

impossible, someone in heaven should say, How fortunate that we are not in a world where there are sin, sickness, and trouble, he would be talking of a suppositional opposite world. Yet such is the world which we have ignorantly believed real, at best a dream from which we have to wake up.

5 There is not a single proof that can be advanced that this material so-called state of consciousness is not just as much a dream as the worst nightmare that anyone ever had. As Zophar said: "He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found" (Job. 20:8).

"Health, peace, salvation universal,

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Is it a dream?

Nay, but the lack of it a dream,

And failing it, life's love and wealth a dream,

And all the world a dream" (*Walt Whitman*).

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on and our little life is rounded  
15 with a sleep" (Shakespeare). "And surely it is not a melancholy conceit to think we are all asleep in this world, and that the conceits of this life are as mere dreams" (Sir Thomas Browne). "For we are born at all adventure: and we shall be hereafter as though we had never been" (Wisdom of Solomon 2:2). "Human life is a dream and a journey in a  
20 strange land" (Marcus Aurelius).

**Cause Must be Good.**—God, being cause, must be good; for evil is negative, and cannot therefore be an original creator. If two causes, one good and the other evil, originally existed, one must have destroyed the other long ago. The very nature of evil is self-destructive.

25 One of the proofs of the non-reality of matter is the evil that appears to exist. If matter were real then the evil would be real, and God, good, must have made it, as God created everything. If God created it, good alone is responsible for the evil. This is impossible. Evil could not emerge from good. If it is an unreality, God cannot even know of it.

30 How is it possible that there should be a God who is Love itself, who could possibly fail to relieve the human race, if He were conscious of the trouble? God's consciousness, the Christ, is seen as spiritual perfect man, self-consciousness or understanding of good, which therefore cannot be conscious of evil. Even a human being cannot be conscious of evil whilst  
35 he is conscious of even relative human "good."

## THE SO-CALLED EVOLUTION OF THE MATERIAL WORLD

"The law of evolution applicable to living beings is also applicable to simple bodies; chemical species are no more invariable than are living species"  
40 (Dr. Le Bon).

From what has been already said, you will see that the so-called material world is simply a world of false sense, apparently originating in material thoughts or lines of force, matter being a manifestation of these thoughts. Material man and all lesser phenomena are but the illegitimate offspring  
45 originating in a false mentality.

Consequently, spiritual evolution, or the continual grouping together of the perfect ideas in heaven throughout eternity is the only true evolution, and what is now put before you is merely an accurate statement of the

false belief about the spiritual world, as it falsely appears in human consciousness. "The use of a lie is that it unwittingly confirms Truth, when handled by Christian Science, which reverses false testimony and gains a knowledge of God from opposite facts, or phenomena" (Mary Baker Eddy).

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**Birth and Death.**—Material evolution appears to take place through a process of birth and death, which are now found to be merely temporary successive changes, false views of the real and permanent men, animals, plants, and mineral life, counterfeiting the glorious, spiritual heaven and earth and men, which have been discovered to be always here at hand, 10 whatever we may have appeared to see, hear, or think to the contrary. This will soon be almost universally acknowledged and the instantaneous nature of the effect of this intelligent acceptance by the majority is now to be put before you.

**Lines of Force.**—The starting of the material world, as far as one 15 can say that such a thing ever started, was simply the false non-mental concept, appearing as lines of force or material thoughts,<sup>1</sup> and everything that has what is called happened, or is going to happen materially has always existed, as far as it can be said to exist at all, in the form of thoughts of which we successively become conscious.<sup>2</sup> These material thoughts have 20 no existence, as they are at best but the false claim of a false sense of existence.

**Electrons.**—As this so-called start of a material world is merely lines of force, so-called material evolution continues, as it were, in a dream, and the electrons appear, as already explained. 25

The production of the electron by the action of one line of force upon another is the first example of the action of the male and female, the false belief in, not only a material cause, but a divided cause, and as a consequence, an apparent lack of certain qualities in each individual consciousness. 30

**Aqueous Vapour.**—"*Particles gradually accreting out of the formless mist*"<sup>3</sup> (Sir William Crookes).

These electrons mass together, and appear as aqueous vapour, of which the whole of the illusive material universe at one stage consists. Then the particles begin to revolve, and ultimately the whole of our solar system 35 appears as a mass of aqueous vapour revolving round a centre, that which is known as one of countless suns. Since this knowledge came to me, one of the leading astronomers in America has publicly stated, in a paper read by him, that he has proved mathematically that the world evolved from aqueous vapour, and not from fiery gases. Having to introduce Sir Robert 40 Ball, when he gave his lecture on "Comets," at the Queen's Hall, I had an opportunity of a long talk with him on the origin of the comets and other

<sup>1</sup> "Sin existed as a false claim before the human concept of sin was formed" (*Retrospection and Introspection*, p. 67, Mary Baker Eddy).

<sup>2</sup> "The belief of sin . . . is an unconscious error in the beginning,—an embryonic thought without motive; but afterwards it governs the so-called man" (*Science and Health*, p. 188, Mary Baker Eddy).

<sup>3</sup> Presidential Address to the Chemical Society, March 28, 1888.

moving bodies in the heavens, and he told me that he knew of nothing that would prevent the theory that I had put before him from being correct. Charles A. Young, Professor of Astronomy at Princeton, says in *Elements of Astronomy*: "It appears probable that the original nebula instead of being purely gaseous . . . was made up of finely divided particles of solid or liquid matter." Dr. Le Bon also has written: "Atomic elements . . . only seem to be nuclei of condensation in the ether. . . . What was to be one day the universe was then only constituted of shapeless clouds of ether."

10 **The Constellations.**—As time appears to pass, portions of this aqueous vapour become detached by centrifugal force, and themselves begin to revolve; and as these separate portions of aqueous vapour become compressed by the force of gravity, so the sun and different planets that revolve round it are formed.<sup>1</sup> Whoever connected the symbolic accounts of the  
15 Creation that we find in the first and second chapters of the Book of Genesis, was evidently inspired, because it may be recollected that the second account or symbolic idea of how the material world started, begins in the sixth verse of the second chapter with the words, "But there went up a mist from the earth." Ever since its formation the earth has been getting  
20 steadily hotter owing to the compression due to gravity.<sup>2</sup> This the above-mentioned American astronomer also confirms.

**So-called Solid Matter.**—The action of gravity continues, and gradually, through countless changes,<sup>3</sup> solid matter is formed. First the mineral, then vegetable life appear, so like the mineral that there is hardly  
25 any line of demarcation.<sup>4</sup> Then so-called evolution goes slowly on and higher thoughts become apparent, and vegetable life is followed by the lowest animal life, which is indistinguishable from it. This material evolution continues through the different grades of animal life, the amœba, worm, reptile, mammal, and higher forms of animals up to the Catarrhine  
30 ape, and, finally, the material man, whose evolution steadily continues and will appear to continue until everything objectionable or even limited has disappeared, self-destroyed.

"Move upward, working out the beast  
And let the ape and tiger die" (*Tennyson*).

35 The successive changes through which the child in the womb passes, before it is ultimately born as a human being, are among the many proofs

<sup>1</sup> Sir George Darwin, of Cambridge University, thinks that the earth and moon formed one body at least a million years ago.

40 <sup>2</sup> I have since read that Lord Kelvin is said to have held that gravity was amply sufficient to account for the underground heat of the earth, the heat of the sun, and that of all the stars (*Astronomy of To-day*, by C. G. Dolmaye).

<sup>3</sup> Sir Charles Lyal estimates the minimum of time necessary to produce the geological formations at 200 millions of years. Huxley estimated that 1,000 million years had elapsed since the beginning of the incrustation of the earth.

45 <sup>4</sup> Professor Schrön has shown how molecules of matter pass first through a granular phase, and then a fibrous phase before becoming finally homogeneous. Thus, the future crystal behaves like a living being. According to Ostwald, crystals can generate spontaneously, and also by affiliation. The former has been believed to be impossible to the living being.

not generally known of this sequence of evolution. During this evolution of each separate class of material phenomena everything becomes more like its spiritual reality as the material counterfeits advance towards self-destruction. For instance, the flowers of to-day are not only more gorgeous, but many are exquisite in their sweet simplicity and purity. 5

That everything becomes steadily less material is one of the proofs that matter is always advancing towards its final disappearance. This is equally true of every individual mortal of to-day, although it is not apparent owing to the increasing wrong thoughts attacking him.

**Material Man.**—The human conception of man appears at first hardly 10 more than a mere brute beast; then he begins to obtain a knowledge of good, his love towards his family being probably his earliest good. Then the knowledge of good gradually evolves until man recognises the existence of a being superior to himself, and begins to lift his thoughts in what is known as prayer. As with the other classes of matter, the local evolution 15 of races continues, constantly slowing down through men turning to many gods, instead of to the one God.

**The Idea of God Evolving.**—The idea of God gradually evolving, penetrates through the "mist" of human consciousness, as recorded in the Bible, until we learn how to pray rightly, and obtain a knowledge of what 20 God really is, namely, a living Principle, absolute good; Life itself, Love itself, Truth itself. We prove our knowledge of God by the effects which follow, and such demonstration of the Christ Truth is Immanuel, or God with us. (See Matt. 1:23.)

John Stuart Mill said: "Every question that has God in it passes 25 through three stages: ridicule, discussion, adoption." We are now in the third or final stage, and all over the world men are beginning to recognise that there is no such thing as matter, and that the only reality is God. In its fullest significance the term God includes manifestation—the spiritual kingdom. 30

**The Inevitable End of Matter.**—"*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away*" (Rev. 21:4). "*They shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away*" (Isa. 51:11). 35

When enough, not in numbers but in clearness and depth of thought, recognise the non-reality of matter, they act as one great open channel for the action of God, and every manifestation of evil, that is, all sin, sickness, worries, troubles, and limitations—all this material sense of things, with its self-destructive laws, its illogical sense of existence, its 40 remorseless tyranny, and suicidal ignorance, disappears, and all mankind are freed. We then find ourselves perfect and divine, expressing God, and in a perfect world, absolutely joyous, governed by Life, Truth, and Love. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea" (Rev. 45 21:1). This is what is falsely called "the end of the world." It is really the end of all evil and limitation, the end of what Carlyle speaks of as the "ever-dying universe."

When the end of evil comes, thank God it comes for the whole of humanity and for the whole of the material kingdom. "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to [openly acknowledge] God" (Rom. 14:11). (See Isaiah 45, 5 verse 23). "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (II Peter 3:13). "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. . . . and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard" (Isa. 65:17, 19). "We now know that matter 10 vanishes slowly, and consequently is not destined to last for ever" (Dr. Le Bon). Sir William Crookes in *Modern Views of Matter* says: "This fatal quality of atomic dissociation appears to be universal. . . . The whole range of human experience is all too short to afford a parallax whereby the date of the extinction of matter can be calculated."

15 **Meaning of the End of the World.**—"The Lord said . . . as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord" (Num. 14:20, 21). "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God" (Rom. 8:19).

There is a widespread disinclination to face that unpopular event 20 ignorantly called "the end of the world." This has arisen from an entirely mistaken view of the event, and it is due to the ignorance of what is then really about to take place, and of the real meaning of the second coming of Christ, that so many incorrect prophecies of the date have been put forward; so many, indeed, that the whole subject has come to be looked 25 upon by those who have not studied the question as more or less ridiculous, and any serious consideration of it as unpractical.

Now that it is understood to mean solely the end of all troubles and limitations, and that this end has been found to rest upon a scientific basis that can, and indeed must, be understood and demonstrated, it will be 30 seen that no question of to-day demands more urgent and careful attention. It is of vital importance to every individual on earth, and for this reason: If the ushering in of that greatest event in human experience finds mankind asleep and ignorant of how to face it, then it will be forced upon the attention by a series of unparalleled disasters. On the other hand, should 35 it find the world awake and instructed how to meet it, there will be a time of unspeakable joy and gladness with perfect health and normal human enjoyment; complete immunity from all temptation to sin; a progressive unfoldment of tangible beauties hitherto undreamed of; universal harmonious relations between individuals and nations, with 40 mental co-operation on an ever-widening scale. There are definite and indispensable human footsteps, however, before this great end can be reached and the gloom of night change to the glory of eternal day.

It has been truly said, "Until metaphysical science becomes popular, the weak or vain will never advocate it." Proofs of the value of the true 45 science of mind can be obtained by anyone, and even its popularity is now close upon us. Nothing is more astonishing to an intelligent thinker than that, with all the illumination thrown upon human life by the law of good, the utterances of prophets, earth's wisest scientific writers, and the

manifest effects of scientific demonstration (which anyone with a little trouble can verify for himself), even a single individual should for a moment delay to learn of Truth, until the inevitable moment arrives when he is forced by suffering to gain this knowledge.

The "end of the world" simply means the end of all false material 5 mentality, all sin, sickness, worries, troubles, and limitations, literally their final disappearance, even to remembrance, for ever. All matter is dematerialised, melts into nothing, "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (I John 2:17). "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God 10 shall stand for ever" (Isa. 40:8). "The earth [the material sense of earth] is clean dissolved" (Isa. 24:19). "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God" (I Cor. 15:50). In other words, we all wake up from this self-maintained dream, to find ourselves in an absolutely glorious world, in which we, the real beings, have always been and always shall be. 15 "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed" (I Cor. 15:51).

As the result of the rapid spreading of truth that is now taking place all over the world,<sup>1</sup> the prophecy of Hosea in chapter 13, verse 14 will be fulfilled: "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem 20 them from death," and the whole of humanity will find that they are in reality perfect, deathless beings, with perfect powers—for example, the power of going instantly from one place to another (that is, from one idea, or group of ideas, to another), the power of mentally speaking to or hearing any one, and of knowing instantly anything needed. In fact, all will find 25 themselves made in the image and likeness of God, that is to say, expressing the attributes of God. It is through the Christ, Truth, that this marvellous change takes place. Our salvation "is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God." Jesus said: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up [the Christ will lift him up in con- 30 sciousness] at the last day" (John 6:44).

We shall then not only find that we see everything as it really is, but we shall understand and appreciate the wondrous fellow-beings around us. "He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up 35 death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces" (Isa. 25:7, 8).

**The Power of Truth.**—"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. 45:22).

Archimedes is reported to have said: "Give me a fulcrum on which to 40 rest, and I will move the earth." An earnest or logical thinker cannot fail to see the avalanche now let loose upon the world, and that the truth now plainly set forth, demonstrated as it has been by innumerable incontestable

<sup>1</sup> The growth of the knowledge that is going to bring about the end is increasing in geometrical progression; that is, the increase in each year is far greater than in the 45 previous year. Like a rolling snowball the knowledge grows. Dr. Le Bon, in *The Evolution of Matter*, points out the great effects that are thus produced by very small changes in a cause, not only physically, but socially. He states that "this observation will explain many historical events."

proofs, must either be blasphemy, so pernicious that it is practically inconceivable, or it inaugurates a final revolution, increasing the action of the only lever that can, and is, moving the whole world—the lever of right thinking resting on the fulcrum of Truth.

5 **Be of One Mind.**—“*Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel*” (Phil. 1:27).

The power of this unanimity of thought in even a small circle was shown on the day of Pentecost when “they were all with one accord [like-minded] in one place. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy  
10 Ghost” (Acts 2:1, 4).

It must be clear to anyone that if thought is the basis of everything, the majority, not estimated by numbers, but by power, resulting from clearness of thought, must rule even a million-fold clouded minority. “Be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment”  
15 (I Cor. 1:10). As shown hereafter, judgment is the destruction of evil by the denial of evil. When those realising that there is no reality in matter, and that the only reality is spiritual, form a majority in weight of thought, the minority instantly recognise it, and, as this *general recognition* constitutes the only law that can possibly act, this false material sense must  
20 cease, and can never again have even its illusory sense of existence. It is the denial, or Angel Michael, that brings this end.<sup>1</sup>

As all that is necessary is to change the general “thought,” it will be easily recognised that individual work cannot be too highly estimated in these days of rapid circulation of knowledge. “Great floods have flown  
25 from simple sources” (Shakespeare).

**The End Unexpected.**—“*There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. . . . Nevertheless we, according to his promise,*  
30 *look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness*” (II Peter 3:3, 4, 13). “*For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape*” (I Thess. 5:3).

“They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,  
35 . . . And knew not until the flood<sup>2</sup> came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. . . . Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. . . . For in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matt. 24:38, 39, 42, 44). He “shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not

40 <sup>1</sup> Daniel says: “And at the time of the end . . . shall Michael stand up, the great prince . . . and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was . . . and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one . . . and they that turn many to righteousness [shall shine] as the stars for ever and ever” (Dan. 11:40, and 12:1, 3). Mrs. Eddy writes: “When God bids one uncover iniquity, in order to  
45 exterminate it, one should lay it bare. . . . ‘Nothing is hid that shall not be revealed.’ It is only a question of time when God shall reveal His rod and show the plan of battle” (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 348).

<sup>2</sup> The last flood will take a literary form, the outpouring of ideas of truth submerging all human hypotheses.

aware of" (Matt. 24:50). "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 25:13).

So rapid and efficient are the means of communicating with the mass of mankind to-day that there is no difficulty in impressing the majority of the thinking world at any given moment with any aspect of truth. Let the thoughtful consider seriously the result of such collective change of thought on any previously accepted fundamental subjects, even upon the reality of evil, matter, and death. 5

**Troubles at the End.**—"*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be*" (Matt. 24:21). 10

Right throughout the Bible we are told of the troubles for which we have now to prepare. The modern seers, foreseers of the cinematographic pictures called the material world, fully confirm those of the past.

Even if we put aside the whole Bible as a gigantic fable, we must, in the light of present knowledge, admit the liability to danger from the forthcoming unparalleled disasters and troubles that accompany the end of this dissolving dream. Shall we meet them as masters or servants? "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, . . . Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (II Tim. 3:1, 2, 5). Every prophecy dealing with this subject foretells the horrors which are now not the less near because only just beginning to be recognised by the "watchmen on Mount Ephraim." (See Hosea 9:8 and Jeremiah 31:6.) "Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. . . . Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate. . . . And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible" (Isa. 13:6, 9, 11). 20 25 30

It will be seen, by those who understand the apparent action of false mentality, that these troubles are no individual fancy of the prophets, but are inevitable, logical conclusions, resulting from the thought-intensifying action of human consciousness, until instructed in truth. The mad panics from fear of fire and the way that one patient becoming hysterical in a hospital ward will cause other patients to follow suit, are instances of the way that evils will sweep over the world. To stem the tide of this "flood" of evil, solely the result of suicidal ignorance, is the greatest privilege and highest possible work of man and woman to-day. 35

**The Power of United Right Thinking.**—The practical omnipotence that lies behind collective right thinking is signified by Isaiah in the chapter following that above quoted, where he says: "The Lord of hosts [collective] hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: . . . this is the hand [spiritual power] that is stretched out upon all the nations. For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it?" (Isa. 14:24, 26, 27). 40 45

**The Darkest Hour.**—"*There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. . . .*"



*And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold*" (Matt. 24:7, 8, 12).

Sin brings its own hourly punishment, though the sequence is not always recognised at the time. This trouble increases and becomes ultimately so terrible in its last stage that in despair a world turns to God as the only hope of relief. "Satan produces all the maladies which afflict mankind" (Martin Luther). The love of sin will be quenched through the dread of suffering. It is only needful to learn and practise the method of right thinking now set forth, to obtain complete immunity against every form of evil. If sufficient know the truth they can protect a tortured world.

All prophets have foretold terrible times of suffering when the end comes. Not only do the thoughts exist in theory that will be manifested as these troubles, but as the world more generally recognises that matter is only a manifestation of "thought," so will it be much easier for anyone to get results; consequently if a man thinks wrongly about himself, it will have much more effect in a year's time than it has now, and it has far more effect now than it had two years ago. Most people are frequently picturing discordant conditions in connection with themselves throughout the day, and such wrong thinking will be much more dangerous in the near future than at the present time; as even when a man knows that such false thoughts are harming him, either causing his trouble or rendering it more likely to happen, he cannot cease this deleterious process unless he knows, and indeed has practised, the true art of right thinking, which is an essential necessity of life.

On the other hand, owing to the general mental awakening, right thinking is even now far more effective for good than ever before, both upon individuals and the masses. In fact, so effective is it, that what is only the natural result of law and order is termed by the uninstructed onlooker a miracle.

Any who do not know "the truth," and do not know how to pray rightly, will have a terrible time in these last days. We have to gain as great an understanding as possible from now onwards, so as to protect, not only our best-loved ones and those nearest in touch with us, but also as large a number as possible from the immediate effects of their ignorance and consequent wrong picturing, or imaging forth of evil.

We must start at once to gain this knowledge of truth, for Jesus himself has pointed out that "the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). Even now, if a worker is attacked by, for instance, severe pain, before he is sufficiently advanced in the knowledge of God, he loses all power of helping himself, and has to appeal to a fellow-worker for relief.

**The Loosing of the Devil.**—"*The great dragon was cast out, . . . into the earth, and . . . persecuted the woman . . . and went to make war with the remnant of her seed*" (Rev. 12:9, 13, 17). "*And I saw an angel come down from heaven . . . And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand*

*years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season”* (Rev. 20:1-3).

There could not have been so many centuries of diabolical cruelties had there not been some mistaken motives and some hidden evil at work. It is only now that we know what this evil was, although Paracelsus cleared up a good deal of the mystery. He showed, for instance, that the clay figures used by witches, into which pins were stuck, were merely used as mechanical aids to assist in the intensification of the so-called “thoughts” of those unhappy channels of this diabolical black art. Mohammed recognised this evil power sufficiently even to prohibit the use of chessmen modelled in human form. It must not be thought for a moment that this evil, this skeleton in the cupboard, has been finally disposed of by any such periodic temporary imprisonments; for this “Devil, and Satan,” has merely been “bound,” and the Apocalyptic vision is now just about to be finally fulfilled, when “The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time” (Rev. 12:12). Fortunately, Truth is first in the field.

In old days it was comparatively easy to locate the practiser of witchcraft, until fear became frenzy and discrimination disappeared in wholesale slaughter. In the days now just upon us, when the door to this human so-called power, devilish to both practiser and victim, has been unlocked, it follows that every member of the community must be either a channel for good, or else a practiser of witchcraft, knowingly or unknowingly; actively engaged either on the side of God or “the devil”; dealing out life and good or death and its attendant forerunners, sin, suffering, and sickness. Horrors hitherto unconceived of will be experienced, except by those who know enough of the truth not only to warn their fellow-creatures, but to put plainly before them the remedy, whilst they themselves are steadily and daily working in a haven of peace and safety. These will still the tempest and stem the tide of the sea of iniquity that is about to flood the material earth, and harm any unfortunate enough to be still resting on an illusory, material basis.

It is a significant and most instructive fact that this diabolical mania followed the last great liberation of thought. Again we stand on the threshold of a threatened repetition of the same conditions, only in a much more aggravated form, and of a more extensive, nay, world-wide nature. The last liberation of thought was a mere rushlight in comparison with the general conflagration now liable to take place; hence we must learn how to protect ourselves from these troubles, by rising into a higher plane of conscious action. In this way, not only do we render ourselves immune against any form of evil, but we free ourselves from the minor troubles to which we have grown accustomed, and can destroy the dangerous thoughts before they affect others.

**Satan Loosed for Destruction.**—“*That old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan . . . must be loosed a little season. . . . And shall go out to deceive the nations . . . and fire [purification] came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them*” (Rev. 20:2, 3, 8, 9).

Those not understanding the illusive nature of evil may ask, Why

let people know this if it is so harmful? The answer is, that ignorance is no safeguard. The world is ready, and it is time to uncover evil; <sup>1</sup> to let people see what they are doing; to state the truth, and so save the victims from the results of their own wrong thinking; to enable the victims to  
 5 protect themselves and those malpractising on them; to hasten the passing of legislation that will chain this growing evil; and, most important of all, to bring the evil up to the surface so that the true workers will see and destroy it, and so rapidly hasten its forthcoming end. The angel has thrust in his sickle, for the harvest of the earth (the scientific world) is ripe, and  
 10 will be reaped, although the vine of the earth is not yet ready for the sharp sickle (see Rev. 14:15). This latter moment was foreseen in the Apocalypse as this devil that deceives being "cast into the lake of fire [purification] . . . for ever and ever" (Rev. 20:10). "But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come"  
 15 (Mark 4:29).

A pure consciousness, believed to be John the Evangelist, to whom we owe an eternal debt of gratitude for having pierced the veil of the future, holds down to us in vivid types exactly what is threatening. "The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath  
 20 but a short time" (Rev. 12:12). The teachings of Jesus on the subject are equally clear. He said: "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matt. 24:22).

Now the remedy is at hand whereby, instead of meeting brute beast  
 25 with brute beast, we can protect these poor victims of infernal thoughts, both by destroying the thoughts as they commence to act, and also by forewarning the victims and showing them beforehand the way to think, so that they can get out of their difficulties. Fighting as beast against beast, never did help man permanently out of his difficulties; the only fight has  
 30 to be in our own consciousness, where the evil thoughts have to be denied and so destroyed.

We have to obey the words of Moses, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live" (Ex. 22:18), but we have to do this, not by putting a criminal behind a closed door, or by destroying the mechanical structure called a  
 35 body, and so leaving the evil free to continue its course, but by the destruction of the devilish thoughts and the purification of the minds of these victims, and this we must do by clearing our own thoughts upon the subject, and not by dwelling in thought upon the evil.

It should never be forgotten that these "thoughts," even when working  
 40 in their most deadly form, are absolutely powerless in the face of truth understood and applied, either by the victim who "thinks" them, or by anyone else working on his behalf.

**Signs of the End.**—"And there shall be signs . . . and upon the earth distress of nations, . . . Men's hearts failing them for fear, . . .  
 45 for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of

<sup>1</sup> "It is a rule in Christian Science never to repeat error unless it becomes requisite to bring out Truth. Then lift the curtain, let in the light" (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 346, Mary Baker Eddy).

*man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh*" (Luke 21:25-28). "*Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing*" (Isa. 35:5, 6). 5

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (II Thess. 2:3, 4). This is a 10 warning against the inflation of human personality that in some cases accompanies the recognition of man's mental powers. When this comes about, those with a knowledge of the letter, but lacking the spirit of Christianity, that is, sufficient love of their fellow-men, exercise their human will-power as a means of dominating their fellows. This will- 15 power is "non-mental," and pure hypnotism.

Fortunately the end of all evil is at hand. Through the mist of materiality gleams the brightness of Christ's coming, although "we . . . groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our 20 body" (Rom. 8:23). We are losing our ignorance, and all over the world the knowledge that man is a perfect spiritual being in heaven now, is breaking through, and coming to people of all denominations. "As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:27). "And then shall that Wicked 25 be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (II Thess. 2:8, 9).

Sin, sickness, troubles, limitations, and even matter, are a non-reality, merely false concepts, and capable of being easily and effectually destroyed, 30 bit by bit, through a knowledge of how to think rightly. All over the world troubles of every kind are being got rid of, and extraordinary results are being obtained by all classes; so extraordinary that people do not care to speak of them, except to those whom they find have had similar experiences. One of the best-known clergymen in England told me that he 35 dared not tell any of his congregation the things that had been happening to him. Another, equally well known, said that he had been "simply doing miracles." In both these cases they had been working in the way to be explained later. Another friend, a staid, elderly man of business, told me that he had not said a word to anyone of the powers that he had dis- 40 covered in himself, as he was afraid that his hearers would think he was going mad. Doctors and scientific men have told me things that they have not dared to tell others, as they did not want to be called either fools or liars. What does all this mean? It only means that thought is getting loosened, that the general belief that it is impossible to act mentally on so- 45 called matter is disappearing, and it is therefore much easier to obtain results. Jesus and the prophets pointed out that this would be the case, when the end came. Speaking of the true workers, he said: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works

than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12). "For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel" (John 5:20).

5 **Education.**—Too much attention cannot be paid to this vital question. Education does not require to be done away with. The demand of progress is for higher and more scientific training. This must consist of an elimination of false material foundations and the substitution of the eternal facts of truth, whereby man can prove each step as he advances  
10 towards the glorious reality that lies within—within reach of his own consciousness.

The first lesson to be learned is the fallacy of the limitations that have hitherto bound us down to mental groping in the dark. "There is no dearth of learned formulas to conceal our ignorance" (Dr. Le Bon). On  
15 account of this ignorance the majority have been condemned to spend nearly all their time, day after day, in ceaseless material steps, and even thus they merely eke out a precarious and unsatisfactory existence, to be shared by those who have been hitherto ignorantly thought to be "dependent on them." These wearisome efforts are all made in the face of a  
20 certainty of ultimate death and a constant possibility of endless troubles and misery, even for those who are most loved, until they meet with what is dreaded by nearly all, and yet is ignorantly called a "happy release."

The second lesson to be learned is that infinite possibilities of good lie at our door, merely waiting the exercise of an unrecognised capacity  
25 inherent in every individual. God-given powers are available for everyone. Why delay to claim our rightful inheritance of unlimited good?

The question is: How is this rightful inheritance to be attained? There is only one answer: by treatment. Treatment is the realisation of the spiritual facts concerning God and man, the dwelling in uplifted thought  
30 on an ever-present God who is All-in-all, and on His infinite manifestation. The practitioner "effacing the claim of material personality and sense testimony, and fixing his thought steadfastly upon God and the Christ-idea, rises to the realisation of God's omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, and omni-action, and through this aspiring sense, this clarified  
35 vision, exalted desire, and genuine meekness, he finds his ascension 'unto the Father,' he enters the 'holy of holies,' where sense is lost in sight, 'and beholds God's work finished and complete.' This conscious realisation reveals the immaculate concept, unsullied, uncontaminated, and unconditioned by matter, as it was 'in the beginning.' The displacement  
40 and effacement of false sense by the assimilation of the truth heals, and there dawns the innate and supreme satisfaction which is born of the understanding that God is All-in-all . . . Jesus demonstrated this God-likeness of consciousness. This satisfied sense was his abiding state, and it is thus seen that it is indigenous to all true individuality or spirituality"  
45 (E. C. Romery, in the *Christian Science Sentinel*, September 30, 1911).

This conscious realisation of God flooding our consciousness, as we blend all thoughts with our Maker and ascend into the regions of purest thought, heals not only sickness, but sin; it removes from our hearts all

sense of human personality, all sense of material desires and difficulties, and gives an unspeakable knowledge of the constant presence and infinite protection of the triune God—Life, Truth, and Love—which uplifts and sustains us above all material troubles, giving an abiding sense of “the peace of God, which passeth all understanding” (Phil. 4:7). “In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength” (Isa. 30:15). “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (II Cor. 3:17). 5

## HEAVEN

First let me summarise the position. Heaven is not a far-off distant state which we reach by death, but a perfect state of consciousness existing *now*. 10 Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you,” and the alternative marginal translation is “The kingdom of God is among you” (Luke 17:21); that is to say, all the love, life, truth, joy, wisdom, knowledge, and beauty that we see around us is part of heaven, permanent and perfect. In front of the spiritual man may be said to flash a series of cine- 15 matograph pictures, which pass at the rate of about twenty miles an hour. All the sin, disease, troubles, and limitations are part of these cinematograph pictures, for man is not a material being liable to sin, disease, and death; he is, always was, and always will be, a perfect being, in a perfect world, governed by a perfect God. Of the material or cinematographic 20 picture man, Jesus said, “Ye are of your father the devil . . . there is no truth [reality] in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44). The only apparent life, love, joy, etc., of the material man is the real life, love and joy, partially shining through the cinema pictures and giving the appearance of reality to 25 them.

All the good is part of heaven, made by God. All the evil, sin, disease, worries, troubles, and sufferings are in the cinema pictures, and men have been humbugged, fooled, and hypnotised to believe themselves to be 30 material beings, liable to sin, disease, and suffering. There is not a word of truth in it. Man always was, is now, and always will be a spiritual being, a perfect being, in a perfect world, governed by a perfect God. Philosophers have taught that there is no such thing as time, and this is now found to be correct. All these illusory cinema pictures existed millions of years ago just 35 as much as they exist now. Predestination, therefore, is true, and these pictures must, unless they are destroyed by the action of God, present their false appearance at their predetermined time. Fatalism, however, is not true, because when a cinematographic picture man turns in thought to God, he opens his human mind, and then the action of God by means of his spiritual self, through his material self, as through a channel, destroys 40 some of the evil, that is to say, thins the mist of matter, and he sees heaven more as it really is. He sees, for instance, a healthy man instead of one diseased; a happy man instead of a miserable being.

Heaven, mathematically, is a world of four dimensions, of which we see three. The fourth dimension is infinity. Man has existed for infinite time; 45 an infinite number of God’s glorious ideas have come to him; he has grouped these ideas into an infinite number of perfect combinations of