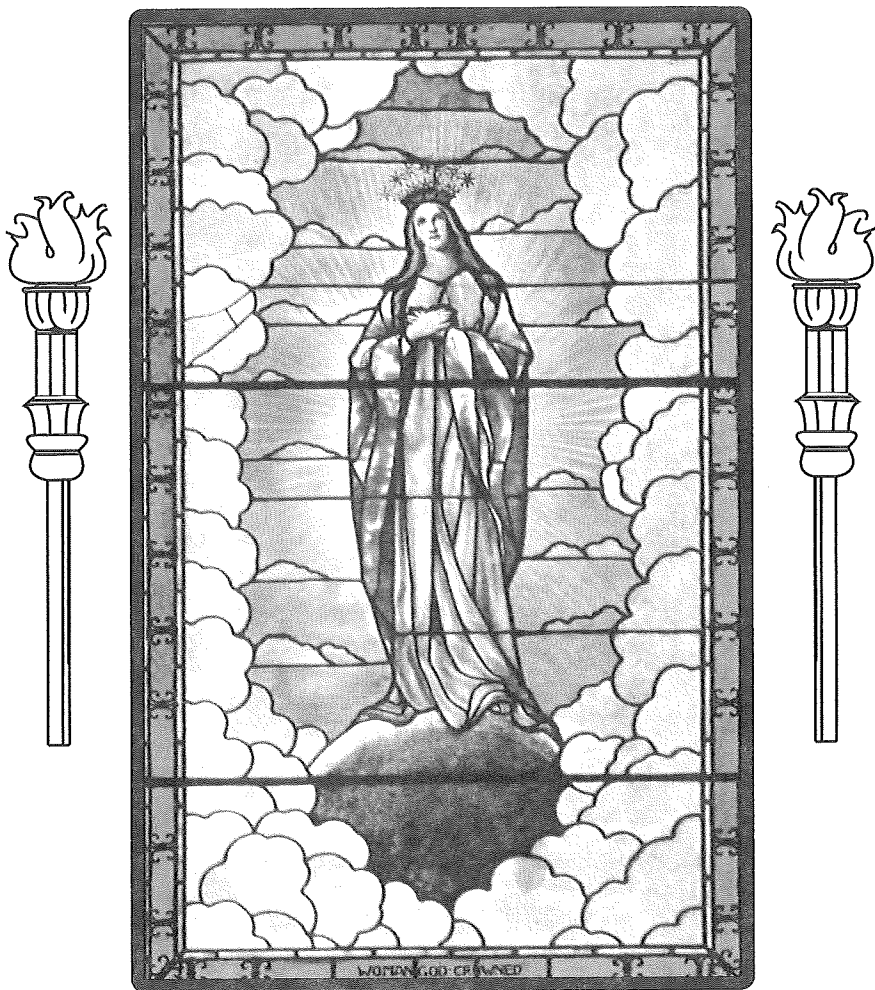
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Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock: if any man hear
my voice, and open the door,
I will come in to him, and sup
with him, and he with me.

— *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 - <i>Science and Health</i>	Man - <i>Manual of The Mother Church</i>
Hea - <i>Christian Healing</i>	Pan - <i>Christian Science versus Pantheism</i>
Mis - <i>Miscellaneous Writings</i>	Peo - <i>The People's Idea of God</i>
No - <i>No and Yes</i>	Ret - <i>Retrospection and Introspection</i>
Pul - <i>Pulpit and Press</i>	Rud - <i>Rudimental Divine Science</i>
Un - <i>Unity of Good</i>	Chr - <i>Christ and Christmas</i>
Po - <i>Poems</i>	

My - *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*

'00 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1900*

'01 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1901*

'02 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1902*

PV - *Science and Health, First Edition, "Precious Volume"*

DCC - *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*

EOF - *Essays and Other Footprints*

6 Days - *Mary Baker Eddy's Six Days of Revelation*

7th Day - *Mary Baker Eddy's Lessons of the Seventh Day*

CCT - *Christian Science, Its Clear Correct Teaching and Complete Writings*

Dis - *The Discovery of the Science of Man*

Found - *The Founding of Christian Science*

TFL - *The Forever Leader*

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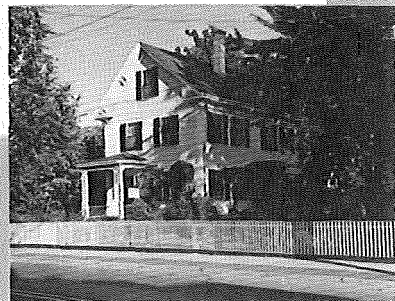
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The house in Swampscott, Massachusetts
where Mary Baker Eddy was living
in February, 1866

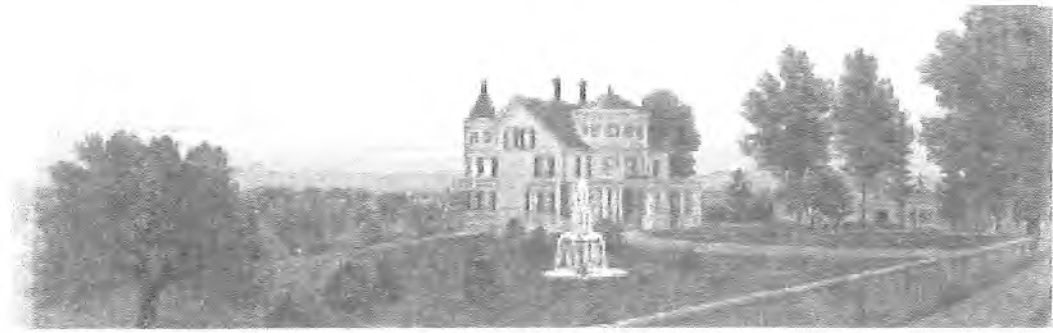
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Our Mother in Israel



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

THE PERFECTION OF THE INDIVIDUALITY OF GOD, OR MIND

By

Mildred L. LeBlond, C.S.B.

IT is wonderfully satisfying to be with you today and to have this opportunity to unfold with you the riches of the divine Mind, or the Science of our own being. We shall take such cognizance of this Truth of our being that even though we appear as persons, still we know that that is not the true status of our being for Mind individually manifesting Itself is why we live, why we are here, and why we are able to unfold the greatness of this all-inclusive God. To be well, happy, successful, affluent, is to understand God, Mind, individually, and daily to live in demonstration of this Truth.

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

The theme of my paper this year is “The Perfection of the Individuality of God, or Mind,” and in different ways to show ourselves how this is accomplished and what it requires us to do. You noted that the first reference given you in the invitation to this meeting is from Mrs. Eddy: “The scientific unity which exists between God and man must be wrought out in life-practice, and God’s will must be universally done.” (S&H 202:3-5)

In the first three articles, I will discuss this scientific unity. Then the references deal with the Passover, its history, and how it has to be everyone’s experience. The different ways in which one handles the belief in evil is really the Passover. From the time of Moses, the record shows the necessary preparation of thought and the needful understanding of the I AM THAT I AM which allows us to pass over, through, from, and by the claim of evil without hurt. Mrs. Eddy calls this Passover, “...a wonderful passage over a tear-filled sea of repentance — which of all human experience is the most divine; and after this Passover cometh victory, faith, and good works.” (’00 15:8-11) As you will recall, the priest and the Levite attempted to handle the belief of evil the wrong way, by stepping aside and ignoring the claim. I have dealt with this type of handling evil, which is still prevalent in the world, in the article called “Neutralizing Error.”

On the other hand the Children of Israel, understanding something of the I AM THAT I AM, represented by the Ark, which went with them wheresoever they traveled, had faith and went forward. Jesus faced all his experiences as the Son of God, or the I AM THAT I AM, and thus passed over, without hurt, all experiences which were his, even the crucifixion. However, in order to do this work, material beliefs must be expelled in order to let the spiritual qualities appear.

The third part of my paper beginning with the “Science of Being,” deals with the dropping of material beliefs. When we are willing to drop material beliefs, and only in this way, we prove that “God is All-in-all and evil is a suppositional lie,” as our Leader says. (S&H 103:15-17)

From this original premise of the scientific unity of God and man, walks forth the Godhood of the man and woman of God’s creating and we, too, as did John, will behold the spiritual idea from the Mount of Vision. We also can see the spiritual idea as “a woman clothed in light... wedded to the Lamb of Love,” as Mrs. Eddy writes: (S&H 561:8-13)

“The Revelator beheld the spiritual idea from the mount of vision. Purity was the symbol of Life and Love. The Revelator saw also the spiritual idea as a woman clothed in light, a bride coming down from heaven, wedded to the Lamb of Love.”

Following through the next title of this part of my paper is called “The True Concept.”

THE TRUE CONCEPT

In the first chapter of Mark it is recorded that: “And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan, and was with the wild beasts: and the angels ministered unto him.” (Mark 1:9-13)

This experience took place just before Jesus began his healing ministry. As I ponder this event, I become more and more convinced of the great importance of it, not only for Jesus, but for us all, not vicariously, but as one's own individual experience. My reasoning takes place like this: Because God is the Mind of man, this voice which Jesus heard could only have been Mind speaking as his own consciousness, for there is only one Ego, I or Us. It was his own understanding of himself, his oneness with Mind, God. The baptism which he allowed in order to fulfill all righteousness, was the relinquishment of the belief of himself as the son of Mary. He certainly appeared as the son of Mary to the world, but to himself, he knew differently. He was not the son of man, but the Son of God; one with the Father; One Ego. That this mental unfoldment of Jesus took place before he began his healing work stands out as a spiritual necessity. It had to take place as his own consciousness, otherwise, he would not be prepared to do the scientific healing, that is, healing based on the divine Mind. Unless he was convinced that his Mind was God, his healing work would be performed by a man expressing God. That is the old theological viewpoint, that a man with a certain fine quality or qualities can call upon God to heal someone. It would be likened to faith healing, but not to scientific healing.

When Jesus said to Lazarus, “Come forth,” did he say that as Jesus the man or as Mind identified as Jesus? Of course, as Mind. His cures were instantaneous because he knew who and what he was and who did the work. It says in Philippians, “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” (Phil 2:13) However, I am sure that the one time when he came up out of the water after the baptism of John was not the only time he heard the voice telling him that he was the Son of God. To do the works which he did, this must have been kept uppermost in his thinking and knowing. In the same chapter of Philippians verses 5 and 6, is this : “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:” Now, this is an admonition to you and to me who are in the healing work in Christian Science to remember that although we seem to appear as the sons and daughters of fathers and mothers, that is really not the truth concerning us. “This is my beloved son (or daughter) in whom I am well pleased.”

Therefore the “pearl of great price” appears so lowly that it is cast beneath our feet, but truly here it is appearing as you and me. Scientific healing is based not only upon God, but upon our true concept of ourselves — that God is our Mind — so simple and yet so profound. Now the other side of the question, why we do not hear this voice oftener, hear our own revelation concerning ourselves, that Mind, God, is well pleased with Itself, its own idea? The answer is undoubtedly that too often we think of ourselves, or act as if we were the sons and daughters of man. Too often we have the feeling which refers to the personal sense of ourselves. Too often we think in terms of limitation; limited health, affluence, substance, happiness, success; and when we do this we have momentarily come down from our high estate and think of ourselves as one of many men on the face of the earth, struggling and suffering because of this mistaken concept. That Jesus was tempted to think of himself as the son of Mary is recorded in the reference from Mark just quoted. After he heard the voice saying, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased,” the record says, “And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan: and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.”

According to the teachings of Christian Science, we understand this to mean that after he understood himself as the Son of God, he had the arguments to meet which were still in the realm of the human belief as the son of Mary; and so he set aside this time to think these things through,

to establish within himself the divine fact that he came forth from God and this was so from all eternity. Because God is One and infinite, this that Jesus knew of himself he knew also of everything of which he was conscious for he said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." (Luke 10:27) This is the basis of his scientific healing and from this understanding he stepped out of the wilderness of material belief with the true concept of himself and his universe.

Wilderness is defined in the Glossary of Science and Health and given in two parts. The first: "Loneliness; doubt; darkness." Then, "Spontaneity of thought and idea; the vestibule in which a material sense of things disappears, and spiritual sense unfolds the great facts of existence." (S&H 597:16-19)

Because Jesus is the Way-shower, or the one who lived by practicing what he knew, all these works by him which we read in the Bible are to be done by us. We must "go and do likewise." This year as you read these different experiences of Jesus it will be very helpful to you if you will think them through as if you were called upon to live them. Mrs. Eddy says, "When will Jesus' professed followers learn to emulate him in all his ways and to imitate his mighty works... It is possible — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness. Christians claim to be his followers, but do they follow him in the way that he commanded? Hear these imperative commands: 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect!' 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature:' 'Heal the sick!'" (S&H 371:16-17, 22-31)

In this way, maintaining the true concept of one's self, which necessitates including the true concept of everything of which one is conscious, at the same time proves the unreality of evil.

To be continued
From Association Address, 1954

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE

Christian Science is more than a prophet or a prophecy: it presents not words alone, but works, — the daily demonstration of Truth and Love. — *Mary Baker Eddy*

In so many evenings and mornings, the first chapter of Genesis unfolds the spiritual actuality of man and the universe, wherein “God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.” (Gen 1:31) It was once proved that this brief statement, even if not acknowledged, is an angel message that demonstrates the healing capacity of the one divine Mind.

Some years ago a co-worker confided in me, saying that her son was diagnosed by three different psychiatrists, all concluding that the young man was in very deep waters, suffering from schizophrenia. She was terribly despondent over his aggressiveness, and said he was breaking windows in her house. Knowing that Christian Scientists rely purely on prayer for healing, she asked if I would telephone him that evening. She said he attended Sunday school as a child, and assured me that he would be respectful should I be willing to call. Upon telephoning him, he left hardly a moment for me to speak, and said there was nothing I could do. He told me he spent much time at the local university reading medical books, which convinced him that his mental and physiological condition was incurable. Given so little opportunity to speak, I just firmly exclaimed, “Well, those are many volumes, but we rely on only one, the Bible, which declares, ‘God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.’” He left off cordially, but saying there was no hope.

Apparently, the one angel message from the sacred pages given to him that evening rebuked the lie, and it vanished, leaving the young man free. Three months later the mother said, “You know, I don’t believe he ever had that disease.” I assured her she was right, because man is actually spiritual, as it states in the first chapter of Genesis, and we just prove in every case that there is no disease.

Helen Morell

The error of the ages is preaching without practice.

— *Science and Health*

ENACTMENTS OF MORTAL MIND

By

Clive Lamprell

“**T**HINK less of the enactments of mortal mind, and you will sooner grasp man’s God-given dominion.” Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health*, 381.

Mrs. Eddy also states (S&H 14:25) “Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding and the consciousness of man’s dominion over the whole earth.”

What are these “enactments”? In our daily human lives our consciousness is constantly assailed by them. They take many forms.

Our thinking can become affected by suggestions such as: what he or she said or did, or what they may do; or even what appear to be our own “thoughts” as to what we intend to say or do, or how we may respond.

Also, “news” and endless fictional stories through various media such as television, radio, newspapers or the internet, for human good or bad, most of which may have a mesmeric effect and cause our consciousness to trail in the dust of mortality. All these tend to diminish our sense of “God-given dominion.”

The statement (or admonition) begins with “Think less of...” Our “thinking” should be replaced by our expressing the qualities of Mind, God, with Love, and all the other aspects of God. This is a worthwhile and spiritually uplifting activity. It takes continuous watchfulness to maintain our rightful inheritance of God-given dominion. (Genesis 1:26, 28)

The facts we learn in Christian Science confirm that we know there is only one Mind (not many minds in conflict), and that each individual is one with God.

For instance, these facts have been of assistance to me while driving in traffic. The results can have a healing effect in places we least expect and we establish our God-given dominion.

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THE FIFTH PICTURE

VIEWING the pictures in *Christ and Christmas* is much like viewing myriad forms through the aperture of a kaleidoscope, in which one visual impression quickly leads to another as the instrument is rotated.

Take, for instance, the oval-shaped fifth picture: Peering into the scope I see the 23rd Psalm of the Bible. Earlier, it did not have this special meaning, but now, I see a table (chart) set before me describing Mary Baker Eddy's goals and accomplishments during her earthly sojourn.

By turning the instrument 180 degrees, (by turning the book up-side-down) I see that the morning clouds have become more like the islands of the Aegean Sea, and one is named Patmos, upon which the light from the house of the wedded Bride of the Apocalypse shines.

Rotating back to the table, I see she has walked through the valley of the shadow of death, because the rock-ribbed coffin-like structure in the foreground is open at the mouth. She is not there, for "lo, the Bridegroom came" (Ret 23). The remnant of her seed, numbering twelve, is peacefully lying down in green pastures beside the still waters, because the perversion of law has been removed from the well-groomed tree of knowledge. My eye is being led along a path of righteousness that leads to the house of the Lord, though the enemy's abode seems to stand in the way. She overcame that. The soaring spiritual evangel is anointed with oil, for the lamps are well lit, and surely her cup runneth over.

Comparing this fifth picture painted by James Gilman with others that he has painted, (not mentioned in *Christ and Christmas*) there is reason to believe it is a concept of Lynn, Massachusetts after the discovery of Christian Science.

Name withheld by request

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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*

ONE STAR

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

WHAT did this brave star see in earth's grim night of chaos? She saw murky clouds, storm-enshrouded darkness, and neither dawn nor day penetrating this black night, — this "long night of human beliefs." (Mis 320:24)

A Ray of Hope

But she saw, too, a ray of light and hope. This "one lone brave star" "looked lovingly down on the manger of our Lord." (Mis 320:9) And she saw the shadow of the Christ idea appearing in human experience.

"The Bethlehem babe —
Beloved, replete, by flesh embound —
Was but thy shade!" (Po 29)

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

Joy to the World

What did this one star do? She appeared to wise men in the East and imparted to them this joyous news. Because these men were wise they traveled to Jerusalem seeking the newborn king, to welcome and honor this spiritual idea. Their presence greatly troubled King Herod, who called upon all the chief priests and scribes demanding to know where the child should be born. Herod sent the Wisemen to Bethlehem. When they had departed from Herod, "lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them," "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." (Matt 2:9, 10) Though we call this the star of Bethlehem, it led them not to Bethlehem. It led them till it came and stood over the house where the young child was.

Next Episode

In the twinkling of an eye, or as humans count time, in about eighteen hundred years, Spirit sent this caring star to earth's grim night of chaos "To rouse the living, wake the dead, And point the Way —". (Chr)

One Polar Star

"The star of Bethlehem is the star of Boston, high in the zenith of Truth's domain, that looketh down on the long night of human beliefs, to pierce the darkness and melt into dawn." (Mis 320:23)

"The star that looked lovingly down on the manger of our Lord, lends its resplendent light to this hour;..." "This polar star, fixed in the heavens of divine Science, shall be the sign of his appearing who 'healeth all our diseases;' it hath traversed night, wading through darkness and gloom, on to glory. It doth meet the antagonism of error; addressing to dull ears and undisciplined beliefs words of Truth and Life." (Mis 320)

Accomplishment

We call an individual a star who makes great accomplishment. Do not our Leader's words regarding the work of the star describe all of the things she did in her mission to pierce the darkness and waken a slumbering world?

She also tells us that the light of this star is “the light of Truth, to cheer, guide, and bless man as he reaches forth for the infant idea of divine perfection dawning upon human imperfection,— that calms man’s fears, bears his burdens, beckons him on to Truth and Love and the sweet immunity these bring from sin, sickness, and death.” (ibid)

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CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS

“Truth pleads to-night; just take me in!
No mass for me!” (Chr)

REMOVING the -mas from Christmas leaves us with Christ. Is not that the message of *Christ and Christmas*?

“To celebrate
As Truth demands, — this living Vine
Ye demonstrate.” (Chr)

Introduction

As a child I looked at Mrs. Eddy’s illustrations in a small, black, leather-bound book and had no inkling of the large size of the original presentation to the world of her illustrated poem. Neither had I known anything about the beautiful blue and gold front cover design on the early editions.

The first time I saw a copy it was in the window of a used book store in downtown Los Angeles, California. And I was as surprised as you will be when you turn the page.

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Design on
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Christmas”



Christina
Mary Baker Eddy





CHRISTMAS EVE

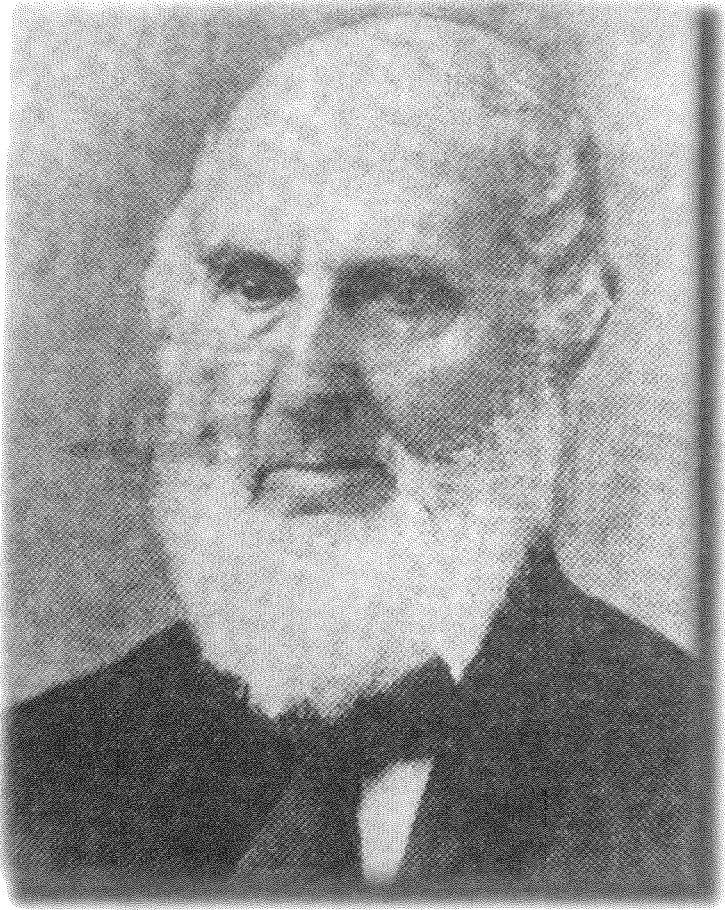
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 With honest zeal your Christmas sign,
 But judge not him who every morn,
 Feels in his heart the Lord Christ born.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Fourth Illustration in Christ and Christmas

Increasing Treasures

After going into the store to purchase this new-found treasure, I learned that the proprietor was much more knowledgeable about the



JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

editions of *Science and Health* than was I. In that and subsequent visits many books were purchased which proved to be a treasure-trove.

At that time my main interest was the large edition of *Christ and Christmas*, its beautiful blue cover, and its design with the golden seven-pointed star.

John Greenleaf Whittier

As I perused this old book, my interest in John Greenleaf Whittier was aroused. I had enjoyed his poetry and associated him with



THE BAGLEY HOUSE

Blessings on thee, little man,
Barefoot boy with cheeks of tan etc.

A former owner of the book had penned under the fourth picture,
“Christmas Eve,” Whittier’s words:

Keep while ye need it, brothers mine,
With honest zeal your Christmas sign,

But judge not him who every morn
Feels in his heart the Lord Christ born.

Mrs. Glover in Amesbury

In the fall of 1867 Mary Baker Glover moved to the quiet little town of Amesbury, Massachusetts. The following summer she met Miss Sarah Bagley and spent several weeks with Sarah in her home.

The Bagley Family

John Greenleaf Whittier lived in Amesbury and he and Sarah Bagley were close friends. Studdert-Kennedy tells us:

When Squire Bagley died, leaving Sarah...little beyond the old family house, Whittier was one of the first to come to the rescue,... Then, it was of Captain Valentine Bagley, Sarah's uncle, that Whittier wrote his poem "The Captain's Well," which tells how the Captain being wrecked on the coast of Arabia and almost dying of thirst, vowed a vow that if ever he got back to Amesbury he would dig a well by the wayside so that the wayfaring man and the wayfaring beast that passed by might always have the means to slake their thirst. The Captain did return to Amesbury and digged his well by the wayside near to where Sarah lived. And so the Bagley home was a home of gracious tradition...

Today the Bagley home is even known more widely because it is a home in which Mary Baker Eddy resided at one time.

Mrs. Glover's Visit

One day Sarah told Mary Glover that Mr. Whittier was very ill and also grieving over the recent loss of a dearly-loved sister and asked if she would go with her to visit him. Studdert-Kennedy describes this visit:

...the two women reached the large gabled house under the elms which Whittier had built for himself some thirty years before. They found the poet sitting before a large fire, with flushed cheeks and coughing painfully. He greeted his visitors with what graciousness he could muster, but when Sarah asked him what on earth he wanted with a fire on such a hot day, he answered irritably, with the liberty of an old friend, that he had the fire because he was cold and that if Jesus Christ lived in Amesbury he would need brass-lined lungs to survive. This was all that Mary needed. She sailed right

in. There is unfortunately no record of what she said, but as Whittier listened to her with growing interest, Sarah noticed that he stopped coughing and that the flush left his cheeks and that he moved away from the fire. Within a little while all his gloom was gone, and when his visitors rose to go, he took both of Mary's hands in his and said eagerly, "I thank thee, Mary, for thy call. It has done me much good. Come again." Whether she ever did go again is not recorded, but "professionally" it was not necessary, for next day Whittier was out and about, completely recovered.

An Early Student of Science and Health

Several years later when Mrs. Glover published the first edition of *Science and Health* Sarah purchased numerous copies. One of those copies was a gift for her friend John Whittier. When she took it to him he examined it slowly and carefully for quite some time and then said to Sarah, "Well, you will never be able to understand one-tenth part of it during your lifetime." (Dis 109)

But there is evidence that Whittier himself made great effort to understand the Truth in *Science and Health*. He had suffered greatly from ill-health all of his life much as had Mary Baker Glover prior to her discovery of Christian Science. It would appear that as he studied her book, he too, in a degree, "discovered" Christian Science. One encyclopedia states that in his later years he "experienced a long Indian summer of life and produced much of his maturest work. Perhaps one of those is hymn 170 in the *Christian Science Hymnal*.

Let every creature hail the morn
 On which the holy child was born,
 And know, through God's exceeding grace,
 Release from things of time and place.

I listen, from no mortal tongue,
 To hear the song the angels sung,
 And wait within myself to know
 The Christmas lilies bud and blow.

The outward symbols disappear
 From him whose inward sight is clear,

And small must be the choice of days
 To him who fills them all with praise.

Keep while ye need it, brothers mine,
 With honest zeal your Christmas sign,
 But judge not him who every morn
 Feels in his heart the Lord Christ born.

The encyclopedia continues: “During his last decades also Whittier wrote many of the searching personal and religious lyrics that testify to his touching reliance on the Eternal Goodness.”

Whittier passed away the year before *Christ and Christmas* was published, but do not his words, “The outward symbols disappear From him whose inward sight is clear, And small must be the choice of days To him who fills them all with praise.” indicate that he had received its message? They could also indicate a deep study of the Precious Volume. Whittier knew that Mary’s words had healed him at the time of her visit. And her words in her Precious Volume enabled him to heal himself. They had enabled him to change his long life of ill-health and painful suffering into a “long Indian summer” of increased productivity. And he rejoiced with the angels when he saw *Christ and Christmas* published for us.

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NOW

PAUL tells us in II Corinthians that “now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.”

John gives us the same message in his first epistle: “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should

be called the sons of God:" "Beloved now are we the sons of God," (I John 3:1,2).

Mortal Perfection?

Mortal mind will agree to perfection, but will not agree to its ever-presence. It always insists that perfection *will be* in some other place at some future time. When mortal mind is right and perfect, it is no longer mortal; it is spiritual.

Our Leader gave the same message we find in the Bible, — that perfection IS, here and now.

C. S. A. Meeting

Clara Choate left a record of this teaching and the receptivity of early students to this divine idea. It was a meeting of the Christian Scientists' Association in the Eddy's parlor in the spring of 1878.

Present Perfection

Samuel Bancroft saw the issue clearly, for when the meeting came to the question and discussion period he asked the question: "Should we say, or can we truthfully say, we as individuals are perfect, pure, holy, or infallible now?"

Clara Choate and her husband George were members of the Christian Scientists' Association and were present at that meeting. This is Clara's record of what followed Samuel Bancroft's question.

Mrs. Eddy arose quietly and with dignified composure of manner, in a firm, convincing though seriously pleasant voice, asserted, "I am infallible, I am infallible now, *we* are infallible now."

... we students were all ... surprised and to some degree shocked ... Mr. Bancroft began an earnest expostulation against such a statement ... Other students present sided with him ... Even dear Dr. Eddy in his quiet, patient manner and tender voice ... [tried] to enter a conciliatory compromise... But Mrs. Eddy heroically stood her ground, and with a gracious decision still declared, "I am infallible *now*."

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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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The power of this truth thus uttered by her was not lost upon the students and was more or less felt by all present. One said she had come with a headache, another with fear of spine, another with throat and a cough, and so each one thinking of their troubles, suddenly found the air changed, and their conditions also changed to their immediate consciousness of relief from evil. One or two *felt* worse which Mrs. Eddy said was as good as if they felt better. This great thought had started an upheaval then and there. The solid ground of old beliefs was broken. The stir of love, of hate, smiles and tears in even that small company seemed like a battlefield between Truth and error. Mr. Bancroft almost in temper, in apparent disgust coldly left the meeting. Mrs. Eddy kindly saying, "I have told the Truth." (Dis 178)

Battlefield

When Mrs. Eddy asserted present perfection, consciousness became a battlefield. Why? Because mortal mind had been eliminated and it was screaming in protest.

As long as we are deceived by the falsity that perfection will be attained at some other place and some other time, but is not here and now, error is unchallenged.

When we declare, and especially when we understand present perfection here and now, we often see immediate results. We also often enter the battlefield.

Crux of the Battle

The crux of the battle is the elimination of mortal mind. And for this purpose our Leader gave us "the prayer unceasing to be used on all occasions and at all times":

"There is no matter and no mortal mind. God is All-in-all. All is harmony, health, holiness." (DCC 63)

This is present perfection right here right now.

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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.

I am submitting a poem written during the time I was a Reader in Cocoa, Florida in 1974. If you feel it is appropriate for the TICS, please feel free to use/include it in TICS.

Rosemary Hector
Flowery Branch, Georgia

THE READER'S ROOM

Dear God, within these walls so dear
I feel your Love surrounding me.

This is your room.
Purified and cleansed, I lay this mortal
sense of self aside,
to step within the shelter of your thought.

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

—Mary Baker Eddy—

I feel your presence everywhere.
I leave no mortal mark of self upon this room
to tarnish the holiness I feel.

Your dominion fills all space.
It melts this lump of selfish matter
until there is nothing left but grace.

As I leave this room transfigured from within,
I don without, the robe of Christ's humility.
Humbly I go to speak — Thy Word.

There's nothing left of self to hear or see.
Your word speaks forth for all to hear,
Your light shines through, Your face they see.

And while I'm busy serving Thee, I cannot help
But think what greater blessing could there ever
be bestowed by you on me, than that of being
your choice to share this room of yours with me.

Rosemary Thomas Hector,
nee Rosemary T. Arriens (1974)

The attached submittal is for TICS, if you feel it is right. The oval-shaped fifth picture really led investigation of the relative, as well as the absolute aspects.

Thank you for all you are doing to inspire readers to look deeper into revealed Truth.

Name withheld by request

Thank you for the January issue of TICS. Most helpful is the practical application of the definition of man, S&H p 475. Also the in-depth account of Jacob's activities and his transformation into Israel.

One of Mrs. Eddy's statements has been of particular interest to me lately. "Think less of the enactments of mortal mind, and you will sooner grasp man's God-given dominion." S&H p 381

God, infinite Mind, good is all.

Clive Lamprell
Golden, Colorado

P.S. In the January issue, page 10, paragraph 5, 3rd line, should this be "power over" and not "power of"?

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POETRY

IT has been said that Jesus spoke in poetry. Mary Baker Eddy spoke in poetry, too. One of her students recorded the words of a prayer she once gave to them. The following words are at the top of page 61 in the Blue Book.

"Father, teach me how to still the clamoring of sense, and fill my place as listener, that I may hear Thy voice and grow to understand Thy Word, and so become Thy messenger. Then teach me how to banish pride and stubborn will that I may be Thy representative—with no false sense of human zeal, that every word may bless and heal, when I Thy message give."

The recorder who heard these words from Mrs. Eddy's lips may not have heard the poetry, but it is there.

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

**That I may hear Thy voice and grow
To understand Thy Word, and so
Become Thy messenger.
Then teach me how to banish pride
And stubborn will that I may be
Thy representative—**

With no false sense of human zeal,
That every word may bless and heal,
When I Thy message give.

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THY BORDERS

Isaiah 54:11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires,

12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.



Mrs. Eddy set in the frame, "border," of this miniature forty diamonds and gave it to her precious student, Augusta Stetson.

The manhood and womanhood of God have been revealed.



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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*

