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## MONEY

The love of money is the root of all evil.

(I Timothy 6:10)

Only last week I received a touching token of unselfed manhood from a person I never saw. But since publishing this page I have learned it was a private soldier who sent to me, in the name of a first lieutenant of the United States infantry in the Philippine Islands, ten five-dollar gold pieces smuggled in Pears' soap. Surely it is enough for a soldier serving his country in that torrid zone to part with his soap, but to send me some of his hard-earned money cost me a tear! Yes, and it gave me more pleasure than millions of money could have given.

(*Message for 1900* by Mary Baker Eddy 10:23 – 11:2 )

Like light illuminating a room filled with costly treasures, which in the darkness we had not seen, so the light of understanding, God's intelligence, will work through human consciousness, revealing the treasures of earth, air, and sea. Mind creates. Wisdom and understanding brought forth Solomon's riches, honor, and glory. "Unto you, O men, I call; for wisdom *is* better than rubies; . . . Riches and honor *are* with me; *yea*, durable riches and righteousness. . . . That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures." (Proverbs 8:4, 11, 18, 21).

Let us choose Mind, and permit God to govern our thought. Let us accept the riches of His universe as a sequence, thanking Him for His loving protection and manifold blessings. Let us praise Him, as the lilies of the field praise Him, and as the heavens and earth declare His goodness.

(*Sermons and Other Writings on Christian Science* by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., pp. 292, 293)

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Money, in its material significance, is the recognized medium of exchange or barter, among mankind. In spiritual, or real, signification, money and wealth are wholly unrelated; they have nothing in common.

We are reminded of the story of the widow, as told by Jesus. This widow cast into

the treasury of the Temple, her mite; which, being all the living she had, counted for more than all that was cast in by all the rest. This woman's m-i-t-e became her m-i-g-h-t; and the record of her act will remain, as long as the Holy Bible stands.

A man's wealth is his character. Wealth comes from the old Saxon word, **weal**, which in turn is derived from an older word, **hale**, or **whole**. This word has the same meaning as the English word **holy**. Health, which is derived from the word **heal**, comes from the same root, **holy**, or **whole**. Thus, it is seen, that both riches and life are dependent upon God, who is the only Source of holiness, or wholeness. The Bible speaks of God as "The Holy One of Israel," or, in another phrasing, The WHOLE One of Israel. In its profound meaning, this signifies that God is the One WHOLE, or ALL, and that He is **whole**, the source and fountain of all health, or wholeness, and all wealth, or weal, or the well-being of His children. To know God aright, and to understand Him, is true wisdom, since such knowledge and understanding constitute the sure foundation for the enjoyment of true riches, constantly flowing, like the unceasing rhythm of Tennyson's Brook, which goes on forever, and of true health, which, derived from Spirit, and not from flesh, leads to the attainment of eternal, or unlimited life.

The greatest character in all human history, Christ Jesus was laid in a manger. He later characterized his own human estate in these words:

The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests;  
but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head. (Matthew  
8:20.)

But, to assert or to teach, that Jesus lacked wealth, or true riches, or that he at any time in his earthly career, suffered from poverty, betrays at once, a gross ignorance of the character of Jesus, and of the actual facts of his life. We are told that Christ Jesus was the Son of God, and that his life on earth was therefore miraculous, or beyond that of the rest of mankind. The Anglo-Saxon word for God is **Good**; therefore Christ Jesus was the Son of Good. The opposite of Good, is **evil**; and if a man is not the son of Good, he must of necessity be the son of **evil**. Jesus' word for evil, was devil. Those who opposed Christ Jesus, and his teaching --- which, in plain substance, was that all men in their spiritual individuality — not their fleshly personality — are the sons of God, or Good, who is the only Creator, resisted him and finally crucified him, wholly on this count: "that he called himself the Son of God." His divine logic, wholly devoid of human passion, when contending with them, impelled him to characterize them as "sons of evil," or "children of their father, the devil," which was true, since they repudiated their sonship with God, or Good.

Throughout his entire life among men, this remarkable man, Christ Jesus, enjoyed, in full abundance, all the good things which men regard as the necessary blessings of a well-rounded life. John the Baptist, the herald of Christ, adopted a severe regimen of living, for symbolical reasons; and Jesus, contrasting his own manner of living, with that of John, said:

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say,  
He hath a devil.

The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say,  
Behold a man gluttonous and a winebibber, a friend of  
publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

(Matthew 11:18 & 19)

When his disciples were hungry, on the Sabbath, both he and they regaled themselves by plucking the corn, as they walked through the fields. They were criticized by the rabbis, not because they ate the corn, but because they gathered it on the Sabbath. If he stood in need of food for the multitude, his abundant thought increased the five loaves and two fishes of a little boy, and it satisfied the needs of five thousand men, beside women and children. If he required a pulpit from which to deliver his message to the people, a boat was at his command from which he could speak without being pressed by the throng. When he desired to be transported from one shore of the lake, to the other, he walked on the water, and entered the boat of the fishermen, which as soon as he entered it, was at the place whither they desired to go. His instruction to his disciples, that "the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life," (John 6:63.) reached its climax, in his challenge to the Jews, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (John 11:19.) The account says that he spake of his body. When, after the crucifixion, he desired to commune again with his disciples, and to lift them out of their fleshly lethargy, he fulfilled his promise, raised his body from the tomb, removed the stone, and appeared to the disciples when they were assembled, and the doors were shut. What part did money play, in this abundant, this richest of all lives? Jesus, referring to the wealth and glory of Solomon, said, significantly, "A greater than Solomon is here."

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, as a woman, has followed, step by step, the experience of Christ Jesus, as a man. In her early experience, when she was struggling with the "stupendous life problem," as she terms it, Mrs. Eddy's experience literally fulfilled Jesus' characterization of himself, for she "had not where to lay her head." Yet, all her needs were met, not alone her temporal needs, but the paramount need of a full and complete understanding of the problem of life. Mrs. Eddy says in (*Retrospection and Introspection*, 23:1-7, 9-10, 13-17; 23-24):

The trend of human life was too eventful to leave me undisturbed in the illusion that this so-called life could be a real and abiding rest. All things earthly must ultimately yield to the irony of fate, or else be merged into the one infinite Love.

As these pungent lessons became clearer, they grew sterner. . . . Matter was no longer spanned with its rainbow of promise. . . . Thus it was when the moment arrived of the heart's bridal to more spiritual existence. When the door opened, I was waiting and watching; and, lo., the bridegroom

came! The character of the Christ was illuminated by the midnight torches of Spirit. . . . I had touched the hem of Christian Science.

Mrs. Eddy continues:

Purity, self-renunciation, faith, and understanding must reduce all things real to their own mental denomination, Mind, which divides, subdivides, Increases, diminishes, constitutes, and sustains, according to the law of God. . . .

It was the gospel of healing, on its divinely appointed human mission, bearing on its white wings, to my apprehension, “the beauty of holiness,” — even the possibilities of spiritual insight, knowledge, and being. (ibid 28:17-21; 32:1-4)

From this meek beginning, Mary Baker Eddy expanded the Christianity of Christ Jesus, until it has become the mightiest spiritual force which the world has ever known. Its mission is to usher in eternity, abolish evil and all its progeny, including sin, sickness and death, and reveal and establish forever, the earth of God's creating, inhabited by the sons of God, Good, and not the children of the devil, or evil. Money? Yes, like all else that came into this marvelous life of the Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, money came in abundance, and it was immediately sent by her into circulation, to do its work for God.

We find the same phenomena repeated in the experience of Mrs. Eddy's beloved student, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., our teacher. The inherent spirituality of Mrs. Stetson's thought, caught the deep spiritual significance of Mrs. Eddy's great Message, that "Life is God," (*Science and Health*, p. 27:9). Mrs. Stetson was sent in 1886, by her Teacher and Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, to New York City, there to establish Christ's Christianity. Without money, a stranger in a great city, and with all the inexperience of youth, and its brilliant visions, this obedient student of Mary Baker Eddy, — Augusta E. Stetson --- established herself in New York City, to preach the Gospel of Christian Science, and to heal the sick, as she was instructed to do by her Teacher. From a soap box, covered with red cloth, in a room over a drug store, this intrepid Christian Scientist, Augusta E. Stetson, began to tell the people of the riches, — the spiritual riches — of God, as discovered and set forth in Christian Science. Did this pioneer need money? What she did need, and what she strove successfully to demonstrate, was spiritual understanding, which should evolve all that was necessary for her in the great work which she had undertaken at the behest of her Leader, under God. As she rose to the spiritual understanding of God, and His abounding riches, and His care for His children, Mrs. Stetson evolved money and things, to bring forth a handsome church edifice in the heart of this great City. But the demands upon her marvellous spiritual ability and understanding, by which she was enabled to heal mankind, became so great, that she was impelled to build her own church, which, in all its architecture, symbolism, and furnishings, should embody the wealth of her spiritual thought. Wholly without material riches, this pioneer of Christ's

Christianity, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., with the aid of her students, built her church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, at a cost of \$1,250,000. All of this cost was paid before her church was dedicated, the dedication taking place before the last workman had vacated the building.

During the last few years, Mrs. Stetson has expended nearly half a million dollars, in placing the truths of Christian Science, which are the teaching of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, before the people, through the press and over the radio. The secret of Mrs. Stetson's ability, to do these great things, is her marvellous spiritual understanding, as taught to her by her revered Teacher and Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, her consecration to God and His Christ, and her faith and trust, to keep the stream of spiritual wealth constantly flowing, that it may carry its blessings to all mankind.

America is to-day rightly accounted the wealthiest nation in the world. It is said that Washington, its chief founder, expended half a million dollars of his own funds, to establish the American Federal Republic, and that he refused to allow Congress to reimburse him (which the Pennsylvania delegates were instructed to request Congress to do) except for his necessary expenses. The period of the Revolution resulted in the founding of a banking or monetary system, for America, by Alexander Hamilton, which is the soundest and best system that the world has ever known, because it is founded strictly on principles of absolute honesty. I strongly urge those of my air audience who have not done so, to read Alexander Hamilton's writings on the financial and banking system of America, to be found in The Federalist of that period, and in the works of his commentators and biographers. A good list will be found in the article on Alexander Hamilton, in the Encyclopedia Britannica; and the books may be read in the New York Public Library.

We are in the midst of a great battle. The anti-Christ, Roman Catholicism, popery and Jesuitism, has dared to set its foot on the holy soil of America, with the intent to take this Nation and to bring it under the domination of the pope of Rome. Popery is built upon MONEY, and the love of it, which, the Scriptures clearly state, is the root of all evil. The cruel and corrupt system of popery, through its tithes, its silly and blasphemous indulgences, its fees for prayers to save its dupes from the hells which itself creates, its robbery of rich women whom it induces to enter its convents, its vile political activities, through such organizations as Tammany Hall, and the "boss" system, and in innumerable other ways, constitutes a system of wholesale and ruthless robbery, such as could emanate only from anti-Christ. This system threatens to take possession of our public offices, our courts, and our wealth, through the international banking system of which the pope is the head.

We again give warning that Roman Catholics are not citizens of the United States of America; that they do not hold any office under our State or National governments; that their presence in America is an offense to Christ, and to every genuine American; and that they must depart from our shores forthwith, under the mandate of Christ. The referendum on liquor, a Roman Catholic measure, repugnant to the honest Christian citizenship of America, was illegal and treasonable. The wealth of America, which has aroused the envy and greed of the dragon, popery and Jesuit-

ism, cannot be touched by one of his members, because it is wholly spiritual; and all spirituality is beyond the reach and above the comprehension of the dragon, the pope of Rome, his Jesuits, cardinals, archbishops, priests, nuns and laymen.

America is protected by God and His Christ. The abundance of God's riches, which come from Spirit, and result in spiritual health and spiritual wealth, cannot be touched by those who neither know nor love God. The spiritually minded soldiers of Christ, under the invincible leadership of their Captain, the ever-living Son of God, will defend America, and will destroy the dragon, popery, and cast it out of our land, and all its embodiments. "The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

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