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Subject: THE MONROE DOCTRINE

On December 2, 1823, James Monroe, President of the United States of America, gave forth to the world, practically in one short sentence, reinforced by a few correlative clauses, a pronouncement that because of the mighty weight of its inherent authority has ever since been known as a DOCTRINE – and has been given the name, The Monroe Doctrine. The immediate and imperative effect of this pronouncement of James Monroe that did not carry the force or authority of legislative enactment, was in the words of the Austrian Statesman Von Goetz:

The separation of America from Europe has been completed irrevocably.

The attitude of American statesmen, since the time of President Monroe to our own day, upon the meaning, interpretation, and authority of the Monroe Doctrine has determined, not only their place in American history as true Americans or otherwise, but as well, the policy of the American Federal Republic in its relation to the rest of the world.

I will preface my remarks on THE MONROE DOCTRINE, with a short quotation from the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy's words are:

I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God. (Miscellany, p. 282.).

These words were written in a letter to the Boston Globe, in August, 1903, in reply to a telegram from the editor of that paper, addressed to Mrs. Eddy, requesting an expression of sentiment from her on the occasion of the ending of the war between Russia and Japan, by the treaty of Portsmouth. Mrs. Eddy's sentiment, just quoted, appears on a beautiful Banner, which hangs on the facade of the home of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D. (Mrs. Eddy's student and my teacher) at No. 7 West 96th Street, New York City.

The two paragraphs in Presidents Monroe's Message of December 2, 1823, containing the pith of the Monroe Doctrine follow:

We owe it, therefore, to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers to declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety.

With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered and shall not interfere. But with the governments who

have declared their independence and maintained it, and whose independence we have, on great consideration and on just principles, acknowledged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States.

A correspondent of the New York Times states, that the story is told that an English schoolboy, when asked to define the Monroe Doctrine, replied, "It is the religion of America." The Monroe Doctrine establishes, under the mandate of Christ, the western hemisphere as the beginning of the new era of heaven on earth – that pearl of great price, which Christ came once, and now comes again, to give to men the spiritual freedom of man in the image of GOD. This absolute freedom of conscience, under the dominion of Christ, was planted on the shores of the Western Hemisphere by the Pilgrim Fathers; and their mighty adventure, and their great spiritual pronouncement, struck the keynote of the spiritual, mental atmosphere of all the Americas, from the Arctic to the Western South Seas, and prepared this Hemisphere for the second appearing of Christ, whose reign shall be absolute and eternal.

In considering the Monroe Doctrine – the most potent national pronouncement ever proclaimed on earth – we find two outstanding features; namely, the "irrevocable" separation of the Western Hemisphere from the Eastern Hemisphere, and the setting forth of the supremacy, in the Western Hemisphere, of a "system" the direct opposite of the system which obtains and governs in the Eastern Hemisphere.

I have quoted the words of Mary Baker Eddy in regard to the Monroe Doctrine. My teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., Mrs. Eddy's student, has proclaimed for many months through the press, and is now through the medium of radio proclaiming freely to the world that the second coming of Christ on earth has its fulfillment in Mary Baker Eddy. This is in strict accord with the prophecy of John the Revelator, that Christ's second appearing would be in the form of a "woman clothed with the sun;" that is, endowed with full spiritual understanding and power, which endowment is the exclusive inheritance of the Christ who himself prophesied to his disciples, after the resurrection, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," (Matthew 8:18.). I, therefore, again quote Mrs. Eddy's words on the Monroe Doctrine:

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The inherent sacredness and spiritual authority of the Monroe Doctrine is thus recognized, set forth, and established, by Christ; and Mrs. Eddy's words are proof, that the Monroe Doctrine, which seemed to have been written by man, was indited under the direct inspiration of Christ, the ever-present and eternal Son of God.

First, we will consider the effect of the Monroe Doctrine as separating the two Hemispheres. I have already quoted Von Goetz, the Austrian statesman, who said, "The separation of America from Europe has been completed irrevocably." The pronouncement of Monroe loosened the hold of Europe in America. Two outstanding demonstrations of the operation of this principle were the expulsion of the French from Mexico at the time of Maximilian's short-lived reign, and the end of British supremacy in the Western Hemisphere in connection with the Venezuelan boundary dispute. I quote from Professor Albert Bushnell Hart's "The Monroe Doctrine; An Interpretation." Professor Hart says:

The Monroe Doctrine (is) a state of mind. It seems to have the sight of the Ten Commandments, which are not questioned or limited or construed but obeyed. The powerful sentences of James Monroe actually gave pause to European governments. Seward's dispatches with their rising confidence that the French could not wish to remain in Mexico, compelled Napoleon to give the order for the withdrawal of his troops. Olney's rhetoric was more cogent than all the logic of Lord Salisbury.

Professor Hart quotes a German sage as saying, "There is a special Providence for little children and the United States."

We now come to the consideration of the second principle of the Monroe Doctrine; that is, the antipodal character of the "systems" of America and Europe. A single sentence uttered apparently in the spontaneity of a routine Annual Message, yet having the force of holy commandment, must have had its inception and birth in the vital truth of the ages. The incident of Colonel Lindberg and his series of air flights to the Central and South American Republics and Mexico is a point of focus at this time for the American people, not only on the entire American problem, the miracle of the Western Hemisphere, but on the meaning and authority of the Monroe Doctrine.

A short rescue of the history of the spiritual development of the spiritual people of the earth – the Children of Israel – will give light upon the origin of the Western Hemisphere and its peculiar spiritual preparation for the second appearing of Christ and his reign on earth. Up to the beginning of the 16th century the Americas were virtually virgin soil. The civilizations on the Western continents before the coming of the Spaniards were the fruits of thousands of years of development; and there are many evidences here of a high degrees of intellectual and spiritual life that exactly correlates itself with the Israelitish national life in Egypt and in Palestine. Mexico and Peru abound in remains of old structures, including the pyramid, the Calendar Stone, the Signs of the Zodiac, and numberless symbolical ruined structures, all indicating a close relationship to Israelitish civilization. The civilization is known to have extended back for three thousand years. The worship of God was in spirit, if not wholly in form, similar to the Israelitish

conception of God. The great Aztec Empire under Montezuma that Cortez, the Spanish conqueror of Mexico, found in that region in the early part of the 16th century, and which he ruthlessly destroyed in the name of the pope of Rome, was, in its simplicity, homogeneity, power and wealth, much like the Kingdom of Israel under David, the prototype of Christ. The blight of Roman paganism, which, amalgamating the apostate Judaism, resisted Christ at his first coming and crucified Jesus of Nazareth, had not touched the Western Hemisphere. Hence, in the fulness of time, or at the beginning of the second century after Christ's first appearing; that is, in the year 1000, Christ directed Leif Ericson, the young Norseman, (Icelander) to discover America, and to reveal the virgin hemisphere in preparation for his second appearing. This was the first open sign of the final clash between the old "system" that governed in Europe and in the old or eastern hemisphere, and that as John says, received a deadly wound at Christ's first coming; and the new system of the final revelation of Christ's Christianity that should find a responsive soil in the virgin Western Hemisphere.

The European system of papal supremacy, whose agent was Spain, followed the coming of the Norseman, by sending their representative, the usurper Christopher Columbus, to "discover" what had already been discovered – the American hemisphere. Columbus spent some time in the year 1477 in Iceland, studying the Norse records of the voyages of the Norseman to America to help him to make his "discovery." A few years later the first of the Spanish conquerors came to Mexico and Peru to wrest from the Aztecs and Incas their fabulous wealth, and to plant the papal flag on the western continent. This was accomplished by the sword, the Inquisition, and the slavery of the Indians in the mines, so that, in the 300 years of Spanish rule in America, 50 millions of Indians were sacrificed to Spanish inhumanity.

Some of the events that preceded the issuing of the pronouncement of Monroe, both in Europe, and in America, are of interest.

The prime motives that actuated the Spaniards to come to America in the 16th century were to gain wealth and to establish the papal system in the Western Hemisphere. After 300 years of servitude, the Spanish colonies in Mexico and in South America, practically at the same moment, rose in their might and threw off the yoke of the oppressor. General Simon Bolivar and General San Martin were the liberators of South America, and the native priest Hidalgo began the revolution of Mexico and paid for his patriotism with his life; but his work was brought to a successful issue about a decade later when General Iturbide expelled the Spaniards from Mexico in 1821. A movement was at once begun in Europe to regain the Spanish colonies for Spain. A document was drawn up at Paris on September 25, 1815, and on November 20, 1815, a treaty was signed by England, Prussia, Russia and Austria that became the basis of the politico-religious combination known as the Holy Alliance. According to Dr. William T. Hull, Professor of History at Swarthmore College, this compact had two themes; namely, a religious (ecclesiastical) basis of government and mutual political insurance.

A preliminary Congress was held at Vienna that was attended by Lord Castlereagh as the English plenipotentiary, who promised Prince Metternich, chancellor and prime minister of Austria that he would participate in the Congress of Verona in the year 1823. However, on his way to the congress that was to be held for the purpose of forming the Holy Alliance, he passed out by his own hand; and Byron wrote an ode in which he accused him of selling his country. George Canning then assumed the premiership of England, and he instructed the Duke of Wellington, whom he chose to be England's representative, to take no part in the proceedings because the purpose of the Alliance was the overthrow of democratic government and the establishment of the princes and ecclesiastics. The Holy Alliance, therefore, was formed between Prussia, Russia and Austria that lasted only 35 years – a period of terrible oppression for Europe, says our own Henry Cabot Lodge. Canning, who favored constitutional government, and, by his attitude greatly strengthened the position of the United States and of the South American Republics and Mexico, obtained from the French ambassador, the Prince de Polignac, a signed memorandum declaring that France, like England, should regard the recovery of the colonies by Spain as hopeless, and that she would not assist Spain in their recovery. This paper struck at the very taproot of the motive of the Holy Alliance.

On this side of the water, the entire question of national independence and integrity was a lively topic, our own Revolution having sounded a new note of universal political and religious liberty throughout the world. The principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States was a part of the political thinking of every American statesman from the time of the Revolution. Jefferson had most frequently stated it. It was applied by Monroe, in collaboration with John Quincy Adams his Secretary of State, and his other advisers to the situation arising in 1823 in connection with the Holy Alliance and the Spanish American colonies.

Thus, the great Anglo-Saxon Christian principle of freedom of conscience was confirmed as applying to “every portion of this hemisphere,” having been first established on the western continents by Christ, when he directed the discovery of America by Leif Ericson, himself a primitive Christian, untainted by the papal system of Europe. Further, the complete and “irrevocable” separation of America from Europe was accomplished by this mighty pronouncement of Monroe. The system of Europe, or the Eastern Hemisphere, is the doctrine of the divine right of kings, with the entire caste system that this doctrine entails, and the supremacy of ecclesiastical domination. These principles were the foundation of the Holy Alliance in its two themes: religious (or ecclesiastical) basis of government, and the combined political defense of the princes for their own preservation. These two objects are abjured and renounced by our system of spiritual freedom that recognizes the authority of no earthly king, and establishes universal freedom of conscience by rejecting all ecclesiastical control. Our Constitution, which Mrs. Eddy also recognizes as divine, establishes this spiritual freedom of conscience by forbidding Congress in any way to recognize or establish any sectarian form of ecclesiasticism.

The system of the Eastern Hemisphere, having its root in Europe, is the dragon of John's Revelation that is at war with Christ. It is mental slavery to sin, disease and death; the smothering yoke of priestcraft that Jesus denounced; the rod of mental oppression and fear wielded by the hands of despots such as those who "crucified the Lord of glory, and put him to an open shame." This oppressive system that has its root in Europe is not indigenous to America, but it is a foreign importation; and Christ will expel it from his continents, of the Western Hemisphere. The Monroe Doctrine so pronounces. This is why the first appearing of Christ's Christianity must first be recognized and established in America, and indeed it has already been established.

The system of America is the free course of the pure teaching of Christ in the hearts of men. While it is true that the Gospel of Christ is free to all the world, and the love of God is universal, yet this Gospel is not yet received by all men, nor is the love of God reflected by all peoples. There were localities, even in Palestine where Christ came first, in which it is recorded that Christ Jesus could not do his mighty works because of their unbelief. It is not possible to gain response to the Gospel of Christ and his absolute reign of harmony in the heart from men whose minds are controlled by their allegiance to earthly kings, princes, priests or tyrants. Our divine institutions and documents that include our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, and our Monroe Doctrine that forbid the establishment of the European system in "any portion of this hemisphere" prohibit this, or any other foreign allegiance.

The legitimate fruit of the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, is the demonstration of harmony of body and mind and estate. This is the proof of Jesus' teaching, and he demonstrated the truth and power of his teaching in his own experience, even to the complete conquest of death. Scholastic theology, which is the daughter of papal paganism, gives no proof of the spiritual vitality of Christ's Christianity by healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, or raising the dead as Jesus commanded. It is really part of the system of Europe, which is prohibited on the soil of the Western Hemisphere by our Monroe Doctrine.

On the border between Chile and Argentina, in the Andes mountains, there stands a colossal statue of Christ with the inscription, "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." (Eph. 2:14). In the Harbor of New York, there stands a mighty statue of a woman, presented to the American nation by France. This statue is symbolically known as "Liberty," but it is really the symbol of the second appearing of Christ, as "a woman clothed with the sun" of righteousness. It is significant that this beautiful symbol that now bears an ever-illuminated torch in her right hand, was placed in our harbor in 1886, the year that Mrs. Eddy sent Mrs. Stetson to New York City to "establish the Christianity of Christian Science."

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The people of all the Americas are arising in spiritual awakening, to shake off scholastic theology and papal control, for the doom of the dragon is sealed, and his end is come. All power belongs to Christ, on earth and in heaven; and his recognized reign must begin in America, prepared for centuries for this event. The Monroe Doctrine is indeed the "religion" of America, because it prohibits all allegiance to any other power but Christ, who alone is King.

I close with an extract from *Science and Health*, by Mary Baker Eddy:

The Supreme Bench decides in favor of intelligence, that no law outside of divine Mind can punish or reward Mortal Man. Your personal jurors in the Court of Error are myths. Your attorney, False Belief, is an impostor, persuading Mortal Minds to return a verdict contrary to law and gospel. The plaintiff, Personal Sense, is recorded in our Book of books as a liar. Our great Teacher of mental jurisprudence speaks of him also as "a murderer from the beginning." We have no trials for sickness before the tribunal of divine Spirit. There, Man is adjudged innocent of transgressing physical laws, because there are no such laws. Our statute is spiritual, our Government is divine. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (S&H 441:25-4).

The spiritual Declaration of Independence of America is based upon the first chapter of Genesis, which records the Christianly scientific fact, according to Christian Science, that God made man in His own image, the image of Spirit, eternal Life and Love, our Father-Mother; therefore man is spiritual and immortal. The opposite of this spiritual Declaration of Independence is the second chapter of Genesis, which is the foundation of scholastic theology, or the European system that has no place in America. The commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me (Spirit, Mind, Soul, Principle, God.)"