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## THE WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN

And God said. Let there be light; and there was light. (Genesis 1:3.)

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (I John :5.)

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. (Revelation 12:1, 2)

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The woman in the Apocalypse symbolizes generic man, the spiritual Idea of God; she illustrates the coincidence of God and man as the divine Principle and divine idea. The Revelator symbolizes Spirit by the sun. The spiritual idea is clad with the radiance of spiritual Truth, and matter is put under her feet. The light portrayed is neither solar nor lunar, but spiritual Life, which is "the light of men."

As Elias presented the idea of the fatherhood of God, which Jesus afterwards manifested, so the Revelator completed this figure with woman, typifying the spiritual idea of God's motherhood. The moon is under her feet. This idea reveals the universe as tributary to Spirit, from which the universe borrows its reflected light, substance, life, and intelligence. (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy. 561:22-29; 562:3-10)

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In this age woman, Mary Baker Eddy, went forth, armed with spiritual understanding, to wrestle with and destroy the carnal beliefs --- sin, sickness, and death. She could not escape one individual experience of human womanhood, but met, suffered, and overcame, with the power of her Christ-consciousness, the carnal qualities in the Eve mentality. This our great Leader did for *herself*. *All* must finally follow and obey the teaching of Jesus the Christ. Thus, through her earthly struggle between the human and the divine, she has fulfilled the law of Love.

Until I studied divine metaphysics, or Christian Science, I had no understanding of the spiritual generation, or "Immaculate Conception", to which you refer In your letter. I have questioned many theologians on this subject and have found that *they* did not understand it. They accept it, but they cannot give satisfactory reasons for the dual nature of Christ Jesus.

The human Jesus was the mediator, who endured, the cross, despised the shame, and finally yielded to the Christ. Thus was his eternal ego revealed --- his oneness with the Father, in verification of his words, "I and my Father are one." <sup>1</sup>

Mrs. Eddy occupies the position before the world to-day, which Jesus occupied two thousand years ago. Not until after his reappearance did the world acknowledge that he had made a demonstration of Life over death.

I believe that God will hear *woman's* cry, in this hour, for deliverance from the bondage of sin, sickness, and death; I believe that Christ will be manifest through woman at his *second* appearing; that the *second* time death will be robbed of its sting and the grave of its victory, and this will prove to humanity the power of spiritual man, and the powerlessness of the carnal man to continue a reign of sin, sickness, and death. It will be the beginning of a new era; all will understand the words of Paul, "Death is swallowed up in victory" <sup>2</sup>, and the law of Love will be fulfilled. (*Sermons and Other Writings on Christian Science* by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D. pgs. 848, 849, 855.)<sup>1</sup> John 10:30  
<sup>2</sup> I Corinthians 15:54

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Just as there was a chosen spot on earth, prepared since the time of Abraham, for this very event for the first appearing of Christ, two thousand years ago, so today, divine metaphysics reveals to us the fact, that, ever since Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you," God has led His people to the Western Hemisphere, which, under the guidance of Christ, was discovered by the Norsemen in the year 1000, colonized by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620, and established as the greatest Christian Republic of all the ages, by Washington, in 1776, in order to prepare America for the second appearing of Christ, through WOMAN.

Before proceeding with the positive side of this marvellous Gospel story, the final chapter of which is now being written, which will usher in the new era wherein sin, sickness, and death are unknown, and all is eternal and primeval harmony, I shall dispose of the negative, or unreal portion, and thus "Prepare (ye) the way of the Lord," and "make his paths straight." (Matthew 3:3)

The appearing of Christ is necessarily attended by the seeming appearing of the opposer of Christ, the adversary, or Satan. After describing the appearing of "the woman clothed with the sun," John continues, in his book of Revelation, 12<sup>th</sup> chapter:

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. (Revelation 12: 3 & 4)

The Holy Bible speaks of two appearing's of Christ. The first appearing of Christ occurred in Palestine, two thousand years ago. At that time, and in that portion of the world's surface, there was born a male child, whose name was called Jesus. His

advent, becoming known to Herod, the representative of the pagan Roman Empire. Herod sought to destroy him by ordering the whole-sale slaughter of every male infant under two years of age in Palestine. But God hid Jesus in Egypt, and Herod's plot fell of its own weight. When Jesus grew to manhood, and reached his full stature as the male representative of the Christ --- Christ, who is forever spiritual, and not of the flesh, and whom Jesus himself antedated before Abraham --- he knew that he must lay down his so-called material life in the flesh, that he might take it again in Spirit. The instruments in the crucifixion of Jesus --- the man of flesh --- were the Roman pagan Empire and the apostate Jewish hierarchy, who put him to death because he said he was the Son of God. Jesus himself said, "The Son of man goeth, as it is written of him; but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man goeth. It were better for that man if he had not been born."

Christ Jesus overcame death and the tomb, rose triumphant over both, and resumed his life in God, Who is eternal Life, to prepare for his final battle with the dragon at his second appearing. This is the final phase of the battle of Truth against error, and it is the womanhood of God, represented through WOMAN at the second appearing of Christ, against the human flesh woman, Eve, represented today by the Roman Catholic Jesuitical system, or popery. It is significant, that the priests of popery, including the pope himself, affect the dress of a woman, thus pointing to the fact that the battle today is between the Christ-woman and the flesh woman.

The awful history of Roman Catholicism throughout the centuries, in Europe; the Inquisition; the wars against the Dutch; the massacre of St. Bartholomew; the persecutions and martyrdoms of the English and Scotch reformers; all of this record of a vain attempt to quench God's mighty Truth, and to stop or to retard the second and final appearing of Christ, by the papal hierarchy and popes, is known to all students of history. The words of Christ Jesus to the ecclesiastical hierarchy of his day, are spoken also to their successors, the papal hierarchy and pope, of today, who constitute the adversary, or anti-Christ:

Woe unto you!

Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they shall slay and persecute:

That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation. (Luke 11:47, 49, 50)

The same anarchistic, rebellions and cruel animus, which is the very spirit of anti-Christ, --- Roman Catholicism and popery --- today governs the activities of this foreign European institution, against the free republican governments and institutions of America, not only of the United States, but of Mexico, Nicaragua, and all of the South American republics. This will be analyzed further in a paper to be read from this Station (WHAP) in the near future. But we rejoice in the signs of the times, and we know that the activity of the dragon, popery, is one of the certain signs of the times, that the second appearing of Christ is nigh. Therefore, we again reiterate, no

Roman Catholic is, nor can he be, a citizen of the American Federal Republic; neither is Alfred E. Smith the governor of the State of New York, because his first allegiance is to the pope of Rome, a foreign potentate, and the anti-Christ.

St. John's vision of the heavenly City, as given to us in the Book, of Revelation, is the most marvellous and most exquisite pen picture ever written by man. Indeed, this vision was given to John directly by Christ; for John records that Christ said to him, on Patmos:

I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.

(Revelation 1:18 & 19)

That there is a spiritual City, a consciousness of perfect harmony and bliss, untouched by the woes of earth, and that this celestial City exists here on earth, for those who have spiritual understanding to see it and to be given inheritance in it, is fully attested by both Christ Jesus and by John. Into this Holy City, of divine consciousness, there cannot enter anything that defileth, nor maketh a lie; and for those who have inheritance in it, sorrow and sighing, sickness and pain, and all death, shall flee away. So saith the Scripture, the Holy Word of God.

This consummate result, is the effect of the battle between Christ, represented today through WOMAN, and the dragon, the pope of Rome, with victory on the banner of Christ. Do you realize, my fellow Americans, my listening air friends, the patriots of the twentieth century, that St. John, the great Revelator, records, that the final battle of Armageddon between Christ and the dragon, is represented as being fought between two women? Think of this, and ponder it well. John's words are not to be altered, by adding to or taking from them, for he clearly warns all not to change his Revelation by so much as a word. Christ, in the final Battle of Armageddon, is represented by "A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN," and the dragon, Christ's opposer, as "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." (Revelation 12:1 & 17:5)

It is significant, that the papal priests, including their head, the pope, affect the dress of women. The sun is the symbol of spiritual understanding. Mrs. Eddy says, that "the Revelator symbolizes Spirit by the sun." This marvellous woman, Mary Baker Eddy, the spiritual Seer of this age, the great interpreter of Christ at his second appearing, in the WOMANHOOD of GOD, has given battle to the dragon, the conceiver of flesh and blood, with all its sin, sickness and death, and has laid the foundations of the eternal City, on earth, that spiritual consciousness of the Father-Motherhood of God, which forever destroys the works of darkness, the abominations of the earth, its sorrows sin and death, and ushers in the dawn of the reign of Christ among men, when men shall walk the earth as angels.

I will read to you, the description of the Holy City, given by this "WOMAN

## CLOTHED WITH THE SUN," Mary Baker Eddy:

This sacred city, described in the Apocalypse (xxi. 16) as one that "lieth foursquare" and cometh "down from God, out of heaven," represents the light and glory of divine Science. The builder and maker of this New Jerusalem is God, as we read in the book of Hebrews; and it is "a city which hath foundations." The description is metaphoric. Spiritual teaching must always be by symbols. Did not Jesus illustrate the truths he taught by the mustard-seed and the prodigal? Taken in its allegorical sense, the description of the city as foursquare has a profound meaning. The four sides of our city are the Word, Christ, Christianity, and divine Science; "and the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there." This city is wholly spiritual, as its four sides indicate.

This heavenly city, limited by the Sun of Righteousness, --- this New Jerusalem, this infinite All, which to us seems hidden in the mist of remoteness,--- reached St. John's vision while yet he tabernacled with mortals. (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy 575:7-21 & 576:3-7.)

The WOMAN "brought forth a man child," so the sacred record continues, "who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." The "WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN," clad in the full spiritual understanding of the essential Fatherhood and Motherhood of God, which understanding is the light of the world, and which also excludes the counterfeit flesh belief of fatherhood and motherhood in flesh --- this WOMAN is the second appearing of Christ, the representative of immortal man, in the image and likeness of God, or the second appearing of Christ as WOMAN. Her child is the spiritual idea of generic man, the compound male and female of God's creating, as opposed to the subdivided man of the Adam-Eve, or dragon generation. Man is mental, spiritual, says Mrs. Eddy, and not carnal or material, or of the flesh at all. Flesh and blood is not man. The "CHILD" born of this spiritual understanding must partake of the spiritual nature of GOD, the Author of man and the universe, the only Creator, Life and Love.

For over forty years, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., has rung out the divine message of Christian Science, as taught to her by her Leader and Teacher, Mary Baker Eddy, in New York City, the metropolis of the world. This fearless disciple of Mary Baker Eddy, whom Mrs. Eddy frequently calls "My Precious Child," has stood valiantly for the essential spirituality and immortality of man, and the immortality, individuality and authority of her great Leader, and Teacher, Mary Baker Eddy, as the Voice of God to this age. Mrs. Stetson never ceases to proclaim, that Mary Baker Eddy will make her demonstration over the belief of death, even as Christ Jesus overcame death and the tomb; and she proclaims this mighty prophecy on the basis of Mary Baker Eddy's own words:

Spirit is infinite; therefore Spirit is All.

"There is no matter."

(*Miscellany* p. 357:22-23)

Take heart, dear sufferer, for this reality of being will surely appear sometime and in some way. There will be no more pain, and all tears will be wiped away. When you read this, remember Jesus' words, "The kingdom of God is within you." This spiritual consciousness is therefore a present possibility.

(S.&H 573:29 – 574:2)

The following clarion call was sounded many years ago by the world's greatest woman, the best woman that ever trod the globe, who spake as never woman spake, Mary Baker Eddy:

Never was there a more solemn and imperious call than God makes to us all, right here, for fervent devotion and an absolute consecration to the greatest and holiest of all causes. The hour is come. The great battle of Armageddon is upon us. The powers of evil are leagued together in secret conspiracy against the Lord and against His Christ, as expressed and operative in Christian Science. Large numbers, in desperate malice, are engaged day and night in organizing action against us. Their feeling and purpose are deadly, and they have sworn enmity against the lives of our standard-bearers.

What will you do about it? Will you be equally in earnest for the truth? Will you doff your lavender-kid zeal, and become real and consecrated warriors? Will you give yourselves wholly and irrevocably to the great work of establishing the truth, the gospel, and the Science which are necessary to the salvation of the world from error, sin, disease, and death? Answer at once and practically, and answer aright!

(*Miscellaneous Writings* 177:1-20.)

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