CHAPTER II

ATONEMENT AND EUCHARIST

Whereas Chapter I PRAYER opens up the way of approach and shows one how to pray, Chapter II demands action: that we take the path and follow it actively. It is as if *learning how* is superseded by active doing. If the mission of Christ Jesus is dominated by any one thing, it is his works, rather than his words. His words though vital are yet secondary, for his works lift his words of truth to the altitude of proof — proof that is irrefutable. This is why divine Principle so strongly pervades the whole chapter.

Like the previous chapter, the text can be read and understood in an unfolding Genesis order; or it can be studied as an operational

matrix to illustrate the works of the Master.

Then it is to be read and loved as a whole, in which the interweaving of this Genesis order of unfoldment and this fourfold operational order of demonstration can be discerned to interpret our own advancing way of life as it becomes co-incident with *being* itself.

The chapter takes its place in the design of the textbook as the Word reflecting Christ. The Word, revealing the approach, is now enriched beyond measure by the words and works of the Master, which illustrate both the approach and its consummation.

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And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. — PAUL.

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel. - PAUL.

For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. — Jesus.

Mind

ATONEMENT is the exemplification of man's unity with God, whereby man reflects divine Truth, Life, and Love. Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man's oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him endless homage. His mission was both individual and collective. He did life's work aright not only in justice to himself, but in mercy to mortals, — to show them how to do theirs, but not to do it for them nor to relieve them of a single responsibility. Jesus acted boldly, against the accredited evidence of the senses, against Pharisaical creeds and practices, and he refuted all opponents with his healing power.

Spirit

The atonement of Christ reconciles man to God, not God to man; for the divine Principle of Christ is God,

15 Human and how can God propitiate Himself? Christ reconciliation is Truth, which reaches no higher than itself. The fountain can rise no higher than its source. Christ,

18 Truth, could conciliate no nature above his own, derived

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These words of Paul and Jesus clearly indicate the necessity for the scientific translation of human thought and character before "the kingdom of God shall come".

Mind

Divine oneness or at-one-ment is the eternal fact of being.

WORD

Atonement is the exemplification (or illustration by example) of this word great fact. Hence atonement relates more to the process of attaining and demonstrating this fact, and is secondary to the fact itself. To accomplish this "Jesus acted boldly..." His mission was vital and dynamic — not passive — in order to meet and refute with his healing power all opposition from whatever source.

It is in this great fact of oneness that we have the starting point of the continuous unfoldment of one Mind only, and this is illustrated further by Jesus' dynamic action in offsetting erroneous creeds and

practices.

Spirit

It is in such action that we discern the power of the Word as found in Christ Jesus which brings about the human reconciliation, which translates the human concept back into harmony with divine Principle, Love, and "redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit — the law of divine Love". Such redemption is analogous to the acceptance of divine law and the rule of divine order.

from the eternal Love. It was therefore Christ's purpose 1 to reconcile man to God, not God to man. Love and Truth are not at war with God's image and likeness. 3 Man cannot exceed divine Love, and so atone for himself. Even Christ cannot reconcile Truth to error, for Truth and error are irreconcilable. Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, 9 sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine Love.

Soul

The Master forbore not to speak the whole truth, de-12 claring precisely what would destroy sickness, sin, and death, although his teaching set households at variance, and brought to material beliefs not peace, but a 15 sword.

Principle

Every pang of repentance and suffering, every effort for reform, every good thought and deed, will help us to 18 understand Jesus' atonement for sin and aid its efficacy; but if the sinner continues to pray and repent, sin and be sorry, he has little part in the atone-21 ment, — in the at-one-ment with God, — for he lacks the practical repentance, which reforms the heart and enables man to do the will of wisdom. Those who cannot dem-24 onstrate, at least in part, the divine Principle of the teachings and practice of our Master have no part in God. If living in disobedience to Him, we ought to feel no secur-27 ity, although God is good.

Jesus urged the commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," which may be rendered: Thou shalt have no belief of Life as sinless career mortal; thou shalt not know evil, for there is one Life,—

The text now presents the third tone or Soul-sense of Mind. It was this penetrating quality which enabled Jesus to rebuke sin, sickness and death fearlessly though it brought constant strife to material beliefs. Yet it is this pure quality of self-surrender that prepares the way for genuine and efficacious repentance.

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when thought is genuinely sincere, the heart is truly reformed and demonstration is attained. Vacillation is a form of disobedience which foregoes the reward and carries its own penalty until it is overcome. Self-will is the error to be resisted.

This in turn prepares the way for the fifth or Life-tone and the acceptance of the first Commandment in its deeper implications: one Mind only, one Life only, and no other self-existence. It is this standard that lays the axe at the root of all sensuous practices.

1 even God, good. He rendered "unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are 3 God's." He at last paid no homage to forms of doctrine or to theories of man, but acted and spake as he was moved,

not by spirits but by Spirit.

To the ritualistic priest and hypocritical Pharisee Jesus said, "The publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you." Jesus' history made a 9 new calendar, which we call the Christian era; but he established no ritualistic worship. He knew that men can be baptized, partake of the Eucharist, support the 12 clergy, observe the Sabbath, make long prayers, and yet be sensual and sinful

Truth

Iesus bore our infirmities; he knew the error of mortal 15 belief, and "with his stripes [the rejection of error] we are healed." "Despised and rejected of men," returning blessing for cursing, he taught mor-18 tals the opposite of themselves, even the nature of God: and when error felt the power of Truth, the scourge and the cross awaited the great Teacher. Yet he swerved not. 21 well knowing that to obey the divine order and trust God. saves retracing and traversing anew the path from sin to holiness.

24 Material belief is slow to acknowledge what the spiritual fact implies. The truth is the centre of all religion. It commands sure entrance into Behest of the realm of Love. St. Paul wrote, "Let us 27 lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that 30 is set before us;" that is, let us put aside material self and sense, and seek the divine Principle and Science of all healing.

Truth The lifework of Jesus provided the perfect example. Despite persecution he fulfilled his mission of blessing and healing through the power of Truth; and by steadfast adherence to Truth completed (for our benefit) the journey along the path from sin to holiness — the journey each one must take sooner or later. Observe acceptance of and obedience to "the divine order" cannot be evaded.

This journey, fulfilled, "commands [the Word sense] sure entrance into the realm of Love". Paul speaks of this same path and journey as "the race that is set before us" with its demand to "lay aside every weight..."

The range of Mind: from action to "sure entrance into the realm of Love" through the power of the Word.

If Truth is overcoming error in your daily walk and 1 SPIRIT Mind conversation, you can finally say, "I have fought a good fight . . . I have kept the faith," be-3 Morel cause you are a better man. This is having our part in the at-one-ment with Truth and Love. Christians do not continue to labor and pray, expecting 6 because of another's goodness, suffering, and triumph, that they shall reach his harmony and reward.

If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striv- 9 Christ ing to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the 12 start, and gain a little each day in the right direction,

till at last he finishes his course with joy.

If my friends are going to Europe, while I am en 15 Soul route for California, we are not journeying together. We have separate time-tables to consult, Inharmonious different routes to pursue. Our paths have diverged at the very outset, and we have little opportunity to help each other. On the contrary, if my friends pursue my course, we have the same railroad 21 guides, and our mutual interests are identical; or, if I take up their line of travel, they help me on, and our companionship may continue.

Principle

Being in sympathy with matter, the worldly man is at the beck and call of error, and will be attracted thitherward. He is like a traveller going westward Zigzag 27 for a pleasure-trip. The company is alluring and the pleasures exciting. After following the sun for six days, he turns east on the seventh, satisfied if he can 30 only imagine himself drifting in the right direction. Byand-by, ashamed of his zigzag course, he would borrow

PIRIT Mind

Observe the change from Mind to Spirit as the governing synonym. At this point the Word reflecting the Christ appears also in the text, taking charge of the journey to be made and the warfare encountered on the way - the warfare that obtains between Spirit and matter, Truth and error, and which leads to "Moral victory" (M.H.). This is the starting point. Observe also this recurring note of at-onement throughout.

Spirit

The second tone, Spirit as Spirit, now enters the text illustrating the Christ firmament sense, that is of turning away from material sense and looking towards the imperishable things of Spirit. Again the journey -"in earnest from the start" and gaining "a little each day in the right direction, till at last he finishes his course with joy". (C/R. p. 485: 14-17 and M.H.).

Soul

Forthwith the symbol of the journey is expanded to illustrate the consequences of swerve or divergence; and also the mutual blessings that result from making the same journey together. There is only one possible journey — that from sense to Soul, via scientific translation.

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Zigzag implies "a road or path turning sharply at angles in opposite directions" (Oxford). The whole paragraph indicates the disorder which is the opposite of the divine order of Spirit, and the suffering resulting therefrom. There is no sense of Principle; only indulgence and drift through six days, and vainly hoping for the best on the seventh. The straight line of Spirit and the invariable nature of divine Principle are indicated by their opposites — drift and indulgence.

1 the passport of some wiser pilgrim, thinking with the aid of this to find and follow the right road.

3 Vibrating like a pendulum between sin and the hope of forgiveness, - selfishness and sensuality causing constant retrogression, - our moral progress will retrogression be slow. Waking to Christ's demand, mortals experience suffering. This causes them, even as drowning men, to make vigorous efforts to save themselves; and 9 through Christ's precious love these efforts are crowned

with success.

Truth "Work out your own salvation," is the demand of 12 Life and Love, for to this end God worketh with you.

"Occupy till I come!" Wait for your reward, and "be not weary in well doing." If

15 your endeavors are beset by fearful odds, and you receive no present reward, go not back to error, nor become a sluggard in the race.

18 When the smoke of battle clears away, you will discern the good you have done, and receive according to your deserving. Love is not hasty to deliver us from 21 temptation, for Love means that we shall be tried and

purified.

Final deliverance from error, whereby we rejoice in Love 24 immortality, boundless freedom, and sinless sense, is not Deliverance reached through paths of flowers nor by pinning not vicarious one's faith without works to another's vicarious

27 effort. Whosoever believeth that wrath is righteous or that divinity is appeased by human suffering, does not understand God.

Justice requires reformation of the sinner. Mercy Mind cancels the debt only when justice approves. Revenge is inadmissible. Wrath which is only appeased is not Christianit

Life The first tone of Spirit has the Marginal Heading "Moral victory". Now comes a warning in the fifth tone: "Moral retrogression". Why? Because the temptation is the subtle suggestion that we can always afford a little indulgence now and then, that absolute integrity is not vitally important. If this is accepted we begin to suffer in consequence. Since the demand of the fifth tone is always towards self-immolation or the willingness to lay down the mortal concept, "through Christ's precious love these efforts are crowned with success". Observe how the Christianity tone begins to emerge from the text.

In the sixth tone the demand continues: "Work out your own Christianity Truth salvation"; and the coupling of Life and Love implies that the fulfilment of Life brings into view the completion of the warfare and the appearing of perfect manhood (Truth) anticipating the day of Love. Observe the reward is "according to your deserving" and as we survive the warfare the temptation of going back to positions outgrown is met and mastered.

Final deliverance with its "immortality, boundless freedom, and Love sinless sense" is not vicarious. Forgiveness is not personal; nor is the reward. The perfection of being is gained through understanding and demonstration. In this way alone we enter the kingdom.

The range of Spirit: from "Moral victory" (M.H.), second degree, to the promise of final deliverance, through the Word reflecting Christ and Christianity.

(Soul: overleaf)

Mind destroyed, but partially indulged. Wisdom and Love 1 may require many sacrifices of self to save us from sin. One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to Justice and 3 pay the debt of sin. The atonement requires substitution constant self-immolation on the sinner's part. That God's wrath should be vented upon His beloved Son, is 6 divinely unnatural. Such a theory is man-made. The atonement is a hard problem in theology, but its scientific explanation is, that suffering is an error of sinful sense 9 which Truth destroys, and that eventually both sin and suffering will fall at the feet of everlasting Love.

Rabbinical lore said: "He that taketh one doctrine, 12 firm in faith, has the Holy Ghost dwelling in him." This preaching receives a strong rebuke in the Scripture, "Faith without works is dead." 15 Faith, if it be mere belief, is as a pendulum swinging between nothing and something, having no fixity. Faith, advanced to spiritual understanding, is the evidence gained 18 from Spirit, which rebukes sin of every kind and establishes the claims of God.

In Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and English, faith and the 21 Soul words corresponding thereto have these two definitions, trustfulness and trustworthiness. One Self-reliance kind of faith trusts one's welfare to others. and confidence 24 Another kind of faith understands divine Love and how to work out one's "own salvation, with fear and trembling." "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief!" 27 expresses the helplessness of a blind faith; whereas the injunction, "Believe . . . and thou shalt be saved!" demands self-reliant trustworthiness, which includes spir- 30 itual understanding and confides all to God. Principle

The Hebrew verb to believe means also to be firm or

Spirit

The subject now advances to the problem of sin and sinner: how Mind the problem is to be solved, and the sinner saved.

Justice may be defined as the administration of law according to the rules of law. This is in complete accord with Soul reflecting Mind.

Mercy cancels the debt when these rules have been complied with. Revenge and wrath are no part of the divine plan.

Constant self-immolation alone rises to the full measure of atonement becoming at-one-ment; and there is no substitution for this. Atonement is not vicarious.

Spirit Faith that never advances beyond belief and which more often than not is dual in nature is the kind of faith that receives this rebuke even though it be accepted by doctrines of men, for "Faith without works is dead".

But when faith abandons dualism and advances to spiritual understanding it is endowed with the power that demonstrates and becomes "faith with works". Observe the pendulum as type and symbol of vacillation.

An outstanding property of Soul is its power to define and identify, to name and to bless; also to kindle the spiritual sense that lifts faith to spiritual understanding so that one may work out one's own salvation through confidence in the allness of God. Thus it is, that as true identity becomes apparent and occupies consciousness, so sin correspondingly diminishes to vanishing point.

Trustfulness would lean upon person or persons. Trustworthiness would lean on "the sustaining infinite". Principle (contd.)

Life

1 to be constant. This certainly applies to Truth and Love understood and practised. Firmness in error will never 3 save from sin, disease, and death.

Acquaintance with the original texts, and willingness to give up human beliefs (established by hierarchies, and 6 Life's healing instigated sometimes by the worst passions of

men), open the way for Christian Science to be understood, and make the Bible the chart of life, where 9 the buoys and healing currents of Truth are pointed out.

He to whom "the arm of the Lord" is revealed will 12 believe our report, and rise into newness of life with re-

generation. This is having part in the atone-Radical changes ment; this is the understanding, in which

15 Jesus suffered and triumphed. The time is not distant when the ordinary theological views of atonement will undergo a great change, - a change as radical as that 18 which has come over popular opinions in regard to pre-

destination and future punishment.

Truth

Does erudite theology regard the crucifixion of Jesus 21 chiefly as providing a ready pardon for all sinners who ask for it and are willing to be forgiven? Purpose of Does spiritualism find Jesus' death necessary 24 only for the presentation, after death, of the material Jesus, as a proof that spirits can return to earth? Then we must differ from them both.

The efficacy of the crucifixion lay in the practical affection and goodness it demonstrated for mankind. The truth had been lived among men; but until they saw that 30 it enabled their Master to triumph over the grave, his own disciples could not admit such an event to be possible. After the resurrection, even the unbelieving Thomas was

At this point the tone of Soul reflecting Principle emerges from the text, through the Hebrew verb to believe. In addition to: to be firm, to be constant, Hastings translates it also as to remain steadfast. When one beholds one's identity as embraced in Soul reflecting Principle, one has the sense of safety that is invariable, unchangeable, impersonal, together with the freedom that is co-incident with the final abandonment of selfwill. Then are "Truth and Love understood and practised".

It is now self-evident that Life's healing currents flow to restore, redeem and to constitute one's very being. As one attains this selfimmolation, letting go false human beliefs, readily and without resistance the Bible becomes truly the chart of life by which to steer.

Life

This "rising into newness of life with regeneration" also fore- Science shadows radical changes in theological viewpoints concerning atonement. It is interesting to observe that whilst Soul itself is inherently changeless, nevertheless Soul reflecting Life is the generating power underlying the changes which are impending and inseparable from a higher viewpoint in human experience.

In this section we have first a negative answer to two searching questions, followed by a positive statement. The crucifixion had no God-ordained purpose to relieve sinners of responsibility; nor can it be used by spiritualism to illustrate its own theories.

The efficacy of the crucifixion lay in the fact that it enabled Christ Jesus to provide through demonstration the proof of all that he had taught; but that does not relieve each one of us of his individual responsibility in attaining to immortality. Thus does Soul reflect Truth in answering these questions.

forced to acknowledge how complete was the great proof of 1 Truth and Love.

Love

The spiritual essence of blood is sacrifice. The effi- a cacy of Jesus' spiritual offering is infinitely greater than can be expressed by our sense of human true flesh blood. The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon "the accursed tree," than when it was flowing in his veins as he went daily about his Father's business. 9 His true flesh and blood were his Life; and they truly eat his flesh and drink his blood, who partake of that divine Life.

PRINCIPLE

Jesus taught the way of Life by demonstration, that we may understand how this divine Principle heals the sick, casts out error, and triumphs over death. Jesus presented the ideal of God better triumph than could any man whose origin was less spiritual. By his obedience to God, he demonstrated more spiritually than all others the Principle of being. Hence the force of his admonition, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Spirit

Though demonstrating his control over sin and disease, the great Teacher by no means relieved others from giving the requisite proofs of their own piety. He worked for 24 their guidance, that they might demonstrate this power as he did and understand its divine Principle. Implicit faith in the Teacher and all the emotional love we can bestow 27 on him, will never alone make us imitators of him. We must go and do likewise, else we are not improving the great blessings which our Master worked and suffered to 30 bestow upon us. The divinity of the Christ was made manifest in the humanity of Jesus.

Love Flesh and blood are symbols of Jesus' self-sacrifice in laying down the mortal selfhood in order to illustrate and demonstrate the Life or Being that is outside all matter, time and physical space: this is the Life that is Spirit, and fulfilled as divine Love.

Range of Soul: From justice and law combined with wisdom to the complete self-immolation whereby sin and suffering "will fall at the feet of everlasting Love". Such is the nature of the Word reflecting Christianity.

At this point we begin to learn *how* this divine Principle operates:

Mind we see that Jesus' demonstration which is the proof of Principle is the prime factor; also that demonstration is inseparable from implicit obedience, and that obedience implies the acceptance of law and its authority. Without this, "Effective triumph" (M.H.) is impossible.

Thus Principle reflecting Mind is the light that illumines the Word reflecting Science so that we may understand *how* Jesus' work was accomplished.

Spirit Jesus' lifework was both individual and collective; and works such as his become our responsibility to imitate. Implicit faith or emotional love is not enough. We must do likewise.

Guidance implies more than light. Guidance implies intimate knowledge of the course to be steered and of all possible rocks and shoals to be avoided. Our course is to prove our worthiness to inherit these great blessings. It is thus we see the significance of "Purity the path to perfection" and perfection as "the order of celestial being" — properties of Spirit. (S. & H. p. 337).

Soul

While we adore Jesus, and the heart overflows with gratitude for what he did for mortals, — treading alone

lindividual his loving pathway up to the throne of glory, in speechless agony exploring the way for us, — yet Jesus spares us not one individual experience, if we follow his commands faithfully; and all have the cup of sorrowful effort to drink in proportion to their demonstration of his love, till all are redeemed through divine Love.

Principle

The Christ was the Spirit which Jesus implied in his own statements: "I am the way, the truth, and the life;"

12 Christ's "I and my Father are one." This Christ, or divinity of the man Jesus, was his divine nature, the godliness which animated him. Divine Truth, 15 Life, and Love gave Jesus authority over sin, sickness, and death. His mission was to reveal the Science of celestial being, to prove what God is and what He does 18 for man.

Life

A musician demonstrates the beauty of the music he teaches in order to show the learner the way by practice as well as precept. Jesus' teaching and practice of Truth involved such a sacrifice as makes us admit its Principle to be Love. This was the precious import of our Master's sinless career and of his demonstration of power over death. He proved by his deeds that Christian Science destroys sickness, sin, and death.

Truth

Our Master taught no mere theory, doctrine, or belief. It was the divine Principle of all real being which he taught and practised. His proof of Christianity was no form or system of religion and worship, but Christian Science, working out the harmony of Life and Love.

Soul

Jesus was the greatest explorer of all time. He rent the veil of matter and opened the way of emergence from matter into Spirit. At this point of progress the way becomes clear and definite: we cannot bypass it or avoid it. The way and the journey are inescapable, and our demonstration is the measure of our own gratitude. In such manner does Principle reflect Soul and demonstrate the spiritual sense that completes the journey.

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Such demonstration illustrates how the Christ or divine Spirit opens the way. ("I am the way, the truth, and the life") in order that "I and my Father are one" becomes the conscious experience of each one of us. Observe the authority and dominion that this confers.

"His mission was to reveal the Science of celestial being, to prove

what God is and what He does for man." (Italics mine).

"Proof in practice" (M.H.). Observe the illustration taken from music: "to show the learner the way by practice as well as precept". Jesus' self-sacrifice illustrates and proves the divine Principle to be Love, and the Life that destroys sickness, sin, and death. Jesus' whole career was one of self-sacrifice.

Truth

Such practice and proof rises above "theory, doctrine, or belief"; or any system of religion and worship, to the altitude of absolute Truth and Science working out the harmony of Life and Love.

Love Jesus sent a message to John the Baptist, which was intended to prove beyond a question that the Christ had come: "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have a seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached." In other words: 6 Tell John what the demonstration of divine power is, and he will at once perceive that God is the power in the Messianic work.

That Life is God, Jesus proved by his reappearance after the crucifixion in strict accordance with his scientific statement: "Destroy this temple [body], Living and in three days I [Spirit] will raise it up." temple

It is as if he had said: The I — the Life, substance, and intelligence of the universe — is not in matter to 15

be destroyed.

Jesus' parables explain Life as never mingling with sin and death. He laid the axe of Science at the root 18 of material knowledge, that it might be ready to cut down the false doctrine of pantheism, — that God, or Life, is in or of matter.

Soul

Jesus sent forth seventy students at one time, but only eleven left a desirable historic record. Tradition credits him with two or three hundred other disciples who have left no name. "Many are called, disciples but few are chosen." They fell away from grace because they never truly understood their Master's instruction. 27

Principle

Why do those who profess to follow Christ reject the essential religion he came to establish? Jesus' persecutors made their strongest attack upon this very point. 30 They endeavored to hold him at the mercy of matter and to kill him according to certain assumed material laws.

Love It was from such a basis and foundation of divine Principle already demonstrated that Jesus could send his message to John the Baptist. Here, Principle is seen to be apodictical, and proven to be Love.

Range of Principle: Jesus' teaching of the ideal based on demonstration and proof, to its fulfilment in the Science of celestial being.

LIFE There is now a further change of subject — a consideration of Life Mind itself and all that it implies. The starting point is that Life is not in matter to be destroyed. Such was the Master's dominion and power of demonstration that where body is concerned he could say: "Destroy this temple (body), and in three days I (Spirit) will raise it up". These days are measures of spiritual understanding, not measures of time.

Spirit In this understanding there is no co-mingling of opposites: Mind with matter, Spirit with flesh, or Life with death.

The demand of Christianity is that this be proved through spiritual understanding. This places demonstration beyond the possibility of reversal. Christ Jesus in proving this made Christianity available to all humanity for all time. The disciples who fell away left no name, and therefore no identity.

Why this persecution? Because Jesus' teaching laid the axe at the root of the Pharisees' materialism. Animal magnetism as the self-will that would claim to hold Spirit in the grasp of matter is met by divine Love alone.

inciple

The Pharisees claimed to know and to teach the divine will, but they only hindered the success of Jesus'

Help and hindrance in his way. If the Master had not taken a student and taught the unseen verities of God, he would not have been crucified. The determination to hold Spirit in the grasp of matter is the persecutor of Truth and Love.

9 While respecting all that is good in the Church or out of it, one's consecration to Christ is more on the ground of demonstration than of profession. In conscience, we 12 cannot hold to beliefs outgrown; and by understanding more of the divine Principle of the deathless Christ, we

are enabled to heal the sick and to triumph over sin.

Neither the origin, the character, nor the work of Jesus was generally understood. Not a single component part of his nature did the material world measure aright. Even his righteousness and purity did not hinder men from saying: He is a glutton and a friend of the impure, and Beelzebub is 1 his patron.

Truth

Love

Remember, thou Christian martyr, it is enough if thou art found worthy to unloose the sandals of thy

24 Persecution for righteousness' sake belongs to the past, and that Christianity to-day is at peace with the world

27 because it is honored by sects and societies, is to mistake the very nature of religion. Error repeats itself. The trials encountered by prophet, disciple, and apostle,

30 "of whom the world was not worthy," await, in some form, every pioneer of truth.

There is too much animal courage in society and not

Progress and progression is the demand of Life, preparatory to the advance beyond matter and triumph over sin, disease and death through Principle understood and not merely professed. This is the true self-immolation.

Life Misunderstanding and misrepresentation comprise "the burden of disproof" — the burden Jesus assumed through complete self-immolation in order to prove his divine Principle by inversion and the divine Life to be deathless. Hence the malice of his enemies and the opprobrium he suffered: "a glutton and a friend of the impure, and Beelzebub is his patron". One commentator speaks of Beelzebub as "the lord of the flies and the dung heap".

Resistance, persecution and martyrdom in some form and degree today, the day of Science, are still to be encountered by the pioneer of truth for error repeats itself.

CHRIST

Word

Love sufficient moral courage. Christians must take up arms 1 against error at home and abroad. They must grapple with sin in themselves and in others, and Christian 3 continue this warfare until they have finished their course. If they keep the faith, they will have the crown of rejoicing.

Christian experience teaches faith in the right and disbelief in the wrong. It bids us work the more earnestly in times of persecution, because then our labor is more 9 needed. Great is the reward of self-sacrifice, though we

may never receive it in this world.

TRUTH There is a tradition that Publius Lentulus wrote to 12

Mind the authorities at Rome: "The disciples of Jesus believe him the Son of God." Those instructed The Fatherin Christian Science have reached the glorinous perception that God is the only author of man. The Virgin-mother conceived this idea of God, and gave to her ideal the name of Jesus — that is, Joshua, 18 or Saviour.

Spirit The illumination of Mary's spiritual sense put to silence material law and its order of generation, and 21 brought forth her child by the revelation of Spiritual Truth, demonstrating God as the Father of Conception men. The Holy Ghost, or divine Spirit, overshadowed 24 the pure sense of the Virgin-mother with the full recognition that being is Spirit. The Christ dwelt forever an idea in the bosom of God, the divine Principle of the 27 man Jesus, and woman perceived this spiritual idea, though at first faintly developed.

Man as the offspring of God, as the idea of Spirit, 30 is the immortal evidence that Spirit is harmonious and man eternal. Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-

Love

This warfare against error must continue, against sin in oneself and wherever encountered, until Truth and Love are proved triumphant here or hereafter.

The range of Life: from the I or Ego that is not in matter to be destroyed, from the self-immolation that allowed Jesus to submit to the attempted destruction of his mortal body, through to final victory over sin, whereby the Christians of today may also win their reward and have the crown of rejoicing. The Word reflecting Science alone is adequate to meet this demand.

RUTH

A further change of subject: — the governing synonym forthwith CHRIST Mind is Truth, and the governing office is that of the Christ, as the text now Word turns to a discussion of the more intimate aspects of Jesus' origin and mission.

Christian Scientists accept the Fatherhood of God and understand that God is the only author of man.

Spirit

Mary's spiritual conception silenced material sense and law and its order of generation, recognising that being is Spirit - not merely spiritual, but Spirit; for Principle includes its idea as the constituent of its own being, and this determined and governed the human counterpart "though at first faintly developed".

1 conscious communion with God. Hence he could give a more spiritual idea of life than other men, and could 3 demonstrate the Science of Love — his Father or divine Principle.

Born of a woman, Jesus' advent in the flesh partook 6 partly of Mary's earthly condition, although he was endowed with the Christ, the divine Spirit, withway-shower out measure. This accounts for his struggles 9 in Gethsemane and on Calvary, and this enabled him to be the mediator, or way-shower, between God and men. Had his origin and birth been wholly apart from mortal

12 usage, Jesus would not have been appreciable to mortal mind as "the way."

Rabbi and priest taught the Mosaic law, which said: Soul 15 "An eye for an eye," and "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Not so did Jesus, the new executor for God, present the divine law of Love, 18 which blesses even those that curse it.

As the individual ideal of Truth, Christ Jesus came to rebuke rabbinical error and all sin, sickness, and death, -

to point out the way of Truth and Life. This 21 helpful ideal was demonstrated throughout the whole earthly career of Jesus, showing the difference between 24 the offspring of Soul and of material sense, of Truth and of error.

If we have triumphed sufficiently over the errors of 27 material sense to allow Soul to hold the control, we shall loathe sin and rebuke it under every mask. Only in this way can we bless our enemies, though they no may not so construe our words. We cannot choose for ourselves, but must work out our salvation in the way Jesus taught. In meekness and might, he was found

The human counterpart is the outcome of Mary's self-conscious Christ communion with Spirit. Jesus, the human offspring, endowed with the Christ without measure was able to provide "the way", to be the way shower - making possible and practicable for mortals the apparent return journey whereby they may recover that which has never been lost in reality.

Divine Being is self-existent, self-expressed and through reflection in divine Science provides the evidence of its own being. This vast conception is conveyed and interpreted by the synonymous term

Spirit. (See U. of G. p. 51: 20-27).

First we see the contrast between the Mosaic law and the law of Soul divine Love whose nature is to bless. This is transitional from the tone of Spirit to the tone of Soul. Soul's immaculate nature as demonstrated by Jesus in rebuking rabinnical error and all sense testimony is inevitable, and this is seen throughout Jesus' whole career. Likewise as we rise above sense-testimony we can trust Soul to have complete control for we must "loathe sin and rebuke it under every mask". Such rebuke is possible only as we allow Soul to uncover hidden error or sin, by tearing the mask apart to reveal man's sinless identity. We are thus enabled to bless our enemies.

Observe the contrast between "meekness and might" on the one hand and "pride and fear" on the other - the "meek shall inherit

the earth" and "there is no fear in Love".

preaching the gospel to the poor. Pride and fear are unfit 1 to bear the standard of Truth, and God will never place it in such hands.

Principle

Jesus acknowledged no ties of the flesh. He said: "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." Again he asked: "Who sis my mother, and who are my brethren," implying that it is they who do the will of his Father. We have no record of his calling any man by the name of father. He recognized Spirit, God, as the only creator, and therefore as the Father of all.

Life

First in the list of Christian duties, he taught his fol- 12 lowers the healing power of Truth and Love. He attached no importance to dead ceremonies. It is the Healing living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes 15 Jesus "the resurrection and the life" to all who follow him in deed. Obeying his precious precepts, - following his demonstration so far as we apprehend it, - we drink of 18 his cup, partake of his bread, are baptized with his purity; and at last we shall rest, sit down with him, in a full understanding of the divine Principle which triumphs 21 over death. For what says Paul? "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." 24

Referring to the materiality of the age, Jesus said: "The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit painful 27 and in truth." Again, foreseeing the persecution which would attend the Science of Spirit, Jesus said: "They shall put you out of the synagogues; yea, 30 the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service; and these things will they

Christiani

There is only one basic relationship — the union that obtains beciple tween Principle and idea, the many aspects of which are gathered within the term Spirit and its office of reflection. This provides the answer to the various problems connected with human relationships. Hence the Marginal Heading "Fleshly ties temporal".

Here we come to the requirements of Christianity which are in- Christianity Life separable from self-immolation, and associated so intimately with Life, and which provide the approach to the true Eucharist.

Note: "Healing primary", obedience to precept, purity, the living Christ, the practical Truth, triumph over death.

Speaking from the standpoint of his own period Jesus said . . . "the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth". Forseeing the persecution which would attend the Science of Spirit he presented this "Painful prospect" (M.H.): "They shall put you out of the synagogues; yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think he doeth God service ..." History has confirmed these prophetic words.

Truth

1 do unto you, because they have not known the Father nor me."

Science

In ancient Rome a soldier was required to swear allegiance to his general. The Latin word for this oath was sacramentum, and our English word sacrament is derived from it. Among the Jews it was an ancient custom for the master of a feast to pass each guest a cup of wine. But the Eucharist does not commemorate a Roman soldier's oath, nor was the wine, used on convivial occasions and in Jewish rites, the cup of our Lord. The cup shows 12 forth his bitter experience, — the cup which he prayed might pass from him, though he bowed in holy submission to the divine decree.

"As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and 18 gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, Drink ye all of it."

The true sense is spiritually lost, if the sacrament is confined to the use of bread and wine. The disciples spiritual had eaten, yet Jesus prayed and gave them refreshment bread. This would have been foolish in a literal sense; but in its spiritual signification, it was natural and beautiful. Jesus prayed; he withdrew from the material senses to refresh his heart with brighter, with printing spiritual views.

The Passover, which Jesus ate with his disciples in the month Nisan on the night before his crucifixion,

30 Jesus' sad repast was a mournful occasion, a sad supper taken at the close of day, in the twilight of a glorious career with shadows fast falling around; and

The text now turns to a full consideration of sacrament and Eucharist within the tone of Truth. This is sevenfold and fourfold within itself. Hence the use of the decimal point.

First, there is the term sacrament as it derives from its Latin Science 1 origin and the background of Jewish ceremonial. Jesus used this as 1 type and symbol of the true bread and wine which have a wholly spiritual signification; in other words he used and translated the symbol to convey a new and higher concept of his lifework, knowing full well what lay ahead: the bread becomes the truth of being and his spiritual instruction of it; the wine becomes the spiritual inspiration behind his lifework; the cup the utter self-immolation that sustained it and made it possible and permanent.

This last supper "closed forever Jesus' ritualism or concessions to matter". It was the point of no return.

So complete was Jesus' self-immolation immediately preceding and during the last supper that he could rise from his couch at the supper table and wash the disciples' feet - a mark of absolute humility and unselfed love that heals instantly. Then, foreknowing that Judas was about to betray him to the hierarchy, he could so impersonalize the situation and see Judas in his true sonship (and not as the victim of animal magnetism or the channel for its operation) that he could offer him a sop, having first dipped the morsel in the common bowl.

this supper closed forever Jesus' ritualism or concessions 1 to matter.

of their Master's betrayal, partook of the heavenly manna, which of old had fed in the wilderness the persecuted followers of Truth. Their bread indeed came down from heaven. It was the great truth of spiritual being, healing the sick and casting out error. Their Master had explained it all before, and now this bread was feeding and sustaining them. They had borne this bread from house to house, breaking (explaining) it to others, and now it comforted themselves.

For this truth of spiritual being, their Master was about to suffer violence and drain to the dregs his cup of sorrow. He must leave them. With the great glory of an everlasting victory overshadowing him, he gave thanks and said,

"Drink ye all of it."

When the human element in him struggled with the 18 divine, our great Teacher said: "Not my will, but Thine, be done!" — that is, Let not the flesh, the holy but the Spirit, be represented in me. This struggle 21 is the new understanding of spiritual Love. It gives all for Christ, or Truth. It blesses its enemies, heals the sick, casts out error, raises the dead from trespasses 24 and sins, and preaches the gospel to the poor, the meek in heart.

shared the blood of the New Covenant, the persecutions which attend a new and higher understanding of God? If not, can you then say that you have commemorated Jesus in his cup? Are all who eat bread and drink wine in memory of Jesus willing

This in the East is a mark of highest esteem and hospitality on the part of a host to a guest. In the face of what was about to follow (namely, betrayal) Jesus could demonstrate such utter self-immolation that when animal magnetism made its deadly thrust to destroy him he could promise to rise again in three days, restored and resurrected. Compare these two actions with the unselfed love and self-immolation with which the textbook opens. (S. & H. 1: 1-9).

Observe the translation of "Heavenly supplies" (M.H.) from the "manna, which of old had fed in the wilderness the persecuted followers of Truth" to the bread which now "came down from heaven" — the great truth of spiritual being, feeding and sustaining the disciples.

Jesus consented to suffer violence because the issue was something between divine Principle and himself, in which the disciples at that stage could not follow him. He must take this cup of sorrow alone and so win through to the higher demonstration that surrenders completely to the Christ, Truth, thus making his lifework indelible and imperishable.

Now come these incisive questions to each one of us individually. ³ Are we truly willing to outgrow ceremonial practices and prove that Christ has come to us both in the understanding and in demonstration, so that no other commemoration is necessary?

truly to drink his cup, take his cross, and leave all for the Christ-principle? Then why ascribe this inspiration to a dead rite, instead of showing, by casting out error and making the body "holy, acceptable unto God," that Truth has come to the understanding? If Christ, Truth, has come to us in demonstration, no other commemoration is requisite, for demonstration is Immanuel, or God with us; and if a friend be with us, why need we memorials of that friend?

If all who ever partook of the sacrament had really commemorated the sufferings of Jesus and drunk of

Millennial his cup, they would have revolutionized the world. If all who seek his commemoration through material symbols will take up the cross, heal to the sick, cast out evils, and preach Christ, or Truth, to the poor, — the receptive thought, — they will bring in the millennium.

Through all the disciples experienced, they became more spiritual and understood better what the Master had taught. His resurrection was also their resurrection. It helped them to raise themselves and others from spiritual dulness and blind belief in God into the perception of infinite possibilities. They needed this quickening, for soon their dear Master would rise again in the spiritual realm of reality, and ascend far above their apprehension. As the reward for his faithfulness, he would disappear to material sense in that change which has since been called the ascension.

What a contrast between our Lord's last supper and

this last spiritual breakfast with his disciples in the bright morning hours at the joyful meeting on the shore of the Galilean Sea! His gloom

If our answers are in the affirmative, then our demonstration of Truth is Immanuel, God with us.

The outcome must be a "break through" to prove the millenium an ever-present possibility and a measure of spiritual power that will enable the Christian Scientist of today to dissolve the animal magnetism that would attempt to destroy humanity in this present age.

Jesus faced this issue alone. The three days in the sepulchre were those measures of spiritual understanding and demonstration that made the resurrection possible. His resurrection was also in degree the disciples' resurrection. It enabled the disciples to rise "from spiritual dullness"... into "the perception of infinite possibilities".

After the resurrection the sorrow of the last supper was lifted to the joy of "his last spiritual breakfast". Then the disciples "changed their methods, turned away from material things, and cast their net on the right side".

had passed into glory, and his disciples' grief into repent- 1 ance, - hearts chastened and pride rebuked. Convinced of the fruitlessness of their toil in the dark and wakened 3 by their Master's voice, they changed their methods, turned away from material things, and cast their net on the right side. Discerning Christ, Truth, anew on the shore of 6 time, they were enabled to rise somewhat from mortal sensuousness, or the burial of mind in matter, into newness of life as Spirit.

Love

This spiritual meeting with our Lord in the dawn of a new light is the morning meal which Christian Scientists commemorate. They bow before Christ, Truth, to re- 12 ceive more of his reappearing and silently to commune with the divine Principle, Love. They celebrate their Lord's victory over death, his probation in the flesh 15 after death, its exemplification of human probation, and his spiritual and final ascension above matter, or the flesh, when he rose out of material sight. 18

Our baptism is a purification from all error. Our church is built on the divine Principle, Love. We can unite with this church only as we are new-21 Spiritual born of Spirit, as we reach the Life which Eucharist is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the 24 sick. Our Eucharist is spiritual communion with the one God. Our bread, "which cometh down from heaven," is Truth. Our cup is the cross. Our wine the inspira- 27 tion of Love, the draught our Master drank and commended to his followers.

LOVE Mind

The design of Love is to reform the sinner. If the 30 CHRIST sinner's punishment here has been insufficient to reform him, the good man's heaven would be a hell to

Word

"Discerning Christ, Truth, anew on the shore of time, they were enabled to rise somewhat from mortal sensuousness, or the burial of mind in matter, into newness of life as Spirit". Observe again, no capitalization of life here: life as Spirit, to illustrate once more that life as phenomenon is idea, in and of Spirit. It was this spiritual resurrection that made possible the forthcoming ascension — the advance beyond matter.

Love

We come now to *our* morning meal in the dawn of this new light, 4 and all that it implies in the full acceptance of His lifework and its prophetic outcome — the revelation of divine Science in this age, and its reduction to a text embodying scientific system and method in this inspired textbook. This finally becomes our Spiritual Eucharist — our bread, our wine, and the cup — "the draught our Master drank and commended to his followers".

Range of Truth: From the Fatherhood of God and spiritual conception to the last breakfast and spiritual Eucharist: this range is so vast that the sixth tone of Truth as Truth is sevenfold within itself and likewise the fourth tone of Christ is fourfold within itself.

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the sinner. They, who know not purity and affection by experience, can never find bliss in the blessed company of

Truth and Love simply through translation into another sphere. Divine Science reveals the necessity of sufficient suffering, either before or after death, to quench the love of sin. To remit the penalty due for sin, would be for Truth to pardon error. Escape

from punishment is not in accordance with God's govern-

9 ment, since justice is the handmaid of mercy.

Jesus endured the shame, that he might pour his dear-bought bounty into barren lives. What was his 12 earthly reward? He was forsaken by all save John, the beloved disciple, and a few women who bowed in silent woe beneath the shadow of his cross. The earthly price of spirituality in a material age and the great moral distance between Christianity and sensualism preclude Christian Science from finding favor with the worldlyminded.

A selfish and limited mind may be unjust, but the unlimited and divine Mind is the immortal law of justice as

21 Righteous well as of mercy. It is quite as impossible for sinners to receive their full punishment this side of the grave as for this world to bestow on the right24 eous their full reward. It is useless to suppose that the wicked can gloat over their offences to the last moment and then be suddenly pardoned and pushed into heaven,
27 or that the hand of Love is satisfied with giving us only toil, sacrifice, cross-bearing, multiplied trials, and mockery of our motives in return for our efforts at well doing.

28 Pelicious history repeats itself in the suf-

Religious history repeats itself in the suffering of the just for the unjust. Can God therefore overlook the law of righteousness which deLOVE

At this point there is a complete change of subject: salvation eluci-Mind dated in the design and final purpose of Love to reform and redeem the sinner, through Christianity understood and demonstrated. So vital is this to the individual and humanity that its elucidation occupies almost the remainder of the chapter. The problem is not so much the assimilation of Truth and Love as "the necessity of sufficient suffering, either before or after death, to quench the love of sin" and that "It is quite as impossible for sinners to receive their full punishment this side of the grave as for this world to bestow on the righteous their full reward". At first these may seem to be hard sayings, but we should remember that the Divine Being is Principle. Principle elucidated in its multiformity of office through Mind, Spirit, Soul, Life, Truth, Love, is not vicarious and personal; salvation therefore begins with the acceptance of the divine Mind as "the immortal law of justice as well as of mercy", and from this point on salvation has to be worked out intelligently.

Spirit Religious history appears to repeat itself because of the irresistable impact of the spiritual idea in its "cycles of divine light" in their divine order impelling mortal mind to forego its claims: this registers as an apparent and increasing conformity with the divine design, though the resistances to be met with are recorded in terms of martyrs and martyrdom. Yet these same "Martyrs are the human links which stroys the belief called sin? Does not Science show that 1 sin brings suffering as much to-day as yesterday? They who sin must suffer. "With what measure ye mete, it 3 shall be measured to you again."

History is full of records of suffering. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." Mortals try in 6 vain to slay Truth with the steel or the stake, Martyrs but error falls only before the sword of Spirit. Martyrs are the human links which connect one stage with 9 another in the history of religion. They are earth's luminaries, which serve to cleanse and rarefy the atmosphere of material sense and to permeate humanity with purer ideals. 12 Consciousness of right-doing brings its own reward; but not amid the smoke of battle is merit seen and appreciated by lookers-on.

Christ

When will Jesus' professed followers learn to emulate him in all his ways and to imitate his mighty works? Those who procured the martyrdom of that Complete 18 emulation righteous man would gladly have turned his sacred career into a mutilated doctrinal platform. May the Christians of to-day take up the more practical im- 21 port of that career! It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, - to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demon- 24 stration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness. Christians claim to be his followers, but do they follow him in the way that he commanded? Hear these imperative com- 27 mands: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect!" "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature!" "Heal the 30 sick!"

Why has this Christian demand so little inspiration

connect one stage with another in the history of religion". Observe the two Marginal Headings: "Vicarious suffering" and "Martyrs inevitable".

The demand of Christianity reflecting the Christ is complete emu-Christ lation "in all his ways and to imitate his mighty works". The opposite of this, in contrast, is "a mutilated doctrinal platform". Observe the firmament tone of Spirit shown here. Then follows a statement of "the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman", followed by the imperative commands in the words of the Master which present so clearly the demands of Christianity when it reflects the Christ. (M.H. "Complete emulation").

Observe, too, how the same Christ tone uncovers the animal magnetism operating as the lethargy that would put mortals to sleep through a false theology and man-made doctrines, until necessarily it is broken by the demands of divine Science.

Then follows the positive tone, again in the words of the Master, coupled with the spiritual power that is to be exercised "by them that believe" in all time to come.

1 to stir mankind to Christian effort? Because men are assured that this command was intended only for a par-

3 Jesus' teaching ticular period and for a select number of followers. This teaching is even more pernicious than the old doctrine of foreordination. — the election of a 6 few to be saved, while the rest are damned; and so it will

be considered, when the lethargy of mortals, produced by man-made doctrines, is broken by the demands of

o divine Science.

Jesus said: "These signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they 12 shall recover." Who believes him? He was addressing his disciples, yet he did not say, "These signs shall follow you," but them — "them that believe" in all time to come.

15 Here the word hands is used metaphorically, as in the text, "The right hand of the Lord is exalted." It expresses spiritual power; otherwise the healing could not have

18 been done spiritually. At another time Jesus prayed, not for the twelve only, but for as many as should believe

"through their word."

Soul 21 Jesus experienced few of the pleasures of the physical senses, but his sufferings were the fruits of other people's sins, not of his own. The eternal Christ,

his spiritual selfhood, never suffered. Jesus 24 mapped out the path for others. He unveiled the Christ, the spiritual idea of divine Love. To those buried in the

27 belief of sin and self, living only for pleasure or the gratification of the senses, he said in substance: Having eyes ye see not, and having ears ye hear not; lest ye should un-

30 derstand and be converted, and I might heal you. He taught that the material senses shut out Truth and its healing power.

Now appears the Soul-sense that rebukes the material senses with their false pleasures and gratifications which would attempt to shut out Truth and its healing power.

This spiritual power which Jesus exercised to rebuke the belief of sin and self cost him his sufferings, though his spiritual selfhood or identity, the eternal Christ, never suffered.

Again the journey from sense to Soul: "Jesus mapped out the path for others". To follow is our individual responsibility.

Meekly our Master met the mockery of his unrecog- 1 nized grandeur. Such indignities as he received, his followers will endure until Christianity's last triumph. He won eternal honors. He over- of truth came the world, the flesh, and all error, thus proving their nothingness. He wrought a full salvation from sin, 6 sickness, and death. We need "Christ, and him crucified." We must have trials and self-denials, as well as joys and victories, until all error is destroyed.

The educated belief that Soul is in the body causes mortals to regard death as a friend, as a stepping-stone out of mortality into immortality and bliss.

The Bible calls death an enemy, and Jesus overcame death and the grave instead of yielding to them.

He was "the way." To him, therefore, death was not 15 the threshold over which he must pass into living

glory.

"Now," cried the apostle, "is the accepted time; be- 18 Christianity hold, now is the day of salvation," — meaning, not that now men must prepare for a future-world salvapresent tion, or safety, but that now is the time in which salvation 21 to experience that salvation in spirit and in life. Now is the time for so-called material pains and material pleasures to pass away, for both are unreal, because impossible 24 in Science. To break this earthly spell, mortals must get the true idea and divine Principle of all that really exists and governs the universe harmoniously. This thought is 27 apprehended slowly, and the interval before its attainment is attended with doubts and defeats as well as triumphs.

Who will stop the practice of sin so long as he believes in the pleasures of sin? When mortals once admit that

This paragraph gives courage to all followers who "will endure until Christianity's last triumph". The passage is a perfect example of Christianity reflecting the Christ and is beyond comment. Its full amplification in terms of Science and system, classification and category

is found in chapter X, The Science of Being.

Belief that Soul is in body is "A belief suicidal" (M.H.). Not until it is understood that Soul is not in body will human thought cease to regard death as a friend, or as a stepping-stone out of mortality. Death has to be faced fearlessly and ultimately overcome on the basis that man is not born into the flesh to begin with. (See Unity of Good pp. 37-43). Jesus understood this and demonstrated it, and thus became "the way" for all those prepared to follow.

Paul's rousing proclamation is designed to break the mesmerism of Christianity the time factor that would put off till tomorrow or hereafter. He shows that a future world-salvation or safety is determined by what we make of the present, by breaking this earthly spell now and stopping the practice of sin now.

This is the heart of Christianity as Christianity and it opens the

way for all to follow.

1 evil confers no pleasure, they turn from it. Remove error from thought, and it will not appear in effect. The ad-

vanced thinker and devout Christian, perceiving the scope and tendency of Christian healing and its Science, will support them. Another will say: 6 "Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season I will call for thee."

Principle

Divine Science adjusts the balance as Jesus adjusted 9 it. Science removes the penalty only by first removing the sin which incurs the penalty. This is my sense of divine pardon, which I understand to mean God's method 12 of destroying sin. If the saying is true, "While there's life there's hope," its opposite is also true, While there's sin there's doom. Another's suffering cannot lessen our 15 own liability. Did the martyrdom of Savonarola make the crimes of his implacable enemies less criminal?

Was it just for Jesus to suffer? No; but it was 18 inevitable, for not otherwise could he show us the way and the power of Truth. If a career so great and good as that of Jesus could not avert a 21 felon's fate, lesser apostles of Truth may endure human brutality without murmuring, rejoicing to enter into fellowship with him through the triumphal arch of 24 Truth and Love.

Our heavenly Father, divine Love, demands that all men should follow the example of our Master and his

27 Service and apostles and not merely worship his personalworship ity. It is sad that the phrase divine service has come so generally to mean public worship instead of
30 daily deeds.

The nature of Christianity is peaceful and blessed, but in order to enter into the kingdom, the anchor of The text forthwith elucidates the whole problem of sin and penalty, and explains why it was inevitable that Jesus should suffer, and why we today "may endure... without murmering, rejoicing to enter into fellowship with him through the triumphal arch of Truth and Love".

The subtones of Soul and Principle in their respective offices flow and merge so naturally that no rigid boundary line is discernible.

The tone of Love reflecting Principle is foreshadowed through the use of 'balance' as type and symbol.

The tone of Love reflecting Principle is also implied by the demand of our heavenly Father, divine Love, that all men should follow the example of our Master Christ Jesus; and also it is implied inversely by the worshipping of his personality, and public worship instead of daily deeds.

Principle hope must be cast beyond the veil of matter into the 1 (contd.) Shekinah into which Jesus has passed before us; and this advance beyond matter must come through the joys and triumphs of the righteous as well as through their sorrows and afflictions. Like our Master, we must depart from material sense 6 into the spiritual sense of being.

The God-inspired walk calmly on though it be with bleeding footprints, and in the hereafter they will reap 9 what they now sow. The pampered hypo- The thorns crite may have a flowery pathway here, but and flowers he cannot forever break the Golden Rule and escape the 12

penalty due.

The proofs of Truth, Life, and Love, which Jesus gave by casting out error and healing the sick, completed his 15 earthly mission; but in the Christian Church this demonstration of healing was early lost, about three centuries after the crucifixion. No ancient 18 school of philosophy, materia medica, or scholastic theology ever taught or demonstrated the divine healing of absolute Science. 21

Life

Jesus foresaw the reception Christian Science would have before it was understood, but this foreknowledge hindered him not. He fulfilled his God-mission, and 24 then sat down at the right hand of the Father. Persecuted from city to city, his apostles still went about doing good deeds, for which they were maligned and 27 stoned. The truth taught by Jesus, the elders scoffed at. Why? Because it demanded more than they were willing to practise. It was enough for them to believe in a national 30 Deity; but that belief, from their time to ours, has never made a disciple who could cast out evils and heal the sick.

Science

Now follows one of the most profound paragraphs in the whole chapter. Marginal Heading: "Within the veil". Observe that this lies within Love reflecting Principle, and Christianity as Christianity; it is concerned with that advancing concept of demonstration which enables one to enter into the kingdom. To accomplish this, "the anchor of hope must be cast beyond the veil of matter into the Shekinah . . ." This term Shekinah does not appear in our Authorized Version. It first appears in the Targums where it denotes the light and radiance of the Divine Presence and Divine Manifestation; it is used (according to the nature of the context) to present both the visible and invisible, the objective and subjective, the centre and circumference: all of which is summed up in "Principle and its idea is one". (p. 465: 17). This is all preparatory to the advancing mission of Christianity to penetrate the veil, to depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being, from matter into Spirit.

Observe the Marginal Heading: "The thorns and flowers", symbolizing "the God-inspired . . . with bleeding footprints" in contrast with "the pampered hypocrite". The former will assuredly reap his harvest; but, because Love is Principle, the latter through breaking

the Golden Rule inevitably cannot escape his penalty.

Life

Jesus progressively lifted his healing ministry and mission from Science visible demonstration to the proof of Truth, Life, and Love in absolute Science. This was all preparatory to the advance beyond matter: the advance which is being explored today in so many fields.

Inseparable from the self-immolation of Jesus' demonstration is the meaning of Life itself - its design and purpose. Consequently the text now turns to a discussion of Life. In the marginal heading, "Immortal achieval" is a word that does not appear in the dictionaries: the term achieval. This is an example of where an inspired master of language, not finding the term she needs to convey a subtle shade of meaning, invents one. Whereas "achievement" would denote something finished, achieval not only includes the Master's lifework as accomplished individually but in addition as continuing to accomplish. Hence the Master "fulfilled his God-mission", but the outcome goes on into eternity, beyond matter and time.

Jesus' life proved, divinely and scientifically, that God is Love, whereas priest and rabbi affirmed God to be a mighty potentate, who loves and hates. The Jewish theology gave no hint of the unchanging love of God.

The universal belief in death is of no advantage. It

6 A belief in death will be found at length to be a mortal dream, which comes in darkness and disappears with the light.

The "man of sorrows" was in no peril from salary or popularity. Though entitled to the homage of the world and endorsed pre-eminently by the approval of God, his brief triumphal entry into Jerusalem was followed by the desertion of all save a few friends,

who sadly followed him to the foot of the cross.

The resurrection of the great demonstrator of God's power was the proof of his final triumph over body

Death and matter, and gave full evidence of divine

Science, — evidence so important to mortals.

The belief that man has existence or mind separate from God is a dying error. This error Jesus met with divine

Science and proved its nothingness. Because of the wondrous glory which God bestowed on His anointed, temptation, sin, sickness, and death had no terror for Jesus.

24 Let men think they had killed the body! Afterwards he would show it to them unchanged. This demonstrates that in Christian Science the true man is governed by

27 God — by good, not evil — and is therefore not a mortal but an immortal. Jesus had taught his disciples the Science of this proof. He was here to enable them to

30 test his still uncomprehended saying, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." They must understand more fully his Life-principle by casting

To illustrate: it is the difference between some simple, finished, arithmetical computation and the calculus, an aspect of which is the mathematics of continuity, as in the motions of the heavenly bodies and their rates of change.

Jesus not only demonstrated Life as it is, but also the nothingness of its so-called opposite — death or mortality. It was this that constituted proof within the meaning of Science, and the "burden of disproof" which culminated in "Death outdone" (M.H.) and resurrection as "proof of his final triumph over body and matter" — "full evidence of divine Science".

His proof illustrates that there is no other self-existence, and that man has no other existence or being separate from his identity as idea or divine embodiment within the one Being. Jesus taught this, and remained on earth long enough to establish it by proof, so that acceptance through belief must yield to acceptance based on spiritual understanding and demonstration. This advance in standpoint becomes co-incident with the descent of the Holy Ghost—that "influx of divine Science" which illumined the day of Pentecost, and today in some measure is repeating itself as we ourselves advance in scientific unity. (M.H. "Pentecost repeated").

Observe that *influx* denotes continuous flow, like that of a river (see Glossary: Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel, Euphrates), and is transitional to this age, the "day" of Science.

out error, healing the sick, and raising the dead, even as 1 they did understand it after his bodily departure.

The magnitude of Jesus' work, his material disappearance ance before their eyes and his reappearance, all enabled the disciples to understand what Jesus had said. Heretofore they had only believed; repeated 6 now they understood. The advent of this understanding is what is meant by the descent of the Holy Ghost, — that influx of divine Science which so illuminated the Pentecostal Day and is now repeating its ancient history.

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Jesus' last proof was the highest, the most convincing, the most profitable to his students. The malignity of 12 brutal persecutors, the treason and suicide of Convincing his betrayer, were overruled by divine Love to the glorification of the man and of the true idea of God, 15 which Jesus' persecutors had mocked and tried to slay. The final demonstration of the truth which Jesus taught, and for which he was crucified, opened a new era for the 18 world. Those who slew him to stay his influence perpetuated and extended it.

Jesus rose higher in demonstration because of the cup 21 of bitterness he drank. Human law had condemned him, but he was demonstrating divine Science.

Out of reach of the barbarity of his enemies, victory 24 he was acting under spiritual law in defiance of matter and mortality, and that spiritual law sustained him. The divine must overcome the human at every point. 27 The Science Jesus taught and lived must triumph over all material beliefs about life, substance, and intelligence, and the multitudinous errors growing from such 30 beliefs.

Love must triumph over hate. Truth and Life must

The structure and operation of being, presented by the text is at this point so profound that it may be helpful to offer the following analysis:

TEXT

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SEVEN-FOLD DEVELOPMENT	FOUR-FOLD OPERATION
LOVE REFLECTING TRUTH	SCIENCE REFLECTING
1 43: 11-44: 4 2 44: 5-47: 9 3 47: 10-49: 25 4 49: 26-50: 25 5 50: 26-51: 32 6 52: 1-52: 28	Word 43: 11-46: 12 Christ 46: 13-51: 18 Christianity 51: 19-54: 7 Science 54: 8-55: 29
.7 52. 29-54. 7	

Truth The Divine Being in its infinite diversity of nature and essence is SCIENCE
1 such that language and its analysis can represent and interpret only Word
an infinitesimal part.

Likewise, the Divine Being in its omniaction, and experienced humanly as operation, is such that again language can interpret only an infinitesimal part.

This is why so much has to be left to one's own spiritual sense, in order that one may follow it and develop it in his own individual way.

The tone of Love reflecting Truth is such that it can be observed as a further Genesis within a Genesis.

The operation of Science runs through the text to the end of the chapter.

The text now begins the interpretation, through Science, of Jesus' culminating demonstrations.

"Jesus' last proof was the highest, the most convincing, the most profitable to his students... The final demonstration of the truth which Jesus taught... opened a new era for the world."

Animal magnetism operating through personal sense as malignity, treason and barbarity endeavoured to destroy him, but this failed for "he was acting under spiritual law in defiance of matter and mortality..."

Today that final demonstration is being increasingly understood and accepted as religious belief gives way to spiritual understanding through the Science of Mind in its reduction to system, with its classifications and categories. It is thus we shall attain "Divine victory" (M.H.) and "the supremacy of Spirit be demonstrated".

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1 seal the victory over error and death, before the thorns can be laid aside for a crown, the benediction follow, 3 "Well done, good and faithful servant," and the suprem-

of it is a second and later all servants,

acy of Spirit be demonstrated.

The lonely precincts of the tomb gave Jesus a refuge from his foes, a place in which to solve the great problem of being. His three days' work in the tomb the sepulchre set the seal of eternity on time.

9 He proved Life to be deathless and Love to be the master of hate. He met and mastered on the basis of Christian Science, the power of Mind over matter, all the claims

12 of medicine, surgery, and hygiene.

He took no drugs to allay inflammation. He did not depend upon food or pure air to resuscitate wasted 15 energies. He did not require the skill of a surgeon to heal the torn palms and bind up the wounded side and lacerated feet, that he might use those hands to remove 18 the napkin and winding-sheet, and that he might employ his feet as before.

Could it be called supernatural for the God of nature to sustain Jesus in his proof of man's truly derived power?

The deific naturalism art, but it was not a supernatural act. On 24 the contrary, it was a divinely natural act, whereby divinity brought to humanity the understanding of the Christhealing and revealed a method infinitely above that of 27 human invention.

His disciples believed Jesus to be dead while he was hidden in the sepulchre, whereas he was alive, demonstrating within the narrow tomb the power of Spirit to overrule mortal, material sense.

There were rock-ribbed walls in the way, and a great

The text now elucidates and interprets those three tremendous days in the sepulchre. To human sense they may seem to be measures of time; divinely reckoned, they are those measures of spiritual understanding (corresponding to numerals of infinity) that worked out and solved the whole problem of being. The first day's work may well correspond to Jesus meeting the claims and false laws incidental to the belief of life, truth, intelligence and substance in matter. The second day's work may well correspond to his meeting the claims and arguments associated with a false theology and its ecclesiasticism; and the third day to meeting the claims of medicine, surgery, and hygiene. These three days' work enabled him to present a restored body preparatory to the advance beyond corporeality, to life in and of Spirit, to "the glory of a sublime success, an everlasting victory".

"His three days' work in the sepulchre set the seal of eternity on time. He proved Life to be deathless and Love to be the master of hate." "It was a method of surgery beyond material art... a method infinitely above that of human invention." Such a standard of demonstration is manifest only at the altitude of co-incidence and is divinely

natural.

The rock-ribbed walls may well symbolize the closely knit arguments and involuntary beliefs which bind together to imprison the mortal concept. The stone which must be rolled away from the cave's mouth may well be the argument of animal magnetism that the prisoner is powerless to free himself from any given involuntary bondage (See Ret. pp. 67-72). But "Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of human hope and faith" (second degree qualities, transitional and moral), "and through the revelation and demonstration of life in God, hath elevated them to possible at-one-ment (the spiritual fact) with the spiritual idea of man and his divine Principle, Love".

stone must be rolled from the cave's mouth; but Jesus 1 vanquished every material obstacle, overcame every law of matter, and stepped forth from his gloomy resting-place, 3 crowned with the glory of a sublime success, an everlasting victory.

Our Master fully and finally demonstrated divine Sci-6 ence in his victory over death and the grave. Jesus' deed was for the enlightenment of men and victory over for the salvation of the whole world from sin, the grave 9 sickness, and death. Paul writes: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the [seeming] death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved 12 by his life." Three days after his bodily burial he talked with his disciples. The persecutors had failed to hide immortal Truth and Love in a sepulchre.

Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts! Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of human hope and faith, and through the reverence the stone are lation and demonstration of life in God, hath rolled away elevated them to possible at-one-ment with the spiritual idea of man and his divine Principle, Love.

They who earliest saw Jesus after the resurrection and beheld the final proof of all that he had taught, misconstrued that event. Even his disciples After the 24 at first called him a spirit, ghost, or spectre, resurrection for they believed his body to be dead. His reply was: "Spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." 27 The reappearing of Jesus was not the return of a spirit. He presented the same body that he had before his crucifixion, and so glorified the supremacy of Mind over 30 matter.

Jesus' students, not sufficiently advanced fully to un-

Final demonstration now becomes final proof which has made possible the spiritual and scientific interpretation in this age of Jesus' lifework through the inspired Word in *Science and Health*.

The "sepulchre" of today is much more subtle and illusive. The stolidity and inertia of yesterday have given way to the grip of mental systems — political, social, economic — in their lust for power and personal possession; and the temptation to yield to more subtle forms of organized and systematized depravity. New worlds for investigation are being opened up by electronics and nuclear physics at one end of the scale, and by astro-physics and radio-astronomy at the other end; and still the search for the final answer continues. The advanced thinker of this century is seeing the necessity for a concept of substance beyond atoms and particles, energy and radiation, or else humanity is heading for self-destruction.

The "stone" of today is the grip on humanity that animal magnetism would attempt to exercise through these systems, to obstruct emergence from darkness into light, from the bondage of matter into the new birth found in Spirit and the resurrection and freedom bestowed of Soul.

Thus Jesus in his latter demonstrations opened the way for all men. He removed the stone and opened the sepulchre. He provided the evidence that became proof of all that he taught. His lifework illustrated and exemplified "the way" — the way from matter to Mind, from corporeality to Spirit, from sense to Soul, from person to Principle, from death to Life — into that infinite progression of being which "floweth as a river into a shoreless eternity". (Mis. 82: 5).

It was demonstration of this order that culminated in the ascension when "he rose above the physical knowledge of his disciples, and the material senses saw him no more".

1 derstand their Master's triumph, did not perform many wonderful works, until they saw him after his crucifixion
3 and learned that he had not died. This convinced them of the truthfulness of all that he had taught.

In the walk to Emmaus, Jesus was known to his friends
6 by the words, which made their hearts burn within them,
Spiritual and by the breaking of bread. The divine interpretation Spirit, which identified Jesus thus centuries
9 ago, has spoken through the inspired Word and will speak through it in every age and clime. It is revealed to the receptive heart, and is again seen casting out evil and 12 healing the sick.

The Master said plainly that physique was not Spirit, and after his resurrection he proved to the physical senses

that his body was not changed until he himself ascended, — or, in other words, rose even higher in the understanding of Spirit, God. To convince 18 Thomas of this, Jesus caused him to examine the nail-

prints and the spear-wound.

Jesus' unchanged physical condition after what seemed
21 to be death was followed by his exaltation above all maspiritual ascension terial conditions; and this exaltation explained his ascension, and revealed unmistakably a
24 probationary and progressive state beyond the grave.
Jesus was "the way;" that is, he marked the way for all men. In his final demonstration, called the ascension, which closed the earthly record of Jesus, he rose above the physical knowledge of his disciples, and the material senses saw him no more.

His students then received the Holy Ghost. By this is meant, that by all they had witnessed and suffered, they were roused to an enlarged understanding of divine SciChrist

At this point in the walk to Emmaus, Jesus began to reveal the deeper significance of his mission and lifework, his place in the divine order of being, and to interpret for the disciples' benefit the import of this event in its Science.

It was essential that they understood clearly "that physique was Christ not Spirit" before he arrived at the point of ascension. His urgent purpose was that his disciples should not fail in their own demonstration of doing the works that he did, and which left so permanent an impress upon mankind.

Then came the final demonstration, since called the ascension, when the advance beyond matter was achieved, "and the material senses saw him no more".

This in turn made possible the descent of the Holy Ghost — that enlarged understanding of divine Science which was accompanied by Pentecostal power.

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ence, even to the spiritual interpretation and discernment of Jesus' teachings and demonstrations, which gave them a faint conception of the Life which is God.

They no longer measured man by material power sense. After gaining the true idea of their glorified Master, they became better healers, leaning no longer on matter, they became better healers, leaning no longer on matter, but on the divine Principle of their work. The influx of light was sudden. It was sometimes an overwhelming power as on the Day of Pentecost.

Judas conspired against Jesus. The world's ingratitude and hatred towards that just man effected his betrayal. The traitor's price was thirty pieces of silver and the smiles of the Pharisees. He chose his conspiracy time, when the people were in doubt concerning Jesus'

teachings.

A period was approaching which would reveal the infinite distance between Judas and his Master. Judas Iscariot knew this. He knew that the great goodness of 18 that Master placed a gulf between Jesus and his betrayer, and this spiritual distance inflamed Judas' envy. The greed for gold strengthened his ingratitude, and for a time 21 quieted his remorse. He knew that the world generally loves a lie better than Truth; and so he plotted the betrayal of Jesus in order to raise himself in popular esti-24 mation. His dark plot fell to the ground, and the traitor fell with it.

The disciples' desertion of their Master in his last 27 earthly struggle was punished; each one came to a violent death except St. John, of whose death we have no record.

During his night of gloom and glory in the garden, Jesus realized the utter error of a belief in any possiUnder the third sub-tone (Soul) the text changes again to an uncovering of the animal magnetism that inflamed Judas and motivated his conspiracy. We find in Judas envy, greed for silver, the weakness in resisting temptation causing him to betray his Master—all first degree elements (p. 115). He committed suicide full of remorse.

The lesson gained from the other disciples (with the possible exception of John) is the penalty for failing to face animal magnetism fearlessly, and to handle it to the point of proving its nothingness. It put them all to sleep.

To Jesus, Gethsemane and all that followed provided the supreme opportunity, terrible though it seemed. In St. John's Gospel we have up to chapter XII an account of Jesus' public ministry; in chapters XIII to XVII we have his private and sublime instruction to his disciples; in Chapters XVIII to XXI we have his demonstration and proof of all that he had taught, beginning with Gethsemane; then that searching question, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" There was no response: they were asleep; "and so Jesus turned forever away from earth to heaven, from sense to Soul". This enabled him to see his demonstration through to fulfilment, beyond crucifixion to resurrection and ascension.

ble material intelligence. The pangs of neglect and the staves of bigoted ignorance smote him sorely. His students slept. He said unto them: "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" Could they not watch with him who, waiting and struggling in voice-6 less agony, held uncomplaining guard over a world? There was no response to that human yearning, and so Jesus turned forever away from earth to heaven, from 9 sense to Soul.

Remembering the sweat of agony which fell in holy benediction on the grass of Gethsemane, shall the hum12 blest or mightiest disciple murmur when he drinks from the same cup, and think, or even wish, to escape the exalting ordeal of sin's revenge on its destroyer? Truth and 15 Love bestow few palms until the consummation of a life-work.

Judas had the world's weapons. Jesus had not one 18 of them, and chose not the world's means of defence.

"He opened not his mouth." The great demonstrator of Truth and Love was silent before 21 envy and hate. Peter would have smitten the enemies of his Master, but Jesus forbade him, thus rebuking resentment or animal courage. He said: "Put up thy 24 sword."

Pale in the presence of his own momentous question, "What is Truth," Pilate was drawn into acquiescence

27 Pilate's with the demands of Jesus' enemies. Pilate was ignorant of the consequences of his awful decision against human rights and divine Love, knowing
30 not that he was hastening the final demonstration of what life is and of what the true knowledge of God can do for man.

Consider at this point the parallel between Jesus' lifework set forth in the words, "Truth and Love bestow few palms until the consummation of a lifework", and the passage in the first paragraph of Science and Health, "Prayer, watching, and working, combined with self-immolation, are God's gracious means for accomplishing whatever has been successfully done for the Christianization and health of mankind". The former applied to Christ Jesus and his age; the latter applies to Mary Baker Eddy and to this age.

The women at the cross could have answered Pilate's question: What is Truth? Woman, today, has answered that question, and through divine inspiration has presented the interpretation thereof in its Science which formal religion seems at present unable to comprehend.

Jesus' fidelity enabled him to be immune to all that the carnal mind could perpetrate and to rise and triumph over all the claims of animal magnetism, both as power to execute and as effect in consequence.

The women at the cross could have answered Pilate's 1 question. They knew what had inspired their devotion, winged their faith, opened the eyes of their understand-3 ing, healed the sick, cast out evil, and caused the disciples to say to their Master: "Even the devils are subject unto us through thy name."

Where were the seventy whom Jesus sent forth? Were all conspirators save eleven? Had they forgotten the great exponent of God? Had they so soon lost students, sight of his mighty works, his toils, privations, ingratitude sacrifices, his divine patience, sublime courage, and unrequited affection? O, why did they not gratify his last 12

human yearning with one sign of fidelity?

The meek demonstrator of good, the highest instructor and friend of man, met his earthly fate alone with 15 God. No human eye was there to pity, no Heaven's arm to save. Forsaken by all whom he had sentinel blessed, this faithful sentinel of God at the highest 18 post of power, charged with the grandest trust of heaven, was ready to be transformed by the renewing of the infinite Spirit. He was to prove that the Christ 21 is not subject to material conditions, but is above the reach of human wrath, and is able, through Truth, Life, and Love, to triumph over sin, sickness, death, and 24 the grave.

The priests and rabbis, before whom he had meekly walked, and those to whom he had given the highest 27 proofs of divine power, mocked him on the cruel cross, saying derisively, "He saved others; contumely himself he cannot save." These scoffers, who turned 30 "aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High," esteemed Jesus as "stricken, smitten of God."

The fourth sub-tone (Principle) appears mainly and inversely through the personal sense exhibited by his enemies; their "Cruel contumely" (M.H.), their scoff and scorn and their derision, in contrast with Jesus' highest proofs of divine power. No comment is made here and the reader is referred to the text.

1 "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."3 "Who shall declare his generation?" Who shall decide what truth and love are?

The last supreme moment of mockery, desertion, torture, added to an overwhelming sense of the magnitude
of his work, wrung from Jesus' lips the awful
cry, "My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"
This despairing appeal, if made to a human parent, would
impugn the justice and love of a father who could withhold a clear token of his presence to sustain and bless so
faithful a son. The appeal of Jesus was made both to
his divine Principle, the God who is Love, and to himself,
Love's pure idea. Had Life, Truth, and Love forsaken
him in his highest demonstration? This was a startling
question. No! They must abide in him and he in them,
or that hour would be shorn of its mighty blessing for the
human race.

If his full recognition of eternal Life had for a moment given way before the evidence of the bodily senses,

what would his accusers have said? Even what they did say, — that Jesus' teachings were false, and that all evidence of their corcult rectness was destroyed by his death. But this saying could not make it so.

The burden of that hour was terrible beyond human 27 conception. The distrust of mortal minds, disbelieving the purpose of his mission, was a million times sharper than the thorns which pierced 30 his flesh. The real cross, which Jesus bore up the hill of grief, was the world's hatred of Truth and Love. Not the spear nor the material cross wrung from his faithful

Pharisaical types of thought can neither understand nor demonstrate divine Principle and its divine Science. Animal magnetism can never infiltrate nor penetrate the realm of real being: it falls back on itself to become self-destroying.

The fifth sub-tone (Life) now appears. One great characteristic of the fifth stage is the willingness to lay off the mortal concept for the sake of humanity.

If we acknowledge that Jesus accepted "the burden of disproof" in order to show humanity the way to accomplish this laying off of the mortal concept, we can begin to appreciate the Marginal Heading "The real pillory" and the accompanying text. (p. 50: 26-5).

lips the plaintive cry, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" It 1 was the possible loss of something more important than human life which moved him, — the possible misappre-3 hension of the sublimest influence of his career. This dread added the drop of gall to his cup.

Jesus could have withdrawn himself from his enemies. 6 He had power to lay down a human sense of life for his spiritual identity in the likeness of the divine; Life-power but he allowed men to attempt the destruc-indestructible tion of the mortal body in order that he might furnish the proof of immortal life. Nothing could kill this Life of man. Jesus could give his temporal life into his 12 enemies' hands; but when his earth-mission was accomplished, his spiritual life, indestructible and eternal, was found forever the same. He knew that matter had 15 no life and that real Life is God; therefore he could no more be separated from his spiritual Life than God could be extinguished.

His consummate example was for the salvation of us all, but only through doing the works which he did and taught others to do. His purpose in healing Example for was not alone to restore health, but to demonsure strate his divine Principle. He was inspired by God, by Truth and Love, in all that he said and did. The motives 24 of his persecutors were pride, envy, cruelty, and vengeance, inflicted on the physical Jesus, but aimed at the divine Principle, Love, which rebuked their sensuality.

Jesus was unselfish. His spirituality separated him from sensuousness, and caused the selfish materialist to hate him; but it was this spirituality which enabled 30 Jesus to heal the sick, cast out evil, and raise the dead.

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Jesus' mission and lifework were so completely selfless that, having proved his divine Principle positively through healing the sick, even to raising the dead, he then proceeded to allow men to attempt the destruction of the mortal body in order that he might furnish the proof of the indestructible nature of identity. This enabled him to restore and re-present the human concept of body which would in turn prepare the way for the ultimate exit from the flesh, synonymous with what is termed the ascension, and which in modern phrase would be regarded as the advance beyond matter. Note the Marginal Heading "Life-power indestructible".

The text now considers the question of universal salvation and Christianity Jesus' consummate example for this purpose. Observe: "but only through doing the works which he did and taught others to do". In other words salvation is something to be merited through the demonstration of divine Principle and one's individual relation thereto.

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From early boyhood he was about his "Father's business." His pursuits lay far apart from theirs. His mas-

3 Master's business ter was Spirit; their master was matter. He served God; they served mammon. His affections were pure; theirs were carnal. His senses drank in 6 the spiritual evidence of health, holiness, and life; their

senses testified oppositely, and absorbed the material evi-

dence of sin, sickness, and death.

Their imperfections and impurity felt the ever-present rebuke of his perfection and purity. Hence the world's hatred of the just and perfect Jesus, and the prophet's foresight of the reception error would give him. "Despised and rejected of men," was Isaiah's graphic word concerning the coming Prince of Peace.

Herod and Pilate laid aside old feuds in order to unite in putting to shame and death the best man that ever trod the globe. To-day, as of old, error and evil again

18 make common cause against the exponents of truth.

The "man of sorrows" best understood the nothingness of material life and intelligence and the mighty ac-

saviour's tuality of all-inclusive God, good. These were the two cardinal points of Mind-healing, or Christian Science, which armed him with Love. The high-

24 est earthly representative of God, speaking of human ability to reflect divine power, prophetically said to his disciples, speaking not for their day only but for all time:

27 "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also;" and "These signs shall follow them that believe."

The accusations of the Pharisees were as self-contra30 Defamatory dictory as their religion. The bigot, the debaccusations auchee, the hypocrite, called Jesus a glutton
and a wine-bibber. They said: "He casteth out devils

Observe also the parallel with the two records of Genesis: the qualities of real manhood in the divine image on the one hand and the elements of Adam and Cain on the other hand — pride, envy, cruelty, vengeance, sensuality, hate, etc. "His master was Spirit; their master was matter. He served God; they served mammon. His affections were pure; theirs were carnal..." And also the Marginal Heading "Purity's rebuke".

Observe also the two cardinal points of Mind-healing: "the nothingness of material life and intelligence, and the mighty actuality of all-inclusive God, good".

And his prophetic words: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also;" and "These signs shall follow them that believe".

⁷ These "Defamatory accusations" (M.H.) were self-destroying then, and still are today.

through Beelzebub," and is the "friend of publicans and 1 sinners." The latter accusation was true, but not in their meaning. Jesus was no ascetic. He did not fast as did 3 the Baptist's disciples; yet there never lived a man so far removed from appetites and passions as the Nazarene. He rebuked sinners pointedly and unflinchingly, because 6 he was their friend; hence the cup he drank.

The reputation of Jesus was the very opposite of his character. Why? Because the divine Principle and 9 practice of Jesus were misunderstood. He Reputation was at work in divine Science. His words and character and works were unknown to the world because above 12 and contrary to the world's religious sense. Mortals believed in God as humanly mighty, rather than as divine, infinite Love.

The world could not interpret aright the discomfort which Jesus inspired and the spiritual blessings which might flow from such discomfort. Science Inspiring 18 shows the cause of the shock so often prodiscontent duced by the truth, — namely, that this shock arises from the great distance between the individual and Truth. 21 Like Peter, we should weep over the warning, instead of denying the truth or mocking the lifelong sacrifice which goodness makes for the destruction of evil.

Jesus bore our sins in his body. He knew the mortal errors which constitute the material body, and could destroy those errors; but at the time Bearing our sins when Jesus felt our infirmities, he had not conquered all the beliefs of the flesh or his sense of material life, nor had he risen to his final demonstration of 30 spiritual power.

Had he shared the sinful beliefs of others, he would

This seventh sub-tone (Love) brings Jesus' lifework through to fulfilment, though not without animal magnetism a second time associating him with Bellzebub, by repeating the Pharisees' charge.

It was thus he carried "the burden of disproof" through to its logical conclusion, and prepared the way for the appearing of "generic man".

1 have been less sensitive to those beliefs. Through the magnitude of his human life, he demonstrated the divine
3 Life. Out of the amplitude of his pure affection, he defined Love. With the affluence of Truth, he vanquished error. The world acknowledged not his righteousness,
6 seeing it not; but earth received the harmony his glorified

example introduced.

Who is ready to follow his teaching and example? All science must sooner or later plant themselves in Christ, the true idea of God. That he might liberally pour his dear-bought treasures into empty or sin12 filled human storehouses, was the inspiration of Jesus' intense human sacrifice. In witness of his divine com-

mission, he presented the proof that Life, Truth, and Love heal the sick and the sinning, and triumph over death through Mind, not matter. This was the highest proof he could have offered of divine Love. His hearers

18 understood neither his words nor his works. They would not accept his meek interpretation of life nor follow his example.

His earthly cup of bitterness was drained to the dregs. There adhered to him only a few unpretentious spiritual friends, whose religion was something more than a name. It was so vital, that it enabled them to understand the Nazarene and to share

the glory of eternal life. He said that those who fol-27 lowed him should drink of his cup, and history has confirmed the prediction.

If that Godlike and glorified man were physically on Injustice to earth to-day, would not some, who now prothe Saviour fess to love him, reject him? Would they not deny him even the rights of humanity, if he enter-

Love

There is no better summary than the following quotation: "Through the magnitude of his human life, he demonstrated the divine Life. Out of the amplitude of his pure affection, he defined Love. With the affluence of Truth, he vanquished error. The world acknowledged not his righteousness, seeing it not; but earth received the harmony his glorified example introduced". (p. 54: 1-7).

In coming to the final tone of Love as Love, this question inevitably Science Love arises: "Who is ready to follow his teaching and example?" We observe the Marginal Heading "Inspiration of sacrifice". The answer is individual and each one must search his heart to decide for himself as to what takes first place in his life and affection. To answer aright requires first a true and searching self-knowledge combined with

an unselfed love towards one's fellowman? Jesus had given the highest possible demonstration and proof of this as "the way shower" and had worked out his own salvation; to do likewise is our own individual responsibility.

an absolute honesty with oneself in relation to Principle. Secondly, are we prepared to make such great sacrifice of self in order to fulfil

tained any other sense of being and religion than theirs? 1 The advancing century, from a deadened sense of the invisible God, to-day subjects to unchristian comment and 3 usage the idea of Christian healing enjoined by Jesus; but this does not affect the invincible facts.

Perhaps the early Christian era did Jesus no more 6 injustice than the later centuries have bestowed upon the healing Christ and spiritual idea of being. Now that the gospel of healing is again preached by the 9 wayside, does not the pulpit sometimes scorn it? But that curative mission, which presents the Saviour in a clearer light than mere words can possibly do, cannot be 12 left out of Christianity, although it is again ruled out of the synagogue.

Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries, 15 gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning. My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as 18 himself, — when he shall realize God's omnipotence and the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done and is doing for mankind. The promises will be ful-21 filled. The time for the reappearing of the divine healing is throughout all time; and whosoever layeth his earthly all on the altar of divine Science, drinketh of Christ's 24 cup now, and is endued with the spirit and power of Christian healing.

In the words of St. John: "He shall give you another 27 Comforter, that he may abide with you *forever*." This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science.

Today, in this momentous twentieth century we are witnessing the development of the Christ-idea in its Science: hence the current upheavals in the travail and birth of generic man.

"Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries... My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbour as himself... The promises will be fulfilled. The time for the re-appearing of the divine healing is throughout all time..."

Range of Love: From the *design* of Love to reform the sinner to its consummation in the Comforter — Divine Science. (Observe the Double Capital).

At this point we observe a second use of the capitalized Divine. What is the spiritual significance of this? The capitalized form appears only seven times in the textbook, adjectively and as a noun. It is my conviction that the term is used only when reference is being made to that which lies beyond human experience and beyond human language.

In this context the term is used with reference to Jesus' prophetic words: "He shall give you another Comforter..." Here Mrs. Eddy states: "This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science". It is the office of *Science and Health* to interpret the Comforter within the meaning of Science and divine metaphysics in its reduction to system and scientific method, so that this Comforter or Divine Science may be available to all.

It is instructive and helpful to consider in parallel desire rising to "Loftiest adoration" in Chapter I with Atonement defined with reference to repentance and redemption, rising to "This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science" in Chapter II.

The reader is recommended to consider the chapter first in its unfolding Genesis order; then to ponder it in its fourfold operational development before meditating upon it as a whole, where the sevenfold concept and fourfold concept interweave in one complete textual design.

The motive and purpose of the chapter is to bring out in each one—in his life and demonstration—that which was exemplified to perfection in Christ Jesus, namely "the nature, essence, and wholeness of Deity;" also the attributes of God: "justice, mercy, wisdom, goodness and so on". See Question and Answer No. 2 of RECAPITULATION (S. & H. p. 465).

Atonement becoming at-one-ment through repentance, reformation and redemption is analogous to assimilating the divine nature, in the proportion that we lay off "the old man".

At-one-ment, the central fact of the chapter, is analogous to understanding the wholeness of Being, i.e. Principle embracing its idea.

Eucharist is the union and communion that obtains reciprocally between Principle and idea to sustain being, and is conveyed by the term esssence of being.

Webster regards *essence* as primary substance, and ultimate as distinct from supporting attributes — such as (in this text) "justice, mercy, wisdom, goodness, and so on". In Christ Jesus' *public* ministry we observe his demonstration of these supporting attributes; whereas in John's Gospel, Chapters XIII to XVII in his *private* instruction to the disciples we have the essence of his lifework and are invited to partake thereof. Chapters XVIII to XXI provide the demonstration of this.

Observe how nature, essence, wholeness, and the supporting attributes are all brought together in Question and Answer No. 2 of RECAPITULATION which epitomizes the whole chapter ATONE-MENT AND EUCHARIST in its many diverse offices.

18	: 1-	20: 32		Sevenfold definition of atonement from standpoint of Mind.
i.]	18:	1-12		Atonement as exemplification by Christ Jesus.
ii. I	18:	13-11		Atonement as reconciliation through Christ.
iii. 1	19:	12-16		Atonement through a truer sense which redeems by destroying
				sin, sickness, and death.
		17-28		At-one-ment the central fact of Jesus' life and teaching.
v. 1	9:	29-13		Atonement through laying off mortal sense aids efficacy of Jesus' atonement.
		14-23		Atonement is practical repentance which reforms.
vii. 2	:05	24-32		Atonement as fulfilment: having our part in God.
21:	1-	22: 29		The demand for atonement from standpoint of Spirit.
i. 2	11:	1-8		The warfare encountered on the journey.
-		9-14		The journey: in earnest from the start.
		15-24		The journey: illustrated and expanded.
3500 ST		25- 2		Spiritual fact implies consistency. Zigzag implies no consistency, opposite of Principle.
v. 2	2:	3-10		Temptation is not to lay off the mortal sense: this leads to "Moral retrogression" (M.H.).
vi. 2	2:	11-22		Moral victory: overcoming error, leads to corresponding reward.
vii. 2	2:	23-29		Final deliverance in its fulfilment and its reward.
22: 3	30-2	25: 12		The problem of sin and sinner, from justice to final deliverance: from the standpoint of Soul.
i. 2	2:	30-23:	11	Justice as the administration of law.
		12-20		The pendulum as a symbol of dualism, having no fixity.
		21-31		Self-reliance and confidence based on true identity.
		32- 3		When Soul reflects Principle there is a great sense of safety and
				absence of self-will.
v. 2	4:	4-19		Life's healing currents flow to redeem, restore and to constitute one's very being. Radical changes are imminent.
vi. 2	4:	20- 2		Searching questions relating to the crucifixion.
vii. 2	5:	3-12		True meaning of the symbols of flesh and blood and their fulfilment.

25: 13-27: 9	Purpose, proof and demonstration, from standpoint of Principle.
i. 25: 13-21	At this point we begin to learn how Principle operates.
ii. 25: 22-32	Jesus' lifework and our responsibility to imitate.
iii. 26: 1- 9	Jesus the great explorer: he rent the veil of matter and sense and opened the way.
iv. 26: 10-18	This way leads to the oneness of being in Principle and Principle's demand for obedience, proof and demonstration.
v. 26: 19-27	Individual experience: the sorrowful effort that is in proportion to demonstration of his love.
vi. 26: 28-32	Christ's demonstration of oneness was no mere theory, doctrine, or belief.
vii. 27: 1- 9	Proof in practice and demonstration of power over death through the divine Principle, working out the harmony of Life and Love.
27: 10-29: 11	The demand to lay down the mortal, with its resulting persecution, from the standpoint of Life.
i. 27: 10-16	Living temple: the idea of Life, substance, and intelligence not in matter to be destroyed.
ii. 27: 17-21	Life never commingles with sin and death. Jesus laid axe of Science at root of material knowledge, to cut down pantheism.
iii. 27: 22-27	The disciples who never understood fell away from grace, and left no name, had no identity.
iv. 27: 28-14	Jesus' persecutors: Pharisees claimed to teach, but only hin- dered. Determination to hold Spirit in grasp of matter the persecutor. Consecration is more on ground of demonstration than of profession.
v. 28: 15-21	Complete misunderstanding, the burden or cross. Not a single component part of his nature measured aright.
vi. 28: 22-31	The Christian martyrdom of today, the day of Science, awaits in some form every pioneer of truth.
vii. 28: 32-11	Christian warfare against error, at home and abroad, continues until Christians finish their course, and win crown of re-

- 29: 12-35: 29 Spiritual perception and conception leading to at-one-ment and Eucharist, from standpoint of Truth.
- i. 29: 12-19 Perception that God is the only author of man.
- ii. 29: 20-13 Spiritual conception silences material law and order of generation: man the offspring of Spirit. Jesus' origin and birth make him the "wayshower".
- iii. 30: 14- 3 Jesus' rebuke of rabbinical error: when Soul controls we loathe sin and rebuke it under every mask.
- iv. 31: 4-11 Fleshly ties temporal: only one Father, one family: oneness.
- v. 31: 12-32: 2 Healing primary: he taught his followers healing power of Truth and Love: "obeying his precious precepts... full understanding of divine Principle".
- vi. 32: 3-35: 9 (Observe the sevenfold nature of this text). Foresight of persecution: sacrament, refreshment and heavenly supplies: Truth the bread of heaven. Incisive questions to his followers: true commemoration will bring in the millenium: fellowship with Christ.
- vii. 35: 10-29 Morning breakfast: true communion and Eucharist: bread, wine and cup.

35: 30-55: 29 Love's design and final purpose fulfilled.

- ii 35: 30-36: 29 The design and final purpose: divine Mind is the immortal law of justice: they who sin must suffer.
- ii. 36: 30-38: 20 Martyrs the human links (negative symbol of order): earth's luminaries which cleanse: smoke of battle: complete emulation.
- iii. 38: 21-40: 7 Material pleasures of the senses: "having eyes see ye not:" he wrought a full salvation: belief suicidal: through the triumphal arch.
- iv. 40: 8-41: 21 Love's demand: not personality but service and deeds, and advance beyond matter in Shekinah: Jesus' proofs completed earthly mission.
- v. 41: 22-43: 10 Universal belief in death: cruel desertion: death outdone: Pentecost then and now.
- vii. 54: 8-55: 29 Highest proof he could have offered: spiritual friendship shares glory of eternal life: Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries: the promises will be fulfilled: another Comforter, Divine Science.

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