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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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MARY BAKER EDDY

Our Mother in Israel



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"This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou has sent."

S&H pg:110, 7-9

We all know that God is our life. As Christian Scientists we constantly are holding our thoughts to our oneness with our Father Mother God and devoting our time to helping & blessing others.

Doris Grekel devoted all her time to understanding and sharing divine science. She wrote three wonderful books on the life of M.B.E. For forty years she wrote articles and found excellent articles and printed them in T.I.C.S.

The "Letters to the Editor" through the years show what a blessing T.I.C.S. has been to the subscribers for many years.

She is no longer here to bless us all with loving thoughts and writings. We do know that she is blessing those with whom she is now associated.

Because of her leaving us we regret to say that this is the last issue of T.I.C.S.

She did this issue as she did all the others with loving thought for all.

GEMS OF ELUCIDATION ATTRIBUTED TO MARY BAKER EDDY

“Nothing happens out of order, everything happens in the right order of development for you.”

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“If the heart stays young, old age can never become anything but ennobled thereby. Years do not make one grow old if one grows in grace.”

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“Stand alone, never allow anyone to help you; as surely as you do you cripple yourself; you weaken your power. The arm of strength is in God and nowhere else. Trust then in God.”

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“Divine Mind maintains man forever at the point of completeness, preserves his every faculty and his individuality, guides each separate idea in the continuous unfoldment of the infinite grandeur of spiritual creation.”

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“Meekness is not weakness; it is ‘not my will but Thine be done’ throwing ourselves into God’s power.”

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“Pentacostal power is always present. It is the power of Mind enabling man to do the Will of Wisdom.”

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“He who is obedient to Truth has immense power for service.”

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“Nothing is truth but the absolute.”

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“God giveth you an abiding sense of Life that needs not to be fought for. Remember this and you will live forever.”

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“Take time each day to say ‘What is the most powerful thing in the World? It is God saying I am in His own creation.’”

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“There is no fatal mistake; there is no unforgivable wrong; there is no unpardonable sin; there is no permanent injury; there is no incurable disease; there is no such thing as too late.”

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“Every time you declare you are perfect in God, there goes through your body a health giving power.”

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“This day is merely a step in infinite progress. It is unfoldment not time.”

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“O God show me Thy way and keep me in that way.”

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From *Clear, Correct Teaching and Complete Writings*, p. 1034

THE PERFECTION OF THE INDIVIDUALITY OF GOD, MIND

Part VII

By

Mildred L. LeBlond, C.S.B.

THIS is basic ... [Let us review the last paragraph of what “is basic.”]

One of the clearest definitions of body is to be found where Mrs. Eddy explains the first verse of the first chapter of Genesis: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. The infinite has no beginning. This word *beginning* is employed to signify *the only*, — that is, the eternal verity and unity of God and man, including the universe.” (S&H 502:22-27) Looking in Websters for a definition of “only” which Mrs. Eddy has in italics, it reads: “one plus lic” then refers to the word “ly,” as the same as lic, meaning body, like in appearance, nature or manner; so the word “only” gives the meaning of the one plus body. Naturally, one being God, body would have to be like that one in manner and nature, therefore, body is one with God and exactly expresses God.

This is basic and a fixed rule in our work in Christian Science, but now comes rushing into consciousness this question: “What about everything of which I am conscious — is it matter or is it Spirit? Are they divine ideas or material things? Are they temporary expressions of what actually exists? In divine Science is there more than one? Can there be two of anything? Is there matter and Spirit, or material and spiritual creation?” The answer, of course, is no. God is one and this oneness is His allness, as we find in our textbook: “The allness of Deity is His oneness.” (S&H 267:5-6) So all that exists is God and His idea, therefore, good, spiritual and divine. Body, then is as divine as God and in fact expresses all that God is. Is not this what is meant by the Bible statement that “the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us”? (John 1:14) “Word” is defined as “divine manifestation” so the statement in John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God,” really means, “In the beginning was the divine manifestation and the divine manifestation was with God and the divine manifestation was God.” So we should not and really cannot think of body or identification as material or corporeal, but one with God and expressing the qualities of Mind, God, as Mind’s manifestation and is therefore divine or divinely mental.

The word being made flesh and dwelling among us gives us our first indication of how we are to demonstrate the correct understanding of body or identification. I understand the following statement to emphasize this same thought: “Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.” (John 6:53) From the structural standpoint we would say that wherever seen — flesh is form, that which is hung on the boney structure, or the garment of it — or the identification of something. Now, blood, from this same structural standpoint is designated as circulation, very important to the form. Of course, we all know that we do not accept a structural standpoint in our work in Christian Science, but if we translate these misapprehensions into their true meaning we find a wonderful thing. We substantiate this way of working by Mrs. Eddy’s statement: “Science, understood, translates matter into

Mind, rejects all other theories of causation, restores the spiritual and original meaning of the Scriptures, and explains the teachings and life of our Lord.” (Mis 25:12-15)

Let us start with flesh and take up the idea that it is form or identification. We may call it effect. Does not the Bible say: “The word was made flesh and dwelt among us”? In this instance it was made known or identified to the world by its form and character, a Godly man. A flower is an identification of beauty, as are trees, skies, lakes, etc. Animals identify loyalty and obedience to the higher idea man. As our Leader says, “God gives the lesser idea of Himself for a link to the greater, and in return, the higher always protects the lower.” (S&H 518:13-15) While these words “lesser” and “greater” do not really describe Deity, yet they do give an educational idea of wholeness and the oneness of God and man, including in Himself-Herself all right ideas. This has to be supreme and all, and thus what Deity includes is termed “lesser.”

To me, to “eat the flesh of the Son of man,” means to understand identification and accept the truth that all form, color, quality, quantity, are qualities of divine Mind. Mrs. Eddy says, “Nature voices natural, spiritual law and divine Love, but human belief misinterprets nature. Arctic regions, sunny tropics, giant hills, winged winds, mighty billows, verdant vales, festive flowers, and glorious heavens, — all point to Mind, the spiritual intelligence they reflect. The floral apostles are hieroglyphs of Deity.” (S&H 240:1-7) “The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it.” (S&H 508:5-6)

Now, to “drink of his blood,” — this is inspiration, revelation, the understanding that life is eternal right here and now, not shall be; the state of thought which lives now, actually, really, not temporarily, — expecting reality later in the future. If we walk, let the action be Mind; if we hear, sing, let the functioning be Mind. Whatever we be or do, let the being or the doing of it be God. Again, in *Miscellaneous Writings* we find: “This spiritual idea, or Christ, entered into the minutia of the life of the personal Jesus. It made him an honest man, a good carpenter, a good man, before it could

make him the glorified.” (Mis 166:28) Mrs. Eddy, commenting on the marriage at Cana, says, “May Christ, Truth, be present at every bridal altar to turn the water into wine and to give to human life an inspiration by which man’s spiritual and eternal existence may be discerned.” (S&H 65:3) This is, as I understand it, drinking the blood of Jesus.

Now, the statement of John goes on to say if we do not do this, — “eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood” — “we have no life in us.” Why? Because the Bible also admonishes: “This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” (John 17:3) Know God and man, Mind and idea, Soul and body, — God manifested. Then “this is life eternal” and demonstrating it thus we find “we have life in us,” to use the words of John. Understanding body or form, in this way, again proves the nothingness or the unreality of evil for the fact that body is as eternal as God proves the truth that noumenon and phenomena are two aspects of Mind and therefore eternal every step of the way. Then is revealed in very truth the Science of our own being.

Sometimes there exists a belief that one can be a good Christian Scientist just mentally and by that I mean — sometimes it is believed that thought is formless. Mrs. Eddy tells us that all form, color, outline express Mind for she says, “From the infinite elements of the one Mind emanate all form, color, quality, and quantity, and these are mental, both primarily and secondarily.” (S&H 512:21-24) Therefore, as we advance in the Science of Mind, the Science of our own being, it must have identification. This point came forcefully to my thought during the last year when discussing with someone what it took to be a good advancing Christian Scientist. The individual with whom I was speaking said, “Some day I want to retire, having nothing to do but read my books. This every-day life, earning a living and social contacts, make life very difficult.” I said, “What is life?” The answer: “Thought, knowing as the divine Mind.” I replied, “Right. But the Scientific Statement of Being tells us that ‘All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation.’ What about ‘infinite manifestation’ which means to make evident?”

As I understand Christian Science, if there were no manifestation or form, living would be comparable to a miser who takes all his belongings off to a hilltop or a secluded place and does nothing with his goods. He has no place in the world. There is no historical record of any great miser. Webster says that a miser is “one who lives miserably to increase his hoard” and that the word “miserable” comes from the word “miser” meaning to be wretched. While this is a pretty severe analysis, yet there is a distinct similarity between the one who desires only to read and gain understanding without being willing to bring it forth in identification and the one who goes off with what we term material goods so he will have it for himself without being bothered with others. The spiritually minded person might be lured into thinking he can go off with his own thoughts without the daily contact and friction with persons. Jesus withdrew, even went into the mountains, but he didn’t stay there. He recognized the spiritual and divine fiat that we know God only as we know man and the universe. “The creative Principle — Life, Truth, and Love — is God. The universe reflects God. There is but one creator and one creation. This creation consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and forever reflected. These ideas range from the infinitesimal to infinity, and the highest ideas are the sons and daughters of God.” (S&H 502:27) This miserly sense, this false sense of oneness, seclusion, is also tainted with Romanism for Romanism has a monastery and a nunnery.

Again, we cannot know God without man and the universe — they is one and inseparable — one substance, one Mind, or being. So we cannot just have God without His manifestation or man without God. God and man not only go together, they is one — not just God or just man, for Jesus said, “I am the root and the offspring of David and the bright and morning star.” (Rev 22:16) Our Leader says, “Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe.” (S&H 465:17-1) Now how can we prove this so that our words be not theory but actual? By each individual seeing himself, herself as the evidence of God and man, Mind and

idea, — and *living* that way, or according to Principle each day. Everything in my universe that has the aspect of being wrong must yield to this deific Principle here or hereafter, now or then, but “Now is the accepted time.” There is no other time in which to see the glory of God revealed in man and the universe than *now* — so we cannot be mental or physical misers. A miser is poor and we are rich. A miser is alone and we are all-one. The only thing from which we need to withdraw is the material concept of something, anything. We cannot withdraw from anything else for God is All-in-all. God is omnipresent being, the being of everything which exists. “The scientific divine creation declares immortal Mind and the universe created by God.” (S&H 507:22) “From the infinite elements of the one Mind emanate all form, color, quality, and quantity, and these are mental, both primarily and secondarily.” (S&H 512:21-24)

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BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN ANGELS

By

Helen Morell, C.S.

WHENEVER the spirit of heaviness tries to hover, and the heart seems faint, the songbirds outside my office door become like earth-borne angels. Is it any wonder why the fowl of the air become frequent reminders of the angels when they fly so effortlessly against earth's gravitational currents?

Because of their symbolism the writer has, for many years,

fed these winged visitors an early morning meal on the broad ledge outside her office. She has become an ardent armchair birdwatcher, especially when the mother birds are feeding their babies. The morsels of bread placed next to the birdbath are picked up by the mothers, then soaked in the water, and finally deposited in the little v-shaped hatches.

The largest variety of blackbirds is my favorite to watch because the mothers consistently have selected the broad ledge as a training ground for her brood. The foregoing feeding process is a lesson for both offspring and observer. Each morning the writer looks on attentively as the babies remain on the ledge screaming, with heads held high and beaks open wide for a vicarious experience, while the mothers go through the routine like old schoolmarms. One may wonder, "How do these fledglings ever learn to be angel-like when they appear to be so wayward?" The query is soon answered within a few days when all obediently come to the ledge making their own bit-sized portions and dunking them. So, extra rations must be put out. Not only have the guests increased in number, but they take turns bathing in the same birdbath. Now, that is strictly for the birds, and certainly not a lesson for anyone else.

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MOSES, JESUS AND MARY BAKER EDDY

MARY Baker Eddy writes of Jesus' demonstration of the *Second Degree* [moral], "The divinity of the Christ was made manifest in the humanity of Jesus." S&H 25:31 She used the first word of the *Second Degree*, humanity, to explain Jesus' demonstration of the Christ, the absolute sense of the Second Degree. Jesus' demonstration was the humanity of the Christ. Mary Baker Eddy's demonstration, likewise, was the first word of the *Third Degree*, wisdom, the Holy Ghost (Generic Man), the absolute sense of the Third Degree.

We can therefore infer that in understanding Mary Baker Eddy's demonstration — The divinity of the Holy Ghost (Generic Man) was made manifest in the wisdom of Mary Baker Eddy — by using that same logic she wrote of Jesus that explained his demonstration of the Christ, the Second Degree. We used that same logic to explain her manifestation of the Third Degree.

Mary Baker Eddy writes in *Science and Health*, page 321:6, a whole paragraph entitled "Fear of the serpent overcome."

"The Hebrew Lawgiver, slow of speech, despaired of making the people understand what should be revealed to him. When, led by wisdom [Holy Ghost (Divine Science; Glossary), Generic Man] to cast down his rod, he saw it become a serpent, Moses fled before it; but wisdom [Holy Ghost, Generic Man] bade him come back and handle the serpent, and then Moses' fear departed. In this incident was seen the actuality of Science. Matter was shown to be a belief only. The serpent, evil, under wisdom's [Holy Ghost's, Generic Man's] bidding, was destroyed through understanding divine Science, and this proof was a staff upon which to lean. The illusion of Moses lost its power to alarm him, when he discovered that what he apparently saw was really but a phase of mortal belief."

Name withheld by request

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"We should ever permit our thinking to be
of the character of Deity or divine Mind"

Martha Wilcox
Association Address
1939

THE MILLENNIUM, “THE GREATER WORKS”

By *Martha Wilcox, C.S.B.*

THE fulfillment of prophecy always seems remote, just as it did in the days of the coming of Jesus. But if we had eyes to see, we would perceive that the fulfillment of prophecy is but the appearing in consciousness of that which is already in existence.

The Millennium is appearing now and will appear in its full significance at the time that prophecy has fixed for its appearing. The Millennium will appear, just as Christ Jesus appeared at the time prophesied, and as the revelation of Christian Science appeared at the time of the fulfillment of prophecy.

The Coming of the Millennium

We do not think that as the hour strikes at midnight in the year 1999 that we shall awaken in the Millennium or in an entirely different state of consciousness; but Christian Scientists and great thinkers believe that the Millennium is appearing now and that in the closing years of this century will have appeared in great significance.

What Is the Millennium?

According to the dictionary, the Millennium is a period of a thousand years during which time holiness is to be triumphant throughout the world. It is a period of great happiness, good government, and freedom from wickedness. Some believe that during this period, Christ will reign on earth in person.

But all Christian Scientists understand the Christ is not a person, but is the impersonal Truth about everyone and everything

that we now know humanly and materially. The Millennium is that period in which the impersonal Christ or the Son of God is appearing on earth or in human consciousness as the Son of man. It is a period of consciousness in which men and women are coming into their true humanhood.

In Christian Science we learn that Christ, the Son of God, is the divine actuality of all existing persons and things. And, according to prophecy, this divine actuality of all persons and things is now appearing in concrete phenomena as the Son of man in power and great glory, which means that divine actualities with their power and glory are appearing in the highest forms appreciable to human consciousness.

To a Christian Scientist, the Millennium will be the state of his own consciousness. It will be his freedom to think without constraint from so-called mortal mind, for as our thought is constrained just that long is divine power lacking. When we are free to think divinely, without the constraint of mortal mind, then we are free to act divinely; without constraint; then we can walk over the waves, calm the storm, and feed the multitude if need be.

The infinite God-Mind seems to be hidden because we seem to have a mind of our own, but as thought attains something of its right origin, the divine Mind, the power, the omnipotence of Good, is available to us and we shall naturally do the "greater works" that the Master said we would do. (See John 14:12)

Only those who have spiritual discernment realize what is taking place and the import of the present time. Those of discernment realize that the world is passing out of a certain mental cycle or mode of thinking and living, into another cycle of enlarged thinking and better living, and of spiritual power.

When this great chemicalization has done its work, we shall find error destroyed and we shall discern that good only is at hand. And, in the meantime, we should understand that what appears so distressing in this present day is not crucifixion, but resurrection.

The following question was asked in the last metaphysical college class: "Is the world situation a chemicalization brought about by the revelation and demonstration of Christian Science, and is it so severe that it is destroying rather than redeeming?"

Mr. Young's answer was: "We cannot say that Christian Science demonstration as partially appearing, produces chemicalization that will destroy rather than redeem; but we can take the attitude that Christian Science demonstrated by you and me does not chemicalize beyond our ability to take care of the chemicalization. So if your thought takes on something of the grandeur of God, that will take care of the situation. (See S&H 401:16)

"If Mind takes care of the situation we can do something more practical than answer the question. As the terror that seems so intense in other nations disappears, the evil itself will disappear. When we see it as God sees it, its terrors begin to disappear. If God were demonstrated this instant, the error would have no terror because we would recognize what is actually going on.

"As Christian Scientists, we should not make evil either real or personal, but we should not ignore it. Christian Scientists have a responsibility in this matter because Truth has been revealed to them."

The Christian Scientist realizes that his consciousness, which is his world, with its people, and its religions, and its governments, and politics are within himself, and that it depends largely upon himself whether his is the Kingdom of Heaven or a misconception of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Every Christian Scientist should know the nothingness of Fascism and Communism, for both would bind us so that we could not think, and human beings must be free to think. Anything that threatens free thought is dangerous and we should demonstrate its nothingness.

The Passing Away of Matter or Mortal Mind

According to prophecy and actual experience, this is the day when much of mortal mind and materiality is passing away, and it is passing away with much noise and disturbance. And all this is taking place within the individual's own consciousness, or he could not be aware of it, although it all seems to be taking place external to us.

The discerning Peter foretold this day; he said, "But the day of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (II Peter 3:10)

The World Must Be Spiritualized

Our world to a great extent is mentalized; that is, people in general believe that everything of which they are conscious is mental. But in the Millennium a GREATER WORK than mentalization will be consummated. Then the world and everything of which the world consists, will be spiritualized. And, it is the duty of every Christian Scientist to see that this GREATER WORK is active in his individual consciousness in this present day.

As students of Christian Science, we are learning that we do not change our world simply by transposing it from a material world to a mental or thought world; we are learning that in order to see our world as spiritual instead of material, we must set aside that which is causing the material sense of our world.

Why Our World Seems to Be Material

The people, things, and conditions of our world seem to be material because so-called mortal mind's concept of itself and all that it is, is always matter. Mortal mind sees and feels itself as matter; its objectifications are matter. The seeming material world is mortal mind as it is to itself.

To be continued

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*

WHY I BELIEVE IN ANGELS

NEXT to delving deeply into the meaning of *Christ and Christmas*, researching God's thoughts as ANGELS has remained an ongoing study close to my heart. In *Miscellaneous Writings* we read these arresting words of our dear Leader: "Think of this inheritance! Heaven right here, where angels are as men, clothed more lightly, and men as angels who, burdened for an hour, spring into liberty, and the good they would do, that they do, and the evil they would not do, that they do not." (p. 251) From my own sojourning these spiritual impartations have become indelible realities engraved in consciousness.

Two years ago, after ordering some hamburgers and french-fries at the drive-up window of a local fast-food restaurant we proceeded up a ramp to complete the purchase. The sharp curve at the top of the ramp proved perilous, for the back wheel of the car went over the curb and left the car hanging listless on it. Right there we realized an answer from God was needed, for we were blocking the restaurant's business. Very shortly, in the distance a black car appeared at the drive-up window. I hastened down to warn and tell them of the plight. It was nighttime and my eyes only focused on the driver. After a few words explaining the problem, I blurted out,

The error of the ages is preaching without practice.

— *Science and Health*

“I need three strong men! Are there three strong men in this car?” Three strong men emerged and ran up the ramp to lift the car. There was also a young woman with them and she and I walked together. I looked heavenward and said, “God has sent His angels.” She looked at me strangely, but I was not about to explain “men as angels” at that moment.

The young men were not able to lift the car onto the ramp, but expressed gratitude was given for their loving effort. At this point I telephoned AAA for a towing vehicle, and then went to the pick-up window where the restaurant manager handed me a large bag, and saying, “We know what has happened, and you are not to pay for your order.” Once again my eyes turned heavenward and I exclaimed, “More angels!”

During the meal the wrecker arrived and quickly backed up onto the ramp. It truly looked as if an angelic figure had emerged with his equipment. He never spoke a word from the beginning, but merely performed his duty, looking up and smiling at us now and then as he attached chains to my vehicle. The only time he spoke with me was when I handed him a nice token of gratitude, which brought forth a response, “Thank you. I really needed this.” We parted rejoicing that he, too, had demonstrated the effect of angels, “God’s thoughts passing to man.” (S&H 581:4)

In the final analysis of such unforgettable events, it surely behooves one to heed Paul’s admonition to the Hebrews: “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” (13:2)

Helen Morell

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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*

“NO! NO!”

REVEREND Irving C. Tomlinson had received a request to be at Pleasant View on a certain day. Mrs. Eddy’s first words to him on that occasion were, “No! No! That will never do!”

Purpose of Visit

These emphatic words, however, were not related to the purpose of his visit that day. He had been summoned to Pleasant View simply to witness Mrs. Eddy’s signature on a legal document that she was executing.

Tomlinson’s List

Her words of rejection were in response to a list she had recently received from Rev. Tomlinson. We have not seen Tomlinson’s list, but we do know to what it pertained; so our Leader’s emphatic words of rejection are well worth our consideration.

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



REV. IRVING C. TOMLINSON

The Leader's List

Mrs. Eddy had recently given to the Field a list of twenty-six subjects for Bible Lessons in the order in which they were to be studied.

Unacceptable

Tomlinson had made a list of twenty-six additional subjects to be added to Mrs. Eddy's list to complete the year. Obviously his topics were not acceptable.

Course of Study

The Leader had outlined a scientific course of study for all mankind for all time to come to develop the understanding of the Science of Being.

Repetition

The best thing to be done at that time was to repeat the study of the twenty-six subjects that Mrs. Eddy had enumerated. So, although the lessons differ, the subjects are each studied twice each year.

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A SCIENTIFIC COURSE OF STUDY

“**A**ND God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.” (Gen 1:31)

“All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made.” (John 1:3)

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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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A SCIENTIFIC COURSE OF STUDY - Continued from page 22

When our Leader discovered the Science of being embracing the absolute truth of those words of John and Moses, she soon realized that it was her mission to impart this Science of Being to mankind. From that moment all her years, all her time, thought and efforts were devoted to that great work.

Proof

Her marvelous demonstrations of healing proved the truth of her teaching, but mortals clung tenaciously to their beliefs in evil, matter, mortal mind, sin, sickness, disease and death.

Slow to Learn

Even the earnest, sincere students who longed for Truth and Love in their lives, were very slow at learning how to silence mortal mind and to destroy its false beliefs.

When God's Chosen Witness gave to her Movement (and to the whole world) a list of 26 topics to be studied in a certain order, it was a scientific course of study designed to lead all who will from sorrow to happiness, from sense to Soul, from matter to Spirit, from sickness to health, and from facing the expectation of death to Life eternal right here, right now.

The first Bible Lesson to be studied is "God." An understanding of what God is, is primary. The second lesson is "Sacrament." One definition of sacrament is "The Eucharist."

Eucharist is defined in the dictionary as "Communion." Could our sacrament be communion with the one God we are longing to know?

The next six lessons expand upon what we have begun to learn, that is, synonyms for God. The first 8 lessons, in order, are:

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| 1. God | 3. Life | 5. Love | 7. Soul |
| 2. Sacrament | 4. Truth | 6. Spirit | 8. Mind |

The next two lessons are definitely related:

9. Christ Jesus and 10. Man

The next four lessons deal with opposites. In order to understand Truth, it seems necessary to deny the opposing error.

11. Substance 13. Reality
12. Matter 14. Unreality

After years of study some Christian Scientists were still accepting error as real in consciousness and then attempting to heal it. Perhaps the next lesson was to waken them to this mistake.

15. Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?

The next three topics were much discussed in orthodox Christian churches and needed to be understood scientifically.

16. Doctrine of Atonement
17. Probation After Death
18. Everlasting Punishment

Next we come to a problem we all must solve: and its solution.

19. Adam and Fallen Man 20. Mortals and Immortals

Then we have Truth only.

21. Soul and Body

There is a sentence in the "precious volume," the first edition of Science and Health, which reads: "Spirit sees, hears, feels, acts and enjoys, but cannot suffer; and this makes Soul and body harmonious and immortal."

Mrs. Eddy had the great red dragon to contend with very early in her missionary experience. She has named wickedness malicious animal magnetism, and shown us how to handle it. This is a lesson all must learn, so we have

22. Ancient and Modern Necromancy *alias* Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced

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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 thoroughly enjoy and gain much good from each issue. Thank you for all you’ve done for the independent Scientist over the years.

Yvonne Reuss
Hardy, Virginia

I have read through your latest T.I.C.S. [July, 2015] from yesterday’s mail. I have some comments for you...

The different fonts of *Christ and Christmas* (for some illustrations) have a key. Do you know what that key is? It is the front of the book, before the first poem verse.

Notice that the graphic design for the name Reverend (Revered Leader) Mary Baker G. Eddy (her *legal* name) uses the same graphic design [typeface] as illustrations 2, 5, 6, and 9. This tells us that the identity of the woman in “Christ Healing,” (the angel) “Christmas Morn,” “Christian Science Healing,” and “Christian Unity” is Reverend Mary Baker G. Eddy. Also, the title of the Textbook has the same graphic design, so this tells us that she is the author of SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES and other works. “Other works,” of course is the same graphic design as the one used for the poem’s verses. So “other works” applies specifically to *Christ and Christmas* (as well as her other works).

Name withheld by request

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

— Mary Baker Eddy

CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS,

A POEM.

BY

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AUTHOR OF

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385 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts

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Now we go back to our starting point and elaborate on God.

23. God the Only Cause and Creator

24. God the Preserver of Man

The last two topics are a question and the answer.

25. Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?

26. Christian Science

In the 1800's Mary Baker Eddy may well have been the only individual on earth who knew that this question would soon arise.

And the last topic in this scientific course of study, "Christian Science," includes the answer to this and every question. It presents the truth of all things, uncovers and eliminates the errors of belief, and leads us into the understanding of present perfection, — of the omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence of infinite being here and now.

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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

