

CHAPTER III

MARRIAGE

*What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
In the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but
are as the angels of God in heaven. — JESUS.*

MIND 1 **W**HEN our great Teacher came to him for baptism, **WORD**
Mind 2 John was astounded. Reading his thoughts, Jesus **Word**
3 added: "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us
to fulfil all righteousness." Jesus' concessions (in certain
cases) to material methods were for the advancement of
6 spiritual good.

Spirit 7 Marriage is the legal and moral provision for genera-
tion among human kind. Until the spiritual creation
9 **Marriage** is discerned intact, is apprehended and under-
temporal stood, and His kingdom is come as in the vision
of the Apocalypse, — where the corporeal sense of crea-
12 tion was cast out, and its spiritual sense was revealed from
heaven, — marriage will continue, subject to such moral
regulations as will secure increasing virtue.

Soul 15 Infidelity to the marriage covenant is the social scourge
of all races, "the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
18 **Fidelity** . . . the destruction that wasteth at noonday."
required The commandment, "Thou shalt not com-
mit adultery," is no less imperative than the one, "Thou
shalt not kill."

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As man becomes increasingly aware of his own being as a state of consciousness, he ponders this inwardly and observes its effect outwardly. He becomes aware of consciousness as a state of identity and individuality common to each and all, and having infinite diversity in range and character; also that this individual consciousness or identity is a phenomenon which logically requires its relationship with the infinite noumenon, to complete the cycle and oneness of being. This in turn brings up the fact that no-one can exist alone; that there is no isolated being; that relationship must obtain in harmony and in order, between these identities as phenomena and the one infinite noumenon or cause.

It is the work and purpose of the Bible and the Christian Science Textbook, *Science and Health*, to bring to light this supreme office of relationship, to demonstrate it and interpret it scientifically. Hence the term, Christianity, the natural consequence of the Christ, and which Christendom has taken to itself.

Thus when the creative Word or Logos is reflecting the tone of Christianity, it is relationship we are concerned with in its many phases and aspects.

It is the purpose and design of this third chapter MARRIAGE to exalt relationship in every walk of life, and primarily as it obtains between man and his Maker, for when this is in order and in harmony, the problems of daily life come within the office of law and find their solution.

It is well first to become familiar with the Genesis order of unfoldment throughout the chapter and to observe the ascending nature of the text. Secondly, to remember that the chapter as a whole in the design of the textbook corresponds to the Word reflecting Christianity, and thereby provides an approach to all that is implied by the title MARRIAGE.

Thirdly, the matrix reading provides a more detailed consideration from the operational standpoint.

The reader is now in a position to appreciate, understand, and demonstrate the diversity of office represented by the inspired text.

The words of Jesus point to the eternal fact — the oneness of Being, of Principle and idea as the divine ideal.

The human footsteps, though indispensable, as they approach resurrection are a diminishing factor until they disappear at the point of co-incidence.

MIND

Mind

Jesus came to John for baptism — a concession “for the advancement of spiritual good”: it was a starting point. Jesus, reading John’s thoughts and knowing his re-action, added “Suffer it to be so now”.

WORD

Word

Spirit

Marriage is a similar concession, and for the present is “the legal and moral provision for generation among human kind”. The text implies that when the spiritual creation is discerned intact, and understood, and His kingdom is come as in the vision of the Apocalypse, marriage will yield to spiritual being; though meanwhile “subject to such moral regulations as will secure increasing virtue”. (Virtue: purity, freedom from vice — Oxford).

Soul

The text now deals with an aspect of sin — infidelity — from the standpoint of the Commandments, and by quoting the Psalmist.

- Principle Chastity is the cement of civilization and progress. 1
Without it there is no stability in society, and without it
one cannot attain the Science of Life. 3
- Life Union of the masculine and feminine qualities consti- Christ
tutes completeness. The masculine mind reaches a
higher tone through certain elements of the Mental 6
feminine, while the feminine mind gains cour- elements
age and strength through masculine qualities. These
different elements conjoin naturally with each other, and 9
their true harmony is in spiritual oneness. Both sexes
should be loving, pure, tender, and strong. The attrac-
tion between nativè qualities will be perpetual only as it 12
is pure and true, bringing sweet seasons of renewal like
the returning spring.
- Truth Beauty, wealth, or fame is incompetent to meet the 15
demands of the affections, and should never weigh
against the better claims of intellect, good- Affection's
ness, and virtue. Happiness is spiritual, demands 18
born of Truth and Love. It is unselfish; therefore
it cannot exist alone, but requires all mankind to
share it. 21
- Love Human affection is not poured forth vainly, even
though it meet no return. Love enriches the nature, en-
larging, purifying, and elevating it. The wintry Help and
blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affec- discipline 24
tion, and scatter them to the winds; but this severance
of fleshly ties serves to unite thought more closely to 27
God, for Love supports the struggling heart until it ceases
to sigh over the world and begins to unfold its wings for
heaven. 30
- SPIRIT Marriage is unblest or blest, according to the disap- Christia
Mind pointments it involves or the hopes it fulfils. To happify

Principle Likewise, "chastity is the cement of civilization and progress". It is Christ fore-runner to the oneness of being within Principle and fore-shadows the Science of Life. Observe the contrast between "the social scourge of all races . . ." handled by Soul and "the cement of civilization and progress", integrating and holding within law the lives of men and nations, and fore-shadowing the unity of being within Principle: the Word beginning to reflect the Christ.

Life Until such unity is established there is no stability and no permanent blending of masculine and feminine qualities, no natural conjoining of these diverse elements, and the Science of Life would still seem to elude society.

Truth The "demands of the affections" must be positive and permanent, rooted in Truth and Love.

Love Unselfed love enriches the nature. Through trials and tribulations Love supports the struggling heart.

1 existence by constant intercourse with those adapted to
 elevate it, should be the motive of society. Unity of
 3 spirit gives new pinions to joy, or else joy's drooping
 wings trail in dust.

Spirit

Ill-arranged notes produce discord. Tones of the
 6 human mind may be different, but they should be con-
 cordant in order to blend properly. Unselfish
 Chord and
 discord ambition, noble life-motives, and purity, —
 9 these constituents of thought, mingling, constitute in-
 dividually and collectively true happiness, strength, and
 permanence.

Soul

12 There is moral freedom in Soul. Never contract the
 horizon of a worthy outlook by the selfish exaction of
 all another's time and thoughts. With ad-
 15 Mutual
 freedom ditional joys, benevolence should grow more
 diffusive. The narrowness and jealousy, which would
 confine a wife or a husband forever within four walls, will
 18 not promote the sweet interchange of confidence and love;
 but on the other hand, a wandering desire for incessant
 amusement outside the home circle is a poor augury for
 21 the happiness of wedlock. Home is the dearest spot on
 earth, and it should be the centre, though not the bound-
 ary, of the affections.

Principle

24 Said the peasant bride to her lover: "Two eat no more
 together than they eat separately." This is a hint that
 a wife ought not to court vulgar extravagance
 27 A useful
 suggestion or stupid ease, because another supplies her
 wants. Wealth may obviate the necessity for toil or the
 chance for ill-nature in the marriage relation, but noth-
 30 ing can abolish the cares of marriage.

Life

"She that is married careth . . . how she may please
 her husband," says the Bible; and this is the pleasantest

Science

- RIT** The subject is now considered from the standpoint of Spirit and in its unfolding Genesis order. The text provides numerous examples of contrast and thereby illustrates the firmament concept of separation and no blending or mixing of opposites. There is but one reality. **Christianity**
- find** For example: Unblest or blest, in conjunction with disappointments involved, or hopes fulfilled.
- spirit** New pinions to joy, in contrast with joy's drooping wings trailing in the dust.
- Chord and discord: "Ill-arranged notes produce discord". Tones . . . should be concordant in order to blend properly and illustrate the purity of Spirit: the nature of divine order.
- Soul** Moral freedom in Soul, in contrast with selfish exaction of all another's time and thought.
- Joy and benevolence, in contrast with narrowness and jealousy.
- Happiness of wedlock, in contrast with a wandering desire for incessant amusement.
- Home the dearest spot on earth, the centre though *not* the boundary.
- principle** A true and principled domestic economy in contrast with vulgar extravagance and stupid ease.
- The above contrasts illustrate the demands of the Word as it reflects Christianity in the mutual relationship of marriage; and epitomize the chapter in the overall design.
- Life** As the Word reflects Science the text becomes more positive as it presents and interprets the differing duties and demands of this relationship. **Science**

thing to do. Matrimony should never be entered into 1
 without a full recognition of its enduring obligations on
 both sides. There should be the most tender Differing 3
 solicitude for each other's happiness, and mu- duties
 tual attention and approbation should wait on all the years
 of married life. 6

Truth Mutual compromises will often maintain a compact
 which might otherwise become unbearable. Man should
 not be required to participate in all the annoyances and 9
 cares of domestic economy, nor should woman be ex-
 pected to understand political economy. Fulfilling the
 different demands of their united spheres, their sympa- 12
 thies should blend in sweet confidence and cheer, each
 partner sustaining the other, — thus hallowing the union
 of interests and affections, in which the heart finds peace 15
 and home.

Love Tender words and unselfish care in what promotes the
 welfare and happiness of your wife will prove more salutary 18
 in prolonging her health and smiles than stolid
 indifference or jealousy. Trysting
 Husbands, hear this renewed
 and remember how slight a word or deed may renew the 21
 old trysting-times.

SOUL After marriage, it is too late to grumble over incompati- CHRIS
Mind bility of disposition. A mutual understanding should 24 Word
 exist before this union and continue ever after, for decep-
 tion is fatal to happiness.

Spirit The nuptial vow should never be annulled, so long as 27
 its moral obligations are kept intact; but the frequency
 of divorce shows that the sacredness of this re-
 lationship is losing its influence, and that fatal Permanent
 mistakes are undermining its foundations. Separation obligation 30
 never should take place, and it never would, if both

The text now counsels that "matrimony should never be entered into without a full recognition of its enduring obligations on both sides". Unselfed love in turn prepares the way for the self-immolation which is inseparable from life, in order that life may enter upon Life. To be permanent this must of necessity be reciprocal.

Truth With increased confidence and unity and fulfilling their assumed responsibility, "each partner sustaining the other", the union is blessed and hallowed in ever increasing measure by the Christ, Truth.

Love It is thus that "Trysting renewed" (M.H.) brings a sense of fulfillment on the human plane, preparatory to the higher concepts of relationships that obtain in the ultimate reality.

Soul Mind "A mutual understanding should exist *before* (my italics) this union . . . for deception is fatal to happiness": the starting point for a consideration of marriage from the standpoint of Soul. CHRIST Word

Spirit Purity is indispensable for "Permanent obligation" (M.H.) to be kept intact. The type of separation discussed here is counterfeit to the true office of separation discussed earlier — the firmament concept.

"Science inevitably lifts one's being higher in the scale of harmony and happiness". See "Chord and discord" under earlier sub-heading of Spirit as Spirit.

Soul and Spirit reflecting the Word, in their respective offices, uncover the elements of sin that would undermine and destroy the sanctity of this relationship.

1 husband and wife were genuine Christian Scientists.
 Science inevitably lifts one's being higher in the scale of
 3 harmony and happiness.

Soul

Kindred tastes, motives, and aspirations are necessary
 to the formation of a happy and permanent companion-
 6 **Permanent affection** ship. The beautiful in character is also the
 good, welding indissolubly the links of affec-
 tion. A mother's affection cannot be weaned from her
 9 child, because the mother-love includes purity and con-
 stancy, both of which are immortal. Therefore maternal
 affection lives on under whatever difficulties.

Principle

12 From the logic of events we learn that selfishness
 and impurity alone are fleeting, and that wisdom will
 ultimately put asunder what she hath not joined
 15 together.

Life

Marriage should improve the human species, becoming
 a barrier against vice, a protection to woman, strength to
 18 **Centre for affections** man, and a centre for the affections. This,
 however, in a majority of cases, is not its
 present tendency, and why? Because the education of
 21 the higher nature is neglected, and other considerations,
 — passion, frivolous amusements, personal adornment,
 display, and pride, — occupy thought.

Truth

24 An ill-attuned ear calls discord harmony, not appreciat-
 ing concord. So physical sense, not discerning the true
 happiness of being, places it on a false basis.
 27 **Spiritual concord** Science will correct the discord, and teach us
 life's sweeter harmonies.

Love

Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind,
 30 and happiness would be more readily attained and would
 be more secure in our keeping, if sought in Soul. Higher
 enjoyments alone can satisfy the cravings of immortal

Soul The Marginal Heading now presents "Permanent affection" and the associated qualities become more positive in character: "kindred tastes, motives, and aspirations". "The beautiful in character is also the good, *welding indissolubly* (my italics) the links of affection", all contributing to true identity.

Principle From the *logic of events* we learn first that selfishness and impurity alone are fleeting, and second that "wisdom will ultimately put asunder what she hath not joined together". Observe here the element of spiritual rationality, and also the opposite of oneness.

Life In proportion as the marriage relation is exalted it becomes a "centre for the affections" — a protection to woman, and strength to man. If the education of the higher nature is neglected, the counterfeit elements — passion, frivolous amusements, personal adornment, display, and pride — obscure those soaring aspirations appropriate to the tone of Life and "the fifth day".

Truth So physical sense, not discerning the real happiness of being (true manhood and womanhood conjoined), places it on a false basis, but "Science will correct the discord, and teach us life's sweeter harmonies".

Love Here is Soul fulfilled in bestowing its infinite resources. Soul alone satisfies and Love accepts the blessing of higher enjoyment by reflection, not absorption; otherwise it is lost.

man. We cannot circumscribe happiness within the 1
limits of personal sense. The senses confer no real
enjoyment. 3

PRINCIPLE

Mind

The good in human affections must have ascendancy 3
over the evil and the spiritual over the animal, or happi-
ness will never be won. The attainment of this celestial condition would improve our 6
progeny, diminish crime, and give higher aims to ambi-
tion. Every valley of sin must be exalted, and every 9
mountain of selfishness be brought low, that the highway
of our God may be prepared in Science. The offspring
of heavenly-minded parents inherit more intellect, better 12
balanced minds, and sounder constitutions.

Ascendancy
of good

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Spirit

If some fortuitous circumstance places promising chil-
dren in the arms of gross parents, often these beautiful 15
children early droop and die, like tropical
flowers born amid Alpine snows. If perchance 18
they live to become parents in their turn, they may re-
produce in their own helpless little ones the grosser traits
of their ancestors. What hope of happiness, what noble
ambition, can inspire the child who inherits propensities 21
that must either be overcome or reduce him to a loath-
some wreck?

Propensities
inherited

Soul

Is not the propagation of the human species a greater 24
responsibility, a more solemn charge, than the culture of
your garden or the raising of stock to increase your flocks
and herds? Nothing unworthy of perpetuity should be 27
transmitted to children.

Principle

The formation of mortals must greatly improve to
advance mankind. The scientific *morale* of marriage is 30
spiritual unity. If the propagation of a higher human
species is requisite to reach this goal, then its material con-

Christ

“We cannot circumscribe happiness within the limits of personal sense”. This passage is transitional to the next subject which considers marriage from the standpoint of Principle.

PLE The whole subject is now considered from the standpoint of Prin- Christ
Mind ciple. We begin with the ascendancy of good over evil, the spiritual over the animal, that the highway of God may be prepared in Science.

pirit Now appears the inversion — Marginal Heading “Propensities inherited”. *Fortuitous* implies chance, accident, resulting disorder — the opposite of divine order. The only alternative is to recognise man as the offspring of Spirit, that he inherits only good, and has God-given power to resist and overcome the lower propensities.

Soul The responsibilities of marriage and parenthood are recognised in order to bring forth higher standards of true identity that reach out towards immortality.

iple “The scientific *morale* of marriage is spiritual unity”. Webster relates *morale* to moral principles, teaching or conduct... spirit of whole-hearted co-operation, attended by zeal and self-sacrifice. See dictionary for full definition.

Spiritual unity is the ideal, and all human thought and action should aspire to this ideal.

Thus, the pre-natal state of thought is vital in determining post-natal development and freedom from the involuntary operation of belief claiming the authority of law.

CHRIST as Christ provides guidance on the whole *morale* of the marriage relationship.

1 ditions can only be permitted for the purpose of gener-
 ating. The fœtus must be kept mentally pure and the
 3 period of gestation have the sanctity of virginity.

Life

The entire education of children should be such as to
 form habits of obedience to the moral and spiritual law,
 6 with which the child can meet and master the belief in so-
 called physical laws, a belief which breeds disease.

Truth

If parents create in their babes a desire for incessant
 9 amusement, to be always fed, rocked, tossed, or talked

Inheritance
 heeded

to, those parents should not, in after years,
 complain of their children's fretfulness or fri-
 12 volity, which the parents themselves have occasioned.

Love

Taking less "thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or
 what ye shall drink"; less thought "for your body what
 15 ye shall put on," will do much more for the health of the
 rising generation than you dream. Children should be
 allowed to remain children in knowledge, and should
 18 become men and women only through growth in the
 understanding of man's higher nature.

LIFE

Mind

We must not attribute more and more intelligence
 21 to matter, but less and less, if we would be wise and
 healthy. The divine Mind, which forms the
 24 bud and blossom, will care for the human
 body, even as it clothes the lily; but let no mortal inter-
 fere with God's government by thrusting in the laws of
 erring, human concepts.

The Mind
 creative

Spirit

27 The higher nature of man is not governed by the lower;
 if it were, the order of wisdom would be reversed.

30 Our false views of life hide eternal harmony,
 and produce the ills of which we complain.

Because mortals believe in material laws and reject the
 Science of Mind, this does not make materiality first and

Christ

Scienc

Life When the foregoing is understood and accepted by the parents, true education begins early, enabling the child to demonstrate his growing understanding of life itself — life within Life, as reflex image in eternal Science. (To educate: — To develop and cultivate mentally or morally; to fit for a calling by systematic instruction. *Webster*). Christianity

Truth The true inheritance is here implied by its opposite: those elements Love which sooner or later result in a false sense of possession. The Master's words concerning less thought for your life and for your body are everlastingly true.

Children should grow to maturity only through growth in the understanding of man's higher nature.

LIFE Marriage is now considered from the standpoint of Life.

Mind Matter is found to be a diminishing element, not an accruing phenomenon based on the physical senses.

"The creative Mind" which forms the bud and blossom will then govern humanly, and determine health; but it is necessary to handle intelligently this problem of opposites, based on involuntary belief. Science

Spirit The divine government is irreversible. If the higher nature of man were or could be governed by the lower, divine law and order would have broken down. It is the office of Spirit so to demonstrate "the firmament" that the problem of opposites is forever solved. Thus the superior law of Soul, by which man's higher nature is forever intact, is a natural corollary to the divine order; for in the Divine Being there are no opposites — the infinitude of the One precludes the possibility of the other.

the superior law of Soul last. You would never think 1
that flannel was better for warding off pulmonary disease
than the controlling Mind, if you understood the Science 3
of being.

Soul In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beauti-
ful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is 6
not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor Spiritual
origin
does he pass through material conditions prior
to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ulti- 9
mate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the
law of his being.

Principle Civil law establishes very unfair differences between the 12
rights of the two sexes. Christian Science furnishes no
precedent for such injustice, and civilization The rights
of woman
mitigates it in some measure. Still, it is a 15
marvel why usage should accord woman less rights than
does either Christian Science or civilization.

Our laws are not impartial, to say the least, in their 18
discrimination as to the person, property, and parental
claims of the two sexes. If the elective fran- Unfair dis-
crimination
chise for women will remedy the evil with- 21
out encouraging difficulties of greater magnitude, let us
hope it will be granted. A feasible as well as rational
means of improvement at present is the elevation of 24
society in general and the achievement of a nobler
race for legislation, — a race having higher aims and
motives. 27

If a dissolute husband deserts his wife, certainly the
wronged, and perchance impoverished, woman should be
allowed to collect her own wages, enter into business 30
agreements, hold real estate, deposit funds, and own her
children free from interference.

Soul "In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry". These in a primary sense therefore determine his identity in quality and quantity; and in a secondary sense provide the corrective law to all aggregated beliefs dormant in human ancestry.

Soul therefore is the natural, maintaining and sustaining, sinless and changeless *status* of his being; and Life the *law* of his being. Fatherhood is a quality of Life, and illustrates Life reflecting Soul conjoined with man's identity.

The four tones of the Christ are as follows:

- (i) The uncovering of the elements of sin that would break up the marriage relation.
- (ii) The scientific morale of marriage.
- (iii) The education of children.
- (iv) Transplanting life from a basis of brute instinct to a spiritual basis, i.e. life in and of Spirit.

principle This present age is witness to the discovery of Christianity in its Science as distinct from doctrinal belief, and God as the divine Principle of the universe as distinct from the gods and mythologies of the ancients. This has already resulted in two profound yet correlated movements of world thought: the awakening of mankind from the sleep and dream of the ages; and the recognition of the rights of woman to fulfill her place in the progressive life of mankind. More progress and development in the natural and social sciences has taken place in the last hundred years than in the thousands of years of recorded history in the life of mankind.

This is due to the impact of the spiritual idea on the darkness of belief resulting in chemicalization and revolution in every walk of life, and amongst all peoples.

The text turns therefore to consider the rights of woman and the administration of the law within the meaning of justice and the operation of divine Principle.

CHRIST-
IANITY

Word

1 Want of uniform justice is a crying evil caused by the
 selfishness and inhumanity of man. Our forefathers
 3 exercised their faith in the direction taught by the Apostle
 James, when he said: "Pure religion and undefiled before
 God and the Father, is this, To visit the fatherless and
 6 widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted
 from the world."

Life

Pride, envy, or jealousy seems on most occasions to
 9 be the master of ceremonies, ruling out primitive Chris-
 tianity. When a man lends a helping hand
 12 to some noble woman, struggling alone with
 adversity, his wife should not say, "It is never well to
 interfere with your neighbor's business." A wife is
 sometimes debarred by a covetous domestic tyrant from
 15 giving the ready aid her sympathy and charity would
 afford.

Christ

Truth

Marriage should signify a union of hearts. Further-
 18 more, the time cometh of which Jesus spake, when he
 declared that in the resurrection there should
 21 be no more marrying nor giving in marriage,
 but man would be as the angels. Then shall Soul re-
 joice in its own, in which passion has no part. Then
 white-robed purity will unite in one person masculine wis-
 24 dom and feminine love, spiritual understanding and per-
 petual peace.

Love

Until it is learned that God is the Father of all, mar-
 27 riage will continue. Let not mortals permit a disregard
 of law which might lead to a worse state of society than
 now exists. Honesty and virtue ensure the stability of
 30 the marriage covenant. Spirit will ultimately claim its
 own, — all that really is, — and the voices of physical
 sense will be forever hushed.

Life Animal magnetism unseen and unrecognised by mankind in general and operating as pride, envy, jealousy — all elements of personal sense — would obscure and obstruct the nobler qualities of manhood and womanhood inseparable from a demonstrable Christianity. This inversion of Life in its fifth tone is indicated by the Marginal Heading “Benevolence hindered”. The Christ in Christianity handles this adequately. Christ:

truth Marriage, signifying a union of hearts, progressively develops to resurrected thought and opens the way for the time of which Jesus spoke: “that in the resurrection there should be no more marrying nor giving in marriage, but man would be as the angels”; the joy of Soul and no passion; white-robed purity (Spirit) uniting . . . masculine wisdom (Mind), feminine love (Life), spiritual understanding (Soul), and perpetual peace (Love). The ideal man is about to appear.

love “Until it is learned that God is the Father of all, marriage will continue . . . Spirit will ultimately claim its own — all that really is, — and the voices of physical sense will be forever hushed”.

TRUTH

Mind

Experience should be the school of virtue, and human happiness should proceed from man's highest nature. May Christ, Truth, be present at every bridal altar to turn the water into wine and to give to human life an inspiration by which man's spiritual and eternal existence may be discerned.

1 Christ
(contd.Blessing
of Christ

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If the foundations of human affection are consistent with progress, they will be strong and enduring. Divorces should warn the age of some fundamental error in the marriage state. The union of the sexes suffers fearful discord. To gain Christian Science and its harmony, life should be more metaphysically regarded.

Christi

Righteous
foundations

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The broadcast powers of evil so conspicuous to-day show themselves in the materialism and sensualism of the age, struggling against the advancing spiritual era. Beholding the world's lack of Christianity and the powerlessness of vows to make home happy, the human mind will at length demand a higher affection.

Powerless
promises

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18

Spirit

There will ensue a fermentation over this as over many other reforms, until we get at last the clear straining of truth, and impurity and error are left among the lees. The fermentation even of fluids is not pleasant. An unsettled, transitional stage is never desirable on its own account. Matrimony, which was once a fixed fact among us, must lose its present slippery footing, and man must find permanence and peace in a more spiritual adherence.

Transition
and reform

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The mental chemicalization, which has brought conjugal infidelity to the surface, will assuredly throw off this evil, and marriage will become purer when the scum is gone.

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JTH
Mind
 The subject is human happiness and human affection. Happiness Christ
proceeding from man's highest nature becomes co-incident with his *discernment* of man's spiritual and eternal existence. At this point of coincidence, Christ, Truth, turns the water into wine, the ideal man begins to appear — at least in degree, and pure thought rises to inspired thought. Observe the Marginal Heading "Blessing of Christ".

The fundamental error is found in the belief of a separate self- Christianity
 existence, man apart from his Maker and divided into two sexes. To restore harmony the oneness of being must be accepted as the starting point and as the only foundation of affection. Righteous foundations (M.H.).

Half a century ago there was no radio broadcasting as we know it now. Human invention has developed it out of all recognition compared with its early beginning. Today it is universal the world over and provides a remarkable illustration of the idea of generic man with unlimited possibilities for disseminating good. Hence the greater need to watch that its misuse becomes not a channel for organised evil in this advancing and scientific era. If we are true to our responsibility the appearing of generic man is irresistible.

Spirit
 This fermentation may well be regarded as the opposite of the turning of water into wine. In this context it implies agitation, unrest, a form of mental chemicalization preparatory to change, wherein impurity and error are left among the lees — the sediment or dregs.

The scum gone, the pure wine of human character is then left free for redemption and progress. The paragraph illustrates the action of Truth reflecting Spirit.

Soul 1 Thou art right, immortal Shakespeare, great poet of
humanity:

3 Sweet are the uses of adversity;
Which, like the toad, ugly and venomous,
Wears yet a precious jewel in his head.

6 Trials teach mortals not to lean on a material staff, —
a broken reed, which pierces the heart. We do not
half remember this in the sunshine of joy
9 ^{Salutary}
^{sorrow} and prosperity. Sorrow is salutary. Through
great tribulation we enter the kingdom. Trials are
proofs of God's care. Spiritual development germi-
12 nates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes,
but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher
joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. Each suc-
15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine
goodness and love.

Amidst gratitude for conjugal felicity, it is well to re-
18 member how fleeting are human joys. Amidst conjugal
infelicity, it is well to hope, pray, and wait patiently on
divine wisdom to point out the path.

Principle 21 Husbands and wives should never separate if there
is no Christian demand for it. It is better to await the
logic of events than for a wife precipitately
24 ^{Patience}
^{is wisdom} to leave her husband or for a husband to
leave his wife. If one is better than the other, as must
always be the case, the other pre-eminently needs good
27 company. Socrates considered patience salutary under
such circumstances, making his Xantippe a discipline for
his philosophy.

Science

Life 30 ^{The gold}
^{and dross} Sorrow has its reward. It never leaves us
where it found us. The furnace separates
the gold from the dross that the precious metal may

Soul The salutary nature of sorrow enriches and purifies. "Through great tribulation we enter the kingdom. Trials are proofs of God's care". The text now considers the joy that lies beyond the senses. These progressive stages of development and experience never lose sight of "the path" — the journey from sense to Soul.

The great spiritual fact in Science is the oneness of being that obtains throughout man and the universe.

Principle This is demonstrated in human experience as unity, which is Principle in evidence. Therefore if one were beset with what appears to be an insoluble problem it were well to wait on divine wisdom to point out the path, or "to await the logic of events". Science

Life If "the logic of events" precipitates a fiery experience we should not be dismayed. This very occurrence may well be the demand of "the fifth day", self-immolation, allowing the divine image to appear. The Gospels with reference to Christ Jesus use the symbol of "the cup" to denote the same type of experience — the willingness to lay down the moral concept. The gold and dross (M.H.).

be graven with the image of God. The cup our Father
hath given, shall we not drink it and learn the lessons
He teaches?

Truth When the ocean is stirred by a storm, then the clouds
lower, the wind shrieks through the tightened shrouds,
and the waves lift themselves into mountains. Weathering
the storm
We ask the helmsman: "Do you know your
course? Can you steer safely amid the storm?" He
answers bravely, but even the dauntless seaman is not
sure of his safety; nautical science is not equal to the
Science of Mind. Yet, acting up to his highest under-
standing, firm at the post of duty, the mariner works on
and awaits the issue. Thus should we deport ourselves
on the seething ocean of sorrow. Hoping and work-
ing, one should stick to the wreck, until an irresistible
propulsion precipitates his doom or sunshine gladdens
the troubled sea.

Love The notion that animal natures can possibly give force
to character is too absurd for consideration, when we
remember that through spiritual ascendancy
our Lord and Master healed the sick, raised Spiritual
power
the dead, and commanded even the winds and waves to
obey him. Grace and Truth are potent beyond all other
means and methods.

The lack of spiritual power in the limited demonstration
of popular Christianity does not put to silence the labor
of centuries. Spiritual, not corporeal, consciousness is
needed. Man delivered from sin, disease, and death
presents the true likeness or spiritual ideal.

LOVE Systems of religion and medicine treat of physical pains
Mind and pleasures, but Jesus rebuked the suffering from any
such cause or effect. The epoch approaches when the

truth The picture presented here depicts elementary latent error being stirred to its depths by Truth; yet, firmly holding on to Truth's supremacy despite such contrary evidence, victory is won and a higher concept of man appears: man in the divine likeness, or generic man.

love Love is the power that heals the sick, raises the dead, and commands the wind and wave to bow before the supremacy of Truth. Such was the spiritual power and ascendancy fulfilled in Christ Jesus as he rose to the full stature of his manhood.

"God is working His purpose out" and despite lack of spiritual power in popular Christianity Love's labours are not lost. Man, redeemed and restored, is generic man beginning to appear and to present the spiritual ideal.

SCIENCE
Word
mind
DOVE Systems of religion and medicine persist in postulating organic matter as the basis of being and the origin of life — life with its pleasures and pains. Jesus rebuked this root error and demonstrated its falsity to the point of its disappearance. There is no nerve in Mind.

Spirit 1 understanding of the truth of being will be the basis of true religion. At present mortals progress slowly for
 3 ^{Basis of true religion} fear of being thought ridiculous. They are slaves to fashion, pride, and sense. Some-
 6 time we shall learn how Spirit, the great architect, has created men and women in Science. We ought to weary
 of the fleeting and false and to cherish nothing which hinders our highest selfhood.

Soul 9 Jealousy is the grave of affection. The presence of Christ
 mistrust, where confidence is due, withers the flowers of Eden and scatters love's petals to decay. Be not
 12 in haste to take the vow "until death do us part." Consider its obligations, its responsibilities, its rela-
 tions to your growth and to your influence on other
 15 lives.

Principle I never knew more than one individual who believed
 in agamogenesis; she was unmarried, a lovely charac-
 18 ^{Insanity and agamogenesis} ter, was suffering from incipient insanity, and a Christian Scientist cured her. I have named
 her case to individuals, when casting my bread upon
 21 the waters, and it may have caused the good to ponder and the evil to hatch their silly innuendoes and lies, since
 salutary causes sometimes incur these effects. The per-
 24 petuation of the floral species by bud or cell-division is evident, but I discredit the belief that agamogenesis
 applies to the human species.

Life 27 Christian Science presents unfoldment, not accretion; Christia
 it manifests no material growth from molecule to mind,
 but an impartation of the divine Mind to man
 30 ^{God's creation intact} and the universe. Proportionately as human
 generation ceases, the unbroken links of eternal, har-
 monious being will be spiritually discerned; and man,

Spirit Prophetically the text declares "The epoch approaches when the understanding of the truth of being will be the basis of true religion".

Observe the contrast between "Spirit, the great architect" and mortals as "slaves to fashion, pride and sense": the former imperishable, the latter fleeting and false.

Soul Soul is immaculate and impeccable when understood and demonstrated; Love as the Soul of all, is its own great cause and effect within the Infinite One; and through Science reflecting Christ annuls completely and finally the malpractice which would destroy the happiness of human relationship. **Christ**

Principle If agamogenesis were accepted as a theory applicable to human generation it would of necessity have to postulate life as organic and generation as a-sexual, not bi-sexual, and man therefore having a self-existence of his own in origin, zenith, and subsequent decline into mortality.

This is a complete inversion of the oneness of being (Principle and its idea, one) and of man's divine origin and parentage in divine Life and Love.

Life Unfoldment implies continuous development based on the impartation from Mind which is forever going on as omni-action; this impartation reflected in Science enables man to be aware of his being as conscious identity forever co-existent with his Maker. This is Life and there is no other self-existence. **Christianity**

not of the earth earthly but coexistent with God, will appear. The scientific fact that man and the universe are evolved from Spirit, and so are spiritual, is as fixed in divine Science as is the proof that mortals gain the sense of health only as they lose the sense of sin and disease. Mortals can never understand God's creation while believing that man is a creator. God's children already created will be cognized only as man finds the truth of being.

Truth Thus it is that the real, ideal man appears in proportion as the false and material disappears. No longer to marry or to be "given in marriage" neither closes man's continuity nor his sense of increasing number in God's infinite plan. Spiritually to understand that there is but one creator, God, unfolds all creation, confirms the Scriptures, brings the sweet assurance of no parting, no pain, and of man deathless and perfect and eternal.

Love If Christian Scientists educate their own offspring spiritually, they can educate others spiritually and not conflict with the scientific sense of God's creation. Some day the child will ask his parent: "Do you keep the First Commandment? Do you have one God and creator, or is man a creator?" If the father replies, "God creates man through man," the child may ask, "Do you teach that Spirit creates materially, or do you declare that Spirit is infinite, therefore matter is out of the question?" Jesus said, "The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage."

Accretion is the opposite of unfoldment and would imply a separate self-existence based on matter, together with a process of adding to, by external addition. The process of accretion is by inference the first death; and its outcome, mortality is "the second death". As this process yields through enlightenment to unfoldment the Science of this translation will be understood and demonstrated as an office within "the divine infinite calculus" (S. & H. p. 520), and "the unbroken links of eternal, harmonious being will be spiritually discerned". (S. & H. p. 68).

Truth The real, ideal man appears in proportion as the false and material Science disappears.

This prepares the way for advance beyond matter, and an ever ascending concept of all true relationship within the oneness of being.

Love The chapter closes on the deeper meaning and implication of the First Commandment. The words of Christ Jesus stand for all time. Love in every walk of life is the liberator for, understood in its deeper sense, divine Love encircles and constitutes the universe and man.

This whole chapter III — MARRIAGE — is epitomized in RECAPITULATION p. 465 in the answer to Question 3, "Is there more than one God or Principle?" *Answer* — "There is not. Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe . . ." This indicates relationship in its highest and most exalted conception.

As human relationship is increasingly purified and refined it naturally approaches the divine ideal until this ideal demonstrated becomes the natural status and fact of being.

- 56: 1-57: 30 Presentation of Marriage from the standpoint of Mind.**
- i. 56: 1- 6 "Reading his thoughts . . ."
Marriage as a concession . . . "for the advancement of spiritual good".
- ii. 56: 7-14 Marginal Heading "*Marriage temporal*".
Legal and moral provision for generation.
Marriage will continue to secure increasing virtue.
- iii. 56: 15-20 Marginal Heading "*Fidelity required*".
Fidelity implies ability to resist temptation and sinful impulse;
infidelity is the social scourge
- iv. 57: 1- 3 Chastity is the cement . . .
Without it . . . no stability.
- v. 57: 4-14 Marginal Heading "*Mental elements*".
Union . . . constitutes completeness . . .
True harmony is in spiritual oneness.
Attraction . . . is perpetual only as it is pure and true:
Sweet seasons of renewal like the returning spring. (note how the
4th tone develops and blends into the 5th).
- vi. 57: 15-21 Marginal Heading "*Affection's demands*".
Happiness is spiritual, born of Truth and Love.
. . . cannot exist alone, . . . requires all mankind to share it (be-
comes universal).
- vii. 57: 22-30 Marginal Heading "*Help and discipline*".
Human affection is not poured forth vainly . . .
Love enriches . . .
Severance of fleshly ties serves to unite thought more closely . . .
Ceases to sigh . . .
Unfolds its wings for heaven.

- 57: 31-59: 22** **Chord and discord in marriage from the standpoint of Spirit.**
- i. 57: 31- 4 . . . unblest or blest . . .
disappointments it involves or the hopes it fulfils
To happyfy . . . should be the motive . . .
Unity of spirit: new pinions to joy.
Contrast "joy's drooping wings trail in dust".
(Note contrast all through the paragraph).
- ii. 58: 5-11 Marginal Heading "*Chord and discord*".
Ill-arranged notes produce discord: no semblance of order.
Tones . . . should be concordant . . . to blend properly: order
synonymous with concord and blending.
Unselfish ambition, noble life-motives, purity (properties of
Spirit), constitute happiness, strength and permanence.
- iii. 58:12-23 Marginal Heading "*Mutual freedom*".
Moral freedom in Soul.
contract the horizon . . . by selfish exaction . . . is opposite of ex-
pansion and freedom
With additional joys, benevolence . . . more diffusive (diffusive =
to pour out so as to spread in all directions)
narrowness and jealousy/sweet interchange of confidence and
love
wandering desire/home circle and happiness
Home . . . centre, though not the boundary . . .
(home, like body, is the point of identification)
- iv. 58: 24-30 Marginal Heading "*A useful suggestion*".
True economy in contrast with vulgar extravagance, stupid ease.
Nothing can abolish the cares of marriage: (no escape from true
responsibility to Principle).
- v. 58: 31- 6 Marginal Heading "*Differing duties*".
"She that is married careth . . ." (notice continuity in text).
"full recognition of its *enduring* obligations . . ."
approbation should wait on all the years of married life.
- vi. 59: 7-16 Mutual compromise.
Man: political economy.
Woman: domestic economy.
Fulfilling different demands of their united spheres their sym-
pathies should blend.
- vii. 59: 17-22 Marginal Heading "*Trysting renewed*". (Trysting place = place
of meeting or appointment. To tryst = to meet by agreement).
Tender words, unselfish care — stolid indifference or jealousy.
"renew the old trysting times" — hint at fulfilment of mutual
attraction.

- 59: 23-61: 3** **Permanent qualities of marriage from the standpoint of Soul.**
- i. 59: 23-26 mutual understanding . . . before . . . and continue ever after . . .
deception is fatal to happiness (fatal = deadly)
(Mutual understanding should therefore be the starting point of
happiness).
- ii. 59: 27- 3 Marginal Heading "*Permanent obligation*".
(Contrast between "permanent obligation" and separation).
True separation of opposites is a property of Spirit.
(Note "influence" and "*fatal mistakes*")
. . . undermining its foundations = operation of a.m.
Science . . . lifts one's being higher in the scale of harmony
and happiness.
- iii. 60: 4-11 Marginal Heading "*Permanent affection*".
Kindred tastes, motives, aspirations.
The beautiful in character, the good.
Welding indissolubly the links of affection.
Mother-love, purity, constancy are immortal.
Therefore maternal affection lives on . . .
- iv. 60: 12-15 The logic of events: wisdom will put asunder what she has not
joined together.
- v. 60: 16-23 Marginal Heading "*Centre for affections*".
Marriage should (1) improve the human species, *becoming*
(2) a barrier against vice
(3) a protection to woman
(4) strength to man
(5) a centre for the affections
(note use of present participle)
- Education of *higher* nature as against
(1) passion
(2) frivolous amusement
(3) personal adornment
(4) display
(5) pride
- vi. 60: 24-28 Marginal Heading "*Spiritual concord*".
physical sense, not *discerning* the *true* happiness of being places
it on a false basis.
Science will correct the discord, and teach us life's sweeter har-
monies.
- vii. 60: 29- 3 Soul has *infinite resources* with which to *bless* mankind.
Higher enjoyments alone *can satisfy* the cravings of *immortal*
man.
We cannot *circumscribe* . . . (the opposite of freedom of Soul).
The senses *confer* no real enjoyment.

61: 4-62: 19 Scientific morale: spiritual unity, from the standpoint of Principle.

- i. 61: 4-13 Marginal Heading "*Ascendancy of good*".
The good . . . must have ascendancy . . .
The spiritual " " "
Ascendancy: governing or controlling influence.
To ascend: to rise, to soar.
Every valley . . . exalted.
Every mountain . . . brought low.
That the highway . . . may be prepared in Science.
- ii. 61: 14-23 Marginal Heading "*Propensities inherited*".
Fortuitous: happening by chance, by accident: no order.
Perchance: again to order, accident, luck, etc.
Inherited propensities must either be overcome, or (they) reduce
to a loathsome wreck.
- iii. 61: 24-28 This section becomes definite and specifically charged with responsibility.
Perpetuity: continuance forever: timelessness.
- iv. 61: 29- 3 The scientific *morale* of marriage is spiritual unity.
- v. 62: 4- 7 The entire education of children . . .
Form habits of obedience . . . to meet and master the belief in
physical laws.
- vi. 62: 8-12 Marginal Heading "*Inheritance heeded*".
- vii. 62: 13-19 Taking less thought for your life . . .
 " " " " " body.
The understanding of man's higher nature.

- 62: 20-64: 32** **Benevolence and primitive Christianity from the standpoint of Life.**
- i. 62: 20-26 **Marginal Heading "The Mind creative".**
Attribute less and less intelligence to matter.
The divine Mind, which forms the bud and blossom, will care for the human body . . .
Let no mortal interfere . . . by thrusting in the laws of erring, human concepts.
- ii. 62: 27- 4 **Marginal Heading "Superior law of Soul".**
The law of Soul appears here because the subject is the care of the body.
The higher nature . . . not governed by the lower; otherwise the order of wisdom would be reversed.
- iii. 63: 5-11 **Marginal Heading "Spiritual origin".**
Man the offspring of Spirit:
Beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry . . .
Origin not in brute instinct.
Spirit is the primitive and ultimate source of being;
God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.
(Note the very strong and positive nature of the statement).
- iv. 63: 12- 7 **Marginal Heading "The rights of woman"**
Civil law establishes very unfair differences . . .
Christian Science furnishes no precedent for such injustice.
Marginal Heading "Unfair discrimination".
Rational means an improvement: elevation of society;
Achievement of a nobler race; higher aims and motives.
Want of uniform justice: a crying evil.
- v. 64: 8-16 **Marginal Heading "Benevolence hindered".**
Pride, envy, jealousy would rule out primitive Christianity.
Covetous domestic tyranny *v.* sympathy and charity.
- vi. 64: 17-25 **Marginal Heading "Progressive development".**
Progress is human advance and development.
Progression is a prime quality of Life.
"In the resurrection . . . man would be as the angels".
"White-robed purity will unite in one person masculine wisdom and feminine love . . ."
". . . spiritual understanding and perpetual peace."
- vii. 64: 26-32 **Until it is learned that God is the Father of all, marriage will continue.**
Spirit will ultimately claim its own . . .
. . . voices of physical sense will be forever hushed.

- 65: 1-67: 29 Presentation of Marriage from the standpoint of Truth.**
- i. 65: 1-19 The blessing of Christ, Truth.
Promises and vows alone powerless.
- ii. 65: 20-32 Transition and reform
mental chemicalization.
- iii. 66: 1-20 Salutory nature of sorrow.
Spiritual development and germination.
- iv. 66: 21-29 The logic of events.
- v. 66: 30- 3 The gold and dross: The reward of sorrow.
- vi. 67: 4-17 Elementary latent error stirred to its depths until the sunshine
of Truth breaks through: weathering the storm.
- vii. 67: 18-29 Spiritual power: Grace and Truth potent beyond all other means
and methods.
- 67: 30-69: 30 Presentation of Marriage from the standpoint of Love.**
- i. 67: 30- 3 Resistance to the approaching epoch.
- ii. 68: 4- 8 Spirit the great architect.
- iii. 68: 9-15 Jealousy: the grave of affection.
- iv. 68: 16-26 Agamogenesis discredited.
- v. 68: 27- 8 Unfoldment: not accretion
no material growth: but impartation from Mind. Man co-
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- vii. 69: 17-30 The outcome of the Commandments:
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MARRIAGE

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