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J.L.S.

YE shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

—JOHN viii. 32

THERE is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.

—SHAKESPEARE

OH! Thou hast heard my prayer;

And I am blest!

This is Thy high behest:—

Thou here, and *everywhere*.

—MARY BAKER G. EDDY

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FOREWORD

THE reader is referred to Volume I for the introduction to this analytical study of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy.

The central fact of this second group—Chapters V–VIII—is the discovery and revelation of the Christ in its Science, accompanied by an elucidation of its supreme offices of scientific translation and the scientific uncovering and elimination of error.

In Chapter I thought is concerned with *seeking* to know God and *learning how* to pray. Chapter II interprets the life of Christ Jesus and answers the many questions concerned with atonement, sin and sinner. Chapter III covers the whole field of human and divine relationship. Chapter IV makes a preliminary analysis of evil and the conflicting phenomena of spiritualism. The attitude of human thought in its approach to these great questions is largely *objective* in the beginning. But a distinct change becomes evident in this second group, Chapters V–VIII: the change-over from an objective approach to *subjective* understanding.

Since Chapter IV provides this preliminary analysis of spiritualism and its pantheistic phenomena, inseparable from the five physical senses, it is natural that Chapter V ANIMAL MAGNETISM UNMASKED in its office of Christ reflecting the Word should go to the heart of the main problem and uncover the error to be annihilated.

Clearly the purpose of this chapter is not to exhibit animal magnetism as an adversary to be combated, but rather as a mesmeric illusion to be seen through, in order that its nothingness may be demonstrated. This is not attained all at once, but is gained progressively as the light of Science expands and God becomes the All-in-all.

We find in Chapter VI SCIENCE, THEOLOGY, MEDICINE Mary Baker Eddy's own account of "this final revelation" which came to her in 1866 in fulfillment of Christ Jesus' promise of the

Comforter. It is natural that this record should find its place in Chapter VI as this chapter corresponds with Christ as Christ in the overall design of the textbook. The chapter is profound in its implications, and is classified under three headings—Science, Theology, Medicine—in order to clarify the impact of the spiritual idea upon these three wide fields of human thought. It also indicates the reactions of these diverse schools as the idea makes itself known and felt.

It is the office of this chapter to present the discovery as revelation coming deductively from its divine Principle and not sought by long processes of inductive reasoning in which there is no light or spiritual sense.

Chapter VII **PHYSIOLOGY** corresponding to Christ reflecting Christianity illustrates the way animal magnetism would use the human system as the focal point upon which to project the organised beliefs cherished by physical science, scholastic theology and materia medica; at the same time it indicates the way of escape from the resulting dilemma.

In Chapter VIII **FOOTSTEPS OF TRUTH** the way out from this gross materialism is provided and each one can take these steps for himself in the knowledge that there is no opposing power that can obstruct his progress. In taking these ascending footsteps he is leading the way for countless others who will follow.

As we ponder these second four chapters a new standpoint emerges. We become aware of *looking out from* rather than looking up to divine Principle and the significance of the translation order of the synonymous terms as given on page 115 of *Science and Health* becomes clear. This is due to the earlier chapters having brought us to a growing consciousness of at-one-ment. It is the equivalent of an objective sense yielding to a subjective sense which matures as spiritual understanding. It implies a change-over from human thought as starting point to the acceptance of divine Principle as the basis and foundation of all that is. We become aware of the power of the Christ to uncover the claim of evil as animal magnetism prior to its annihilation, and so to demonstrate the office of scientific translation which reaches its climax of classified statement on pp. 115–116.

The remarkable feature of this text is that it presents and interprets itself to the seeker in an unfolding Genesis order whilst maintaining

the characteristics of an operational matrix to the student. We must never forget that these synonymous and operational terms are but sign and symbol to provide an infinite and endless interpretation of the Divine Being in its omni-action. C.R. Mis. 104: 9-10.

For reference purposes the two following charts are included at this point by kind permission of John W. Doorly's trustee.

This matrix is based on the fundamental orders of the synonymous terms for God as given in the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy. It illustrates the scientific way in which each divine order reflects the other. The ordered statements of the synonymous terms occur on the following pages of the textbook: 465: 10; 115: 13-14; 587: 6-7.

	THE WORD	THE CHRIST	CHRIST- IANITY	SCIENCE	
THE WORD	Order	Manifestation	Reflection	Numerals of Infinity	
	MIND SPIRIT SOUL	PRINCIPLE LIFE TRUTH LOVE	PRINCIPLE MIND SOUL SPIRIT	PRINCIPLE SOUL	LIFE
THE CHRIST	Identity	Translation	Reality	Infinite	Calculus
	SOUL PRINCIPLE LIFE	TRUTH LOVE SOUL SPIRIT	SPIRIT LIFE TRUTH	SPIRIT	TRUTH
CHRIST- IANITY	Line	Plane	Space	Fourth Dimension	
	LIFE TRUTH	LOVE SOUL SPIRIT MIND	MIND SOUL SPIRIT LIFE TRUTH LOVE	MIND	LOVE
SCIENCE	Omnipotence	Omniscience	Omnipresence	Omn-:action	
	LIFE TRUTH LOVE	SOUL SPIRIT MIND	LIFE TRUTH LOVE	PRINCIPLE	

This chart illustrates how various combinations of the synonymous terms for God are accented when spiritual thinking is operating from the standpoint of Divine Science, Absolute Christian Science, or Christian Science, the three metaphysical standpoints of the one all-inclusive Science.

	THE WORD	CHRIST	CHRIST- IANITY	SCIENCE
DIVINE SCIENCE <i>See S. & H.</i> <i>575: 7-21,</i> <i>298: 2-3.</i>	LIFE	TRUTH	LOVE	DIVINE PRINCIPLE, LOVE

	THE WORD	THE CHRIST	CHRIST- IANITY	SCIENCE
ABSOLUTE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE <i>See S. & H.</i> <i>577: 12-27,</i> <i>573: 23-28.</i>	LIFE TRUTH LOVE	TRUTH LIFE LOVE	LIFE LOVE	TRUTH LOVE
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE <i>See S. & H.</i> <i>127: 14-16,</i> <i>123: 16-18.</i>	MIND SPIRIT SOUL PRINCIPLE LIFE TRUTH LOVE	PRINCIPLE LIFE TRUTH LOVE SOUL SPIRIT MIND	PRINCIPLE MIND SOUL SPIRIT LIFE TRUTH LOVE	SOUL P LIFE R I SPIRIT N TRUTH C I MIND P LOVE L E PRINCIPLE

It is opportune at this point to observe that the capitalized Divine occurs only seven times in the entire textbook—twice as Divine Being pp. 3 and 357 once as Divine Love p. 439 once as This Comforter . . . Divine Science p. 55 The terms Divine Science . . . p. 127 Christian Science is unerring and Divine p. 99 When we fully understand our relation to the Divine p. 205

It is my conviction that this use of the double capital is to indicate and open the way for that which lies beyond matter and language; and that the common use of divine Science throughout the text presents the revelatory sense as it came to M.B.E.

The term 'absolute Christian Science' indicates reduction to system, and is coupled with the terms, Life, Truth, Love.

Christian Science relates to application to the human need in daily life and practice.