Our Leader's Demonstration of Generic Man

Our Leader writes about generic man as follows: "What is man?... He is the compound idea of God, including all right ideas; the generic term for all that reflects God's image and likeness." (S&H 475:5-16) "Through spiritual sense you can discern the heart of divinity, and thus begin to comprehend in Science the generic term man." (S&H 258:31-1) "Man is the generic term for all humanity." (Un. 51:14 only) The truth about generic man, the true idea about every child, man and woman, not as mortals but as the image and likeness of God, is revealed in Christian Science.

In James 1:23-25 we read, "For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass [mirror]: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, [the mirror of divine Science] and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." Had not James caught a glimpse that there is a divine Science, a mirror, though the full capacity of that Science was not revealed in his time? James' instruction to Christians is to "continue therein." How does the Christian do that? Jesus said, "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) Is not our perception of the Master, then, primary to "continuing therein?" Moral and spiritual vision, gratitude, obedience and love for the Master, enabled his followers then, as well as now, to view the reflected truth about himself as a Christian.

In the Amplified Version of Mark 9:39 we read, "... no one who does a mighty work in my name will soon afterward be able to speak evil of me." Isn't it true then, that we could not speak evil of Jesus and expect to heal in his name, to heal through the revelation he brought? An incorrect perception of Christ Jesus would bring about the loss of Christian healing. He said, "This is the work (service) that God asks of you: that you believe in the one whom He has sent--that you cleave to, trust, rely on and have faith in His messenger." (John 6:29, AV) The pure and good Christ Jesus is inseparable from the revelation he lived and demonstrated. How can Christians do the works revealed through the mirror, his revelation, if they don't believe properly on the one God sent? How can one approximate the character of a Christian and heal with the Christianity he brought if one is not Christian enough to love the one God sent? There are many errors that would keep us from seeing "face to face," beholding ourselves in the mirror of divine Science: ingratitude, disobedience, lack of love for God's messenger, downgrading and belittling that one, jealousy and hatred of the messenger's precious spiritual mindedness.

In I Corinthians 13:12 Paul says (AV), "For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigmal, but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality and face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly); but then I shall know and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood [by God]." The dim reflection of reality came through the First Advent but the "all truth," the Science prophesied by Jesus, would reveal the full and clear reflection at the time of the Second Advent.

In Science and Health the Glossary definition of "Father" ends with the phrase "commonly called God." The first word defining "Mother" is "God." Yet many Christian Scientists rarely, if ever, call God, Mother; they are often held in the "commonly" used term for God, Father, the concept held by Christian orthodoxy, as well as much of the religious world. We might say that to the degree that Christian Scientists fail to think in terms of God as Mother, they are working with 2,000 year-old mental work. They work with perfect God, Father, and perfect man and neglect the Science of the Christ revealed through God's motherhood. The Mother, God, is the foundation of The Mother Church, the basis of the highest sense of womanhood, and the love for our Leader. The truth about God as Mother vitalizes the healing work and cleanses mortal mind as nothing else can. Any abnormal resistance among Scientists to seeing God as Mother expresses itself on the human scene as a crisis in mothering, consternation concerning true womanhood, and abuse of women. The consequent rejection of Mrs. Eddy as our Leader, results in a lack of healing and the disarray of The Mother Church. How can Christian Scientists follow their precious Leader, their "Mother in Israel," if they follow the world's standard of God as Father, a limited revelation, and thus automatically reject the full revelation revealed through God's motherhood? If God was revealed as Father at the time of the First Advent and as Mother at the Second Advent, we have the opportunity to understand the "all truth" into which we are led, and led by whom-by our Leader? We cannot understand the "all truth," the Science, if we reject the Messenger, the one God sent. Her use of the term "Father" was a concession to the world's thought about God. In earlier editions of Science and Health she referred to God as "Mother" in many cases and used "She" and "Her" as pronouns, but the world's hatred of God as Mother may have been the reason later editions carried fewer such references. Can the world ever receive the Science of Christianity if Christian Scientists' concept of God as Father outweighs their adoration of Him as Mother?

In Science and Health p.562:3-7 Mrs. Eddy wrote, "As Elias presented the idea of the fatherhood of God, which Jesus afterwards manifested, so the Revelator completed this figure with woman, typifying the spiritual idea of God's motherhood," (which Mrs. Eddy afterwards manifested). As this is a reference to Revelation 12:1, it is essential that we consider our Leader's other references to that same verse. In Miscellaneous Writings p.253:27-29 she says, "Do

the children of this period dream of the spiritual Mother's sore travail, through the long night, that has opened their eyes to the light of Christian Science?" In *Retrospection and Introspection* p.90:22, "Thus must the Mother in Israel give all her hours to those first sacred tasks, till her children can walk steadfastly in wisdom's ways." Mrs. Eddy wrote, "Do you love that which represents God most, His highest idea as seen to-day? No!" (*Mis.* 336:8) "Again, without a correct sense of its highest visible idea, we can never understand the divine Principle." (*S&H* 560:17-19, included in our Leader's exegesis of Revelation 12:1.)

Do we love the Lord our God with all heart, mind and soul if we do not love the one God sent? The answer is of course, we do not. How can we love God whom we have not seen if we don't love the Leader we have seen? Explaining Revelation 12:1 our Leader says, "The great miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and the grand NECESSITY of existence is to gain the true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of heaven in man. This goal is NEVER REACHED while we hate our neighbor or entertain a FALSE ESTIMATE of anyone whom God has appointed to voice His Word." (S&H p.560:11-17, emphasis added) Isn't our Leader whom we have seen, our best neighbor? Isn't she the one appointed to voice God's Word? If our churches lack love, if they are not demonstrating the Kingdom of Heaven in man clearly for all the world to see, we not wonder why. As love is the fulfilling of the law and prophets, then a lack of love for or a false estimate of the one God sent, would violate the law and the work of the prophets. Can a church survive that violates the law of Love?

Judge Hanna wrote in his Memoirs, "When I asked Mrs. Eddy why Christian Scientists were not more grateful to her she replied, 'Because they have not grown to it." So, is our Mother Church advancing? "All the people need to love and adopt Christian Science, is a true sense of its founder. In proportion as they have found it, will our Cause advance." (We Knew Mary Baker Eddy, Volume I, p.40) Mrs. Eddy understood what mortal mind was up to. She said, The Babylonish woman in the Apocalypse has thrown wormwood into the waters to turn trusting thoughts to hatred against me, the idea." (DCC, p.8)

One way of describing this demonstration of generic man is through the understanding of true mothering. Mrs. Eddy spoke of herself as our "Mother in Israel." That is, the one who mothers all mankind, embraces all mankind and reveals to every child, man and woman the Science of their own being. She accords herself that loving position. If a child hated his mother's wise counsel and admonitions, rejected her love and constancy, her affection and goodness for him, laughed at her honesty and compassion for him, would he have access to these qualities of thought so earnestly expressed by his mother? This child would have to learn through much suffering, the folly of hating spirituality. "Self-will, self-love, and self-justification" are, as she says, "the adamant of error." (S&H 242:17-18) All of this loses the lessons our mother taught us, lessons obscured by self-will, disrespect, selfishness, disobedience, inconsiderateness, ingratitude, indifference, arrogance, envy, jealousy, hatred, egotism and intellectualism.

Why, as our Leader says, must we love the "highest visible idea?" Is it because she is holding the mirror of divine Science? Is she saying, Here dear lambs, let me show you the way? The voices of deflection say, We don't need her, we'll hold it up for ourselves. One way holds us in her demonstration, the other keeps us out of her demonstration.

Eve held up the mirror of true selfhood in Genesis but Adam rejected it by blaming Eve. She uncovered the nature of the serpent, recognized it as a beguiler, and therefore refused to blame Adam. Thus, she was seeing into the perfect law of liberty, hence the prophecy given to Eve in Genesis 3:15 to be fully revealed at the coming of the revelation of God's motherhood. Had Adam turned on the serpent along with Eve, the material record would have been expunged and human history would have been much shorter. Had Adam been more manly he would have listened and awakened in His likeness.

Mrs. Eddy demonstrated generic man, embraced all mankind in her demonstration, gave them the Science of their own being. All it would take to keep and extend her demonstration would be for us to support her in it and love her, stop rejecting and defaming her as some biographies have done, biographies that attempt to make her appear common and ordinary.

If we understand the nature of Mrs. Eddy's demonstration of generic man and the dangers of minimizing that demonstration, we can understand that the Lamb was a symbol of the Christ, and Jesus manifested this Christ humanly and demonstrated this Christ idea for all men. Just as the Lamb was a symbol of the Christ, manifested humanly as Jesus or demonstrated humanly by Jesus, so the Woman in the Apocalypse, like the Lamb, is a symbol of something, and our Leader tells us that it symbolizes generic man. We recognize as a fact, that Jesus demonstrated the Christ. Would we say we are all the Messiah, we are all the Lamb of God? Mrs. Eddy says that the Woman in the Apocalypse symbolizes generic man. Does this mean we are all the Woman in the Apocalypse? In *Unity of Good* p.51:14 our Leader says, "Man is the generic term for all humanity. Woman is the highest species of man, and this word is the generic term for all women; but not one of all these individualities is an Eve or an Adam. They have none of them lost their harmonious state, in the economy of God's wisdom and government." Who then would first demonstrate this generic man? Obviously a woman, as she says, "Woman is the highest species of man. . . . " and that "woman must give it birth." (*Ret*. 26:23 only)

Absolute Christ Generic Man

Symbol Lamb Woman in Apocalypse

Human Appearing

Jesus Mary Baker Eddy

We are not all the Lamb of God any more than we are all the Woman in the Apocalypse. We have access to the Christ because of Jesus' demonstration and we have access to Christian Science, only because Mary Baker Eddy discovered and founded it, proved the human and divine coincidence, revealing the truth about generic man, but we are not all the Lamb of God, nor are we all the Woman in the Apocalypse. The symbol of the Christ is the Lamb and the demonstrator of this is Christ Jesus. The symbol of generic man is the Woman in the Apocalypse and this woman is Mary Baker Eddy. Only the "highest visible idea" as seen today could be the symbol of generic man. (S&H 560:17-19, Mis. 336:8)

In Science and Health p.475:14-16 we read about man, "He is the compound idea of God, including all right ideas; the generic term for all that reflects God's image and likeness." We see therefore that Mrs. Eddy understood that this reference to the compound idea of God was a demonstration that was for her to make. It was her demonstration of generic man, the truth about our spiritual completeness and the truth about every individual idea of God.

Our Leader tells us that the Woman "symbolizes generic man." (S&H 561:20) She does not say the Woman is generic man. Then who is it that symbolizes generic man? That one must be the Woman in the Apocalypse. Who demonstrated the Science of being, the truth about every child, man and woman on the globe? She is the Discoverer and Founder of this truth; she is the demonstrator and mother of all that she demonstrated.

In Miscellaneous Documents, p.55 by Janet Coleman, we read:

"One time the first members were asked up to our Leader's home; she asked us to go to the Fair with her; we were invited to sit in her sewing chair; we were all like children, so glad to be with Mother. Oh, that blessed name that we had taken away from us because the world did not see it right. Oh, the happiness of being with her. One of the students said how happy we all were to be with her two days in succession. Mother replied perhaps when we are good enough we will see you all the time--'I see you all every day.' Yes, she was watching over us every day."

If you have read the first part of this article carefully, you will be more likely to understand the importance of the last part. If at this point of the article, you find yourself irritated, it is not your thinking, it is the hatred of malicious animal magnetism for Mrs. Eddy. Immediately turn on it for the lie that it is.

Mrs. Eddy holds up the mirror of divine Science for all mankind, collective man, generic man. This is her demonstration. Her demonstration has made the mirror crystal clear for all mankind. Dare we sully it with ingratitude, jealousy, envy, egotism or intellectualism? All attempts to obscure the woman end up destroying one's ability to see clearly in the mirror of divine Science. This Science is a moral and spiritual Science. Can we see in that mirror if we are ungrateful or indifferent for her great life sacrifice? The mirror is held up by the one proving the human and divine coincidence. If we do not express the second degree (S&H 115:25), do we have access to the second degree? Ingratitude for her brings deflection instead of reflection. Mrs. Eddy has said, "People seem to understand Christian Science in the exact ratio that they know me and vice-versa. It sometimes astonishes me to see the invariableness of this rule." (Divinity Course & General Collectanea, p.108) Thus we see that by rejecting Mrs. Eddy we reject our ability to understand and demonstrate divine Science. She said that "for the world to understand me in my true light and life would do more for our Cause than aught else could." (Letter to Edward Kimball, 1893) Can the Holy Ghost be understood, the mirror of divine Science, the third part of the Trinity, if we reject our Leader? Could we reject Christ Jesus and have his Christianity? Without him it is just a philosophy. His demonstration gives it all the life it has as a revelation. This same principle holds true for Christian Science and Mary Baker Eddy. The false concept of Jesus brought about the loss of Christianity, because it brought with it a misapprehension of his demonstration.

Certainly the mirror of divine Science always was, but it was not fully revealed until Mrs. Eddy discovered Christian Science. It was her demonstration and it will be lost for exactly the same reason that the demonstration of Christianity was lost--lack of love for and misapprehension of God's revelator. Jesus told us that the Science of Christianity, the Comforter, would reveal all truth. He saw it as a higher revelation, a more complete demonstration. With this fuller understanding, Mrs. Eddy uncovered all the claims of malicious animal magnetism. Would we not need to understand her life demonstration in relation to this uncovering? If we did not understand or even appreciate her life would we find the mirror of divine Science distorted to our view? Is this what Jesus meant when he said, that no one could come to God except by the Messenger, the one God sent? (See John 14:6)

The mists of Eden obscure the mirror of divine Science. Our Leader is holding up the mirror, giving us a view of our God-likeness. Reject her demonstration, her life's work, and we increase the mists of Eden. Is the mist increased by the errors of ingratitude, jealousy, envy and hatred for her demonstration? If those errors control our thinking it will be impossible to understand her Science, even if we think we understand it. If you were jealous of Jesus' demonstration, envious of his attainments, hated his spirituality or were indifferent towards his life's work,

would you have a sufficiently Christian character to demonstrate Christianity? Our Leader has told us she is inseparable from her revelation. Also, that there is a shadow cast upon her Science by the error that rejects her. (See Mis. 105:22) If we are to see in the mirror of divine Science and our thinking is polluted with latent jealousy or indifference towards her, then we cannot understand the Science. Loving her enables us to see that we are embraced in her demonstration of divine Science. Love demands that we give the great lady our respect, admiration and love. We would have nothing and be nothing without her. All that God asks of us is to support her in her demonstration of divine Science. The woman placed the leaven in the three measures of meal,—there is no place where we are told to add to that leaven or to subtract from the meal. Her demonstration is complete and final and all we have to do is support her demonstration by genuinely loving her.

Another way to describe Mrs. Eddy's demonstration of generic man is the illustration of the rock thrown upon the quiet surface of the water. The rock plunges beneath the surface and sends out a ring that continues to widen. Following this outer ring are additional rings, rings that are included in and follow the demonstration of the first ring. The outer ring represents our Leader and her demonstration, the rings that it encircles are representative of her followers. Each of the following rings makes its own demonstration but is always included in hers. Because she plunged beneath the surface and discovered the Science, we do not have to do that. She once said, "The Discoverer has to discover the way to meet these things; you will not have that to do; you are learning now how to meet them; I have had to discover it." (DCC p.5) As it takes eternity to understand God, good, we will always be in the forever Leader's demonstration. The picayunish human mind rebels at the thought of this but it is so. Without loving, or being grateful for, this highest idea on earth that God provided for us all, we are not living the law of Love and thus we deprive ourselves of God's law or Science. Everyone who is in any spiritual labor recognizes the ingratitude of the human mind for its benefactor. We have all seen this very prevalent attitude, but we cannot allow it to handle us in regard to our Leader. It is suicidal.

It might be important at this point to show that God does indeed create the second degree that is on page 115 of Science and Health. A partial list of references to this follows: Moral: Un. 35:16-18; Mis. 257:8-10; S&H 455:8-10; S&H 72:30-32. Humanity: Un. 49:8-9; Un. 51:14; S&H 561:16-20; S&H 25:31; My. 179:21-23; Mis. 95:17-21. Honesty: S&H 453:16 only; S&H 458:23-28. Affection: Mis. 250:20; S&H 451:16; S&H 60:8-10; S&H 147:29. Compassion: S&H 465:14; S&H 329:26 only; Luke 13:34. Hope: '00 10:20; Mis. 15:13; S&H 298:13-15. Faith: S&H 298:2-4; S&H 23:21; S&H 482:23; '01 17:1. Meekness: My. 247:11-12; S&H 270:23-24. Temperance: Galatians 5:22,23; Ret. 79:22-23

If the rejection of Mary Baker Eddy was necessary to make Christian Science grow, as many contend, we would be the number one religion in the world by now. On the contrary, the more Mrs. Eddy has been rejected, the more the Movement has declined. The rejection of Mrs. Eddy is the rejection of the human and divine coincidence,--the rejection of her demonstration of the coincidence of the second and third degrees.

The second degree is titled "Moral." Our Leader says, "Nothing except sin, in the students themselves, can separate them from me." (Ret. 81:4-5) What is this sin and what is the immoral way in which she is being treated? If one does not have a right sense of morality, will be recognize this woman? If one does not have the moral courage to stand for her, is he moral? What is it in character that would deprive us of that morality? Is it not the attraction to the first degree which is the nature and foundation of malicious animal magnetism?

How are we immoral? How do we reject the second degree? Disobedience to, jealousy of, and lack of love for the one God sent is sin's method. Mrs. Eddy said "the emphatic purpose of Christian Science is the healing of sin." (Rud. 2:25-27) Some Christian Scientists want Christian Science to give them more pleasure in matter, more money, healthy matter, and esteem among men. This is sin. A desire to hold on to materiality is a mind that rejects the one divine Love sent. This covert and overt hatred for Mrs. Eddy is a hatred of divine Love. It affects the Movement with a pretended love, smiles that are not genuine, self-interest, pettiness, unalertness to the claims of malicious animal magnetism, and a lack of moral courage. This element refuses to stand against sin and says, we must not criticize, while at the same time heatedly stand against those who love Mrs. Eddy, those who have committed no sin. Who are those who will not love her, those handled by the dragon?

- 1. Those piqued by her and irritated at the mention of her name and who accuse everyone who loves Mrs. Eddy of being deifiers.
- 2. Those working actively, like the Pharisees of old, to rid the world of God's messenger.
- 3. Those ignorant agents of the above who are embarrassed by the name Mary Baker Eddy, who actively work to suppress any love for Mrs. Eddy.
- 4. Those who know who Mrs. Eddy is and profess love for her, but are fearful of standing for her. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: . . . He that feareth is not made perfect in love." (I John 4:18)

The first quality listed in the second degree is "humanity," which means, "the kind feelings, dispositions and sympathies of man, by which he is distinguished from the lower orders of animals; kindness; benevolence . . . opposed to cruelty." Do I have the humanity to stand up for her, to protect her and speak up against those who assail her? If I am handled by malicious animal magnetism not to have humanity towards this great lady, do I have access

to the quality of humanity? Does not my ill treatment of her deprive me of that quality? Depriving us of a sense of humanity for her, malicious animal magnetism holds us in the first degree. We are then in the physical, not the moral. Do I love her marvelous humanity and seek to follow that demonstration of her humanity? Can I follow if I have no humanity towards her? The pretense of a sense of humanity towards this woman results in humanism, the thought that says I do not need God, I can work it all out through my own intellect. Humanism says, I do not need Mary Baker Eddy and she is not my Leader. Humanism is the counterfeit of humanity.

The next quality is "honesty." If a Christian Scientist allows malicious animal magnetism to handle him and to reject Mrs. Eddy, is he honest? Why does he reject her? Is he trying to say he did it all by himself? Do we recognize that we would be nothing, have no position, not be able to heal, etc., without the example she has given us? Is the attempt to remove her from her place honest or dishonest? Dishonesty among Christian Scientists about Mrs. Eddy is a harshness of character,--it calls itself intellectual honesty, accepting all points of view, right or wrong, rationalizing instead of turning on evil. It refuses to recognize that she alone pointed out the right way. Can we not begin to see the danger of rejecting the woman? Do we want to lose the human and divine coincidence? This was the most honest woman ever to have been on this planet. Do we appreciate her honesty or do we attack her honesty? Do we deny her life demonstration, claim she was not what she appeared to be, state she was a plagiarist, that she lied, made many mistakes, etc.?

If we do not have a genuine affection for the one person who has done the most for us and our families, friends and mankind, do we have access to the quality of affection or are we content with a pretend affection, a hollow and shallow substitute? Can we have access to affection if we deny it in the one who demonstrated it better than any woman who ever lived on the globe? And what is it that influences us to deny her humanity, honesty, and affection? Is it not malicious animal magnetism, and has it not then destroyed our ability to demonstrate the human and divine coincidence as she did? If a Christian Scientist has no affection for Mrs. Eddy, he is a brute. He is held in the first degree.

The next quality is "compassion." Compassion goes further than affection. It is "a disposition to pity, to show mercy, to possess a heart that is tender and easily moved by the distress of others." If we do not have this towards our Leader for all that she suffered in our behalf, do we have access to the quality of compassion? Without compassion, you lose the fruitage of her demonstration of the human and divine coincidence; you lose access to morality, humanity, honesty, affection and compassion. There are many Christian Scientists who are embarrassed by the name, Mary Baker Eddy.

Now what about "hope" and "faith?" Her life was a marvelous demonstration of hope and faith. She overcame incredible obstacles placed in her path, but malicious animal magnetism wants us to see her as ordinary and common. Viewing her demonstration through the qualities of hope and faith gives us great courage to go and do likewise, well knowing our struggles do not even come close to her struggles. Her demonstration thus aids us in our demonstration, but deny her, be cold, neutral and inconsiderate towards her, and you cannot have the hope and faith, the expectancy and trust of the second degree. You have once again kept yourself in the first degree by listening to malicious animal magnetism. She reflected the Mother-love with such constancy and tenderness that the truth, the Science of being, was revealed about every child, man and woman, and mortal mind hates her for this discovery, and even more for her life's demonstration of this Science that gives mankind hope and faith. Wouldn't you think that women in particular would be grateful for her demonstration? She has given all women the hope and faith to achieve. Or is mortal mind jealous, piqued, envious towards this woman? Is there fruitage in demonstration without hope and faith? If the Movement rejects its Leader, the Movement rejects healing.

Meekness is a grand quality. However, if we are not meek enough to admit the work of this woman and the grandness of her demonstration, much higher than our own, we cannot have access to the quality of meekness. That which rejects her is egotism, intellectualism, self-importance, self-centeredness, complacency, the opposite of true meekness. Do I humbly, unreservedly accept her leadership, or do I reject her? There is no middle ground. Can I follow a Leader if I am not meek? Meekness accepts her leadership. We either follow Mrs. Eddy or we are being handled by the red dragon.

If I do not have humanity, honesty, affection, compassion, hope, faith, and meekness, then I am not in the moral state of the second degree and I cannot have temperance. Intemperance cannot work, watch and pray. Intemperance cannot follow. It keeps us in the first degree. Intemperance cannot love a life of consummate purity and obedience; it rejects all that is good. So it is very clear that when we reject Mrs. Eddy, we are rejecting our own ability to demonstrate the human and divine coincidence. This is all immorality and to repeat, "Nothing except sin, in the students themselves, can separate them from me." (Ret. 81:4-5) If we deny our Leader, we deny our ability to demonstrate her Science, and we have also denied the One who sent her. There are many who say that love for Mrs. Eddy is deification; do you think so? Is that the enemy talking, or a friend? Can we afford to listen to such suicidal rhetoric when it destroys our ability to demonstrate? If we remain in her demonstration, we accept her demonstration of the human and divine coincidence and we then have access to all that God gives us; reject her, and we are in effect rejecting God. At one time, thousands, even millions wanted Christian Science and many thousands received healings. Mrs. Eddy's demonstration was so magnificent that it has taken seventy-five years to be obscured. Mortal

mind was envious and jealous, and hated her from the start; it loved the fruit, but rejected the sturdy tree. You can curse a tree only so much and the fruit stops. In a letter of August 26, 1902 she wrote to Judge Hanna, "Whoever opens most the eyes of the children of men to see aright and to understand aright that Idea On Earth that has best and clearest reflected by word or deed the divine Principle of man and the universe, will accomplish most for himself and mankind in the direction of all that is good and true." (DCC p.109) What will it take to stop some Christian Scientists from saying that all love for her is deification? Isn't this listening to the enemy, turning them away from the mirror of divine Science?

You are not the Leader, nor am I. Mrs. Eddy said concerning herself, "Others could not take her place, even if willing so to do." (S&H 464:9 only) We are in her demonstration and are her demonstration. We would not be here if it were not for her. Her demonstration of The Mother Church cannot be stopped or blunted, nor its purpose twisted, nor can any of her children be removed from her demonstration.

If we take Mrs. Eddy away from her revelation we would place mankind in darkness. Jesus was removed from his revelation and the Dark Ages came. There is a practical knowledge and demonstration of the way in which we learn how to handle the claims of malicious animal magnetism, empty our minds of evil and become clear channels. Mrs. Eddy's life demonstration is that example and symbol. Her life and its demonstration of the human and divine coincidence cannot be separated from her gift to the world of divine Science. Rejecting her, we reject demonstration. Science and Health sets forth the truth that sets man free; but without her demonstration, her life, that truth remains unattainable for large numbers. As she says, "For the world to understand me in my true light and life would do more for our Cause than aught else could." (Letter to Edward Kimball, 1893)

It was easy to place Jesus on a pedestal and indifferently reject him because he had a virgin birth, so apart from the rest of mankind. Mary Baker Eddy, however, was born of two human parents and overcame all of the claims of material sense, revealed how to do it, unmasked mortal mind and demonstrated the truth each step of the way. Mortal mind has not forgiven Mrs. Eddy for showing that it is possible. There has been an attempt of malicious animal magnetism to remove Mrs. Eddy as our Leader and substitute Christ Jesus.

Do we follow Jesus' commands to handle aggressive mental suggestion or Mrs. Eddy's? Do we follow Jesus' commands to handle mental malpractice or Mrs. Eddy's? Do we follow Jesus' commands to handle malicious animal magnetism or Mrs. Eddy's? Do we follow Mrs. Eddy's writings in the healing work or do we study only Jesus' words? Do we accept that she knew what she was talking about because she demonstrated it? Then who is the Leader? Are we members of a church founded by a woman as Jesus prophesied? Are we using a Science prophesied by Jesus to come through a woman? Do teachers teach from a chapter called "Recapitulation" written by Jesus or Mrs. Eddy?

Mrs. Eddy loved Jesus more than anyone has ever loved him. If we follow Jesus Christ as our Leader, we accept that we do not follow her. Her revelation is thereby minimized. She has revealed the ability to do the greater works, the handling of sin. Let's get back to the business of becoming the leader of the world of Christendom and not be content with hopefully becoming some obscure Protestant sect, and just perhaps, if we bow and scrape enough, to be recognized by the other churches as such and not as a cult. Has the price of this acceptance been the rejecting of that "embarrassing" name, Mary Baker Eddy?

The prophecies about the Messiah were exact: 1. He would be born in Bethlehem. 2. He would be born to the seed of David and tribe of Judah. 3. He would not be accepted and would be called the suffering servant. 4. He would be crucified. 5. He would appear before the destruction of Jerusalem. There are many more prophecies. Who would be so ignorant as to say he or she was as much Messiah as Christ Jesus because the Christ is the truth about us all? And so it was with the woman. It was prophesied she would be born in God's latter-day Israel and that the revelator of this second coming would be a woman. This woman would write the Open Book of Revelation 10 and she would appear in accordance with Daniel's dates of 1866 and 1875. And she would be forsaken but eventually accepted. Now are we all this woman?

Jesus Christ revealed the ideal manhood and Mrs. Eddy revealed the ideal womanhood. Jesus is the way and example of Christian conduct and demonstration. Mrs. Eddy is the example of the Christianly scientific method of conduct and demonstration by uncovering and destroying malicious animal magnetism. It is this same animal magnetism that keeps mankind from understanding Jesus and his demonstration. Remove Mrs. Eddy and you again destroy mankind's ability to understand the words and works of Christ Jesus, the patriarchs and the prophets. The revelation of Jesus was lost because there was no fixed Science to follow and malicious animal magnetism was not uncovered and handled. The revelation of Mrs. Eddy is being lost because malicious animal magnetism is not being handled in its attempts to remove the woman. Jesus was put on a pedestal and removed from sight; his demonstration was lost. Mrs. Eddy is being put in the basement and thus removed from sight and her demonstration is being lost.

How can we say we are to love, be grateful for and owe "endless homage" to Christ Jesus, (S&H 18:5), and agree that there must be proper gratitude and love for him and then on the other hand say, gratitude, love and homage for what Mrs. Eddy did for us and for her dedicated life and demonstration of the human and divine coincidence, is defication? We can have statues to famous generals of forgotten wars, to fine religious leaders, to politicians and

statesmen, to astronauts and scientists, and even to criminals and butchers of the human race, but not to Mrs. Eddy, for that would be "deification."

It is interesting that shortly before her death, Mrs. Eddy's childhood home in Bow was burned down and shortly after her death her home in Concord was taken down and the property bulldozed over. The pyramid was blown up that marked her birthsite, the two women removed from the cover of the Sentinel, the "Six Points" (leaflet titled "Mrs. Eddy's Place") removed, Tomlinson's book and others removed. Has all of this led to a strong and vibrant Movement? There is now a move to close all of the historical homes of Mrs. Eddy's. It was not long ago that I travelled with friends to the Eastern seaboard. The previous two or three days had seen snowfalls. The birthplace of the most important woman who ever lived was inaccessible. The gate was shut, the snow was a foot and a half deep, nothing had been cleared out. We walked in and noticed from footprints in the snow that two people the day before had to do the same thing. We can go to the birthplace of Christ Jesus, Luther, Washington, Lincoln, some of the patriarchs, famous writers and poets, but we cannot get into the birthplace of the most important woman ever on this planet. Is this normal or is it animal magnetism at work? We went to Mount Auburn where her memorial is, and while the cemetery kept the roads to the memorial clear as they were to every grave site, the snow covered the memorial and none of the inscriptions could be read. Once again there were footprints in the snow that had preceded us. But of course that would have been deification, to keep those sites clear for visitors, and we wouldn't want that, would we? Entering the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, we asked if anything was on display concerning Mrs. Eddy-there was nothing. They said they had a lot of material but it was stored. Upon leaving we asked if they had anything on sale in their gift shop concerning Mrs. Eddy-there was nothing. Dear friends, the Concord Church, Mrs. Eddy's gift to Concord, will be the next to go if Christian Scientists don't come to their aid. They do need funds to carry on the work of maintaining that large church. They receive no aid from The Mother Church. Christian Scientists cannot allow the sale of the Concord church.

The mentally shallow crucified our Lord because they said he called himself God. He did not. Intellectual shallowness in our own time repeats the age-old pronouncement of the Sanhedrin to crucify God's anointed, saying, remove Mary Baker Eddy from her position and place, castigate her students who love her and condemn them as deifiers, although none of them has ever felt the sentiment of deification. How are we to think of her?

Mrs. Eddy did not think she was like everyone else or anyone like her. On July 10, 1898 she wrote to Mr. Knapp: "No greater mistake can be made than to disobey or to delay to obey a single message of mine. <u>God</u> does speak through me to this age. This I discern more clearly each year of my sojourn with you." (*Precepts*, Carpenter, p.122) She wrote to a student on December 20, 1889, "Twenty-three years have shown that everything that I have done has had back of it a higher wisdom than mine." (*Precepts*, Carpenter, p.52) The need for obedience to our Leader did not stop at her passing. She did not cease to exist at that time.

Our Leader says in Science and Health p.265:10, "This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for Spirit, by no means suggests man's absorption into Deity and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man enlarged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action, a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent peace." Isn't this why she tells us we owe Jesus "endless homage," that there is a forever Jesus to give homage to? Again in Science and Health p.302:4-8 she says, "The identity of the real man is not lost, but found through this explanation; for the conscious infinitude of existence and of all identity is thereby discerned and remains unchanged." And on p.261:24-27, "Breaking away from the mutations of time and sense, you will neither lose the solid objects and ends of life nor your own identity." And p.71:5-7, "The identity, or idea, of all reality continues forever; but Spirit, or the divine Principle of all, is not in Spirit's formations." Also, on page 336:32-6 of Science and Health, "God is individual and personal in a scientific sense, but not in any anthropomorphic sense. Therefore man, reflecting God, cannot lose his individuality; but as material sensation, or a soul in the body, blind mortals do lose sight of spiritual individuality. Material personality is not realism; it is not the reflection or likeness of Spirit, the perfect God." If one loves Mrs, Eddy, sees her spiritual individuality and the grandness of her character and identity, why do some Christian Scientists proclaim that this is deification, amounting to putting Mrs. Eddy on a pedestal? Their material sense evidently cannot fathom the grandeur of the spiritual idea, and it is therefore amply clear that from their level of thought they have no right to persecute those who do see her correctly.

In Retrospection and Introspection p.76:23 she makes all of this clear. "He who gains the God-crowned summit of Christian Science never abuses the corporeal personality, but uplifts it. He thinks of every one in his real quality, and sees each mortal in an impersonal depict." Those who understand, through spiritual sense, Mrs. Eddy's place in prophecy, are fulfilling this demand. Thinking themselves spiritually perceptive, some Christian Scientists make light of Mrs. Eddy and her accomplishments, claiming any attention paid to Mrs. Eddy is mere personality worship.

All good is from God and it must be individualized, and if good is from God it must not be personalized. However, giving all power to God and knowing that all good is from God, does not mean we deprive His idea or reflection of that goodness. In fact, we must know that the goodness of God is individualized; if it were not individualized, God would have no manifestation.

Thinking we are spiritually minded by impersonalizing Mrs. Eddy without seeing her spiritual individuality, we deprive ourselves of the means to demonstrate this Science because we have rejected the practical application of the

Truth and thereby lose its demonstration. Mortals, rejecting Mrs. Eddy, lose the way that shows them how to empty their thinking of the false mind and demonstrate the divine Mind. Mrs. Eddy has shown how this is to be done. Her life is therefore just as important to understand as is her revelation. Do we wonder why Christian Science is not growing? Too many Christian Scientists are so busy pretending they are in the third degree, they cannot get out of the first.

If we impersonalize Mrs. Eddy, and taking this step, see the spiritual individuality operating, we can see that Mary Baker Eddy never did leave her place in the Movement. She is still the Leader. Her individual identity is no more lost than was Moses' and Elijah's when they appeared to Jesus and the disciples hundreds of years after their missions on earth.

Mrs. Eddy did not want her students filled with the desire to see her person, to see how she looked or what she wore and what she was doing. Mrs. Eddy sharply rebuked her students' personal-sense view of her and strove to awaken them to a correct sense of herself as the spiritual idea. As she says, "Scholasticism clings for salvation to the person, instead of to the divine Principle, of the man Jesus; and his Science, the curative agent of God, is silenced." (S&H 146:15-18) At the same time, we must ".... love that which represents God most, His highest idea as seen today." (Mis. 336:8-9)

So we see there is an infinite distance between the claim of personality and the truth of spiritual individuality, and we must understand the difference to be effective Christian Scientists. Let us all put a stop to the seducing claims of mesmerism that tell us all love for Mrs. Eddy is personality worship. Christian Scientists are alert to the claims of malicious animal magnetism.

If we treat our Leader in an ignominious way, we are treating the idea embraced in Mind in this way. Hatred and disrespect for the idea is automatically hatred of God that images forth that idea. We cannot treat the human man or woman poorly, who best represents God on earth, and say they are just mortals like we are. How else could they appear except to partake of mortality? They could not do their work and appear in any other form, nor could God operate for mankind if they were not in a mortal form.

Mrs. Eddy not only revealed the truth of identity and individuality but she showed mankind how to retain and protect those truths from the claims of life, substance and intelligence in matter, the first degree.

Because we are afraid of deifying through personal sense we do not need to go to the opposite extreme of personal sense and refuse any recognition, thus totally neutralizing her importance.

Laura Sargent wrote about her Leader:

Mother explained what Jesus meant when he said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself; on this hangs all the law." In order to love God we must honor and love the Way. How can we love God unless we love His idea which shows us the way and which is the way, and in order to honor and love the way we must have a true sense of the individual through whom the Way has been manifested to us, else we are not keeping the law to love our neighbor as ourself, or doing by our neighbor as we would be done by.

Every human seems to have a belief of personality (personal sense) and has at the same time spiritual individuality. This spiritual individuality can be perceived through spiritual sense, as she says, "Human beings are physically mortal, but spiritually immortal." (*Un.* 37:17-18) These are not two different entities. Can we not begin to see that the rejection of Mrs. Eddy could destroy our Movement and will produce terrible suffering for those in the vanguard of this attempt to remove her from her place? The following article on Reflection is written by Mrs. Eddy. It shows very clearly the danger of rejecting our Leader.

"Everything done to Jesus and to me which could in any way harm us was a conspiracy against the welfare of him who did it and against the human race. It darkened the light that otherwise would have been reflected and would have shone for all. The individual who did this injured himself more than he did the Master a million times, and will live to learn this and see just how it was done and suffer until he destroys in himself the evil that caused him to do it. Even if it takes millions of corrections, it must be and will be accomplished. I HAVE SOMETIMES SEEN THAT ETERNITY IS SCARCELY TOO LONG FOR THIS CONSUMMATION IN CERTAIN MINDS; HENCE, THE SCRIPTURE, 'THEY SHALL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS;' that is, the tenacious human will made manifest through lust, envy, revenge and hatred, and the messages these evils are constantly pouring into the false consciousness called mortal mind, will produce and reproduce itself in himself and in others until the fire it kindles of sin and suffering can be extinguished only when the earth is burned up-that is, not until all the mortal consciousness is utterly destroyed. The Scripture saith, 'He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, etc.' His salvation can come only through the slow processes of seeing every sin he ever committed and suffering for it until he gladly escapes by repentance and reformation from the hell it brings. In this terrible struggle his sins are found to be a hard master and when he would reform he cannot, for this old master having long had dominion over him will not resign his power

and release his captive without a desperate, prolonged, fearful warfare, a struggle and despair which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the sense of a mortal to comprehend it, for it goes on with invisible pangs so much beyond the apprehension of this sense through any visible token, that it can never be told and never known only by him that has endured it.

"Here is the love of God--that this divine Principle SENDS FORTH THROUGH THE UNIVERSE ITS DIVINE IDEA AND SOME PERSON WILL BE FOUND FIT TO REFLECT IT TO SUCH AN EXTENT AS TO BECOME THE WINDOW FOR THE WORLD IN EVERY AGE AND CLIME.

"Through this window God pours in His light and blessings upon mankind.

"But if they try to darken this window, to break it or to misrepresent it, and even to believe themselves that it is not the transparent medium through which the light shineth and turn in their dungeon to the opaque wall of their dark mind to let in light, can you not see the consequence?

"Or if their blows at this kind window of God should so mar it that the reflection it gave was deflected and the image it gave forth inverted or even its light shut wholly out, would this be cause for rejoicing? Would the perpetrator of this finale of sin--as when Jesus was crucified--go and hang himself and thus be rid of the awful penalty consequent? No! He could not thus easily escape, but must master his own relentless master, must overcome in himself the terrible sins that caused his evil deed. And how? In his dungeon with the rays extinguished that came so kindly to cheer it and show him the way out of it and on to enthroned bliss, would not he remember the awful mistake of putting out the light, the tender warning, the fervid remonstrance, the solemn assurance, yea, the light or the life of love that so long patiently struggled to save him?

"Yes, he would and more; he would have to repent of this sin which is designated in Scripture as never to be forgiven, the sin of striking down your best friend, your God-given guide, of sinning against the light-and how? He must repent in dust and ashes, in darkness and in nothingness. No light, no substance, no Soul rays, to yield one prop, to give one reflection of hope and help. Without hope and without God in the world, for he had sunken God's idea through which the divine Love could reach him and inasmuch as he smote the person reflecting God's idea, he had done it to the divine Principle and hidden from his understanding the Truth and Love that alone can save him. The window is gone, the reflection no longer shines for his guidance, the pillar and cloud pass not before him. He is alone in the desert an alien to the commonwealth of Israel and a stranger traveling, drifting he knows not whither.

"Oh! What would he not give now for the light from the window, but how can he obtain it? What? Where? How? When? is all unanswered, for the spiritual idea is gone and his material beliefs are darker, harder, stronger than ever before. Why? Because with malicious hand ve have slain the Lord. (See Scripture.)

"Does this poor sinner remember his boast: I HAVE LABORED THREE YEARS OR PERCHANCE MANY MORE TO CHANGE THE SUPERSTITIOUS VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE AS TO THIS WINDOW FOR THE AGES, AS TO THIS PERSON BORN AMONG US WHOSE MOTHER WAS WOMAN (SEE SCRIPTURE) AND NOW I BEGIN TO SEE THE EFFECTS OF MY WORK. I thought I saw a crack in the window and so had hoped to break it, but alas! I find it is of strange material. I can neither break nor destroy this window only to myself and to my own destruction. It will still be the true idea and I must come to it and if I had not marred it in my own belief, it would have lighted me on as it does others. Mine is the mistake, mine the darkness. Oh! How can I retrace my steps and enter now? The door is shut, the oil is not in my lamp, and yet the bridegroom has come, the spiritual idea could have been wedded to me if only I had seen it, if only I had not tried to shut out the light from God's window and shade His reflection and deflect the true image and likeness.

"What is so kind as reflection? It is not fraud, for it knows its light is crowned. It is not hypocritical, for it gives forth only the substance and idea of its substance and this is God. It is not unjust, for justice is its eternal objective state and it cannot shadow forth what is unlike its original."

[emphasis added] END OF ARTICLE

The following quotes of Mrs. Eddy's are of interest at this point.

"The sick are healed to all appearance and the gospel is taught by mortal mind; but the fact remains that only the immortal Mind can heal the sick or save the sinner. Divine Love knows that love is light, even that light which is the Life of man. Divine Love knows His window, and knows that it gives light, not darkness, and is the means of love's entrance into the hearts of men. The wonder is that aught can make God's window seem to be what it is not. It was the doubt and ignorance of what Jesus was and did for all mankind that shut out and still shuts out the light of Love. What if the window does offend the senses with the objects it reveals and the path it points out! It is Love's window and Love's revelation to mankind. The good gaze at last with gratitude and joy on what they had not seen but now see through the window that disturbed the senses, but pointed the way in Science."

"How do you know I am a window-pane for the light to shine through? By the works." DCC, p.31

The following quotes of our Leader's show the necessity of keeping our thought about Mrs. Eddy correct. (emphasis added)

"THE UNITED PLANS OF THE EVIL DOERS is to . . . keep Mrs. Eddy as she is (what God knows of her and revealed to Christ Jesus) out of sight; and to keep her as she is not (just another white-haired old lady) constantly before the public. This kills two birds with one stone. It darkens the spiritual sense of students, and misguides the public. Why? Because it misstates the idea of divine Principle that you are trying to demonstrate and hides it from the sense of people."

DCC, p.109

"Keeping the truth of her character before the public will help the students, and do more than all else for the Cause. Christianity in its purity was lost by defaming and killing its defenders. Do not let this period repeat this mistake. The truth in regard to your Leader heals the sick and saves the sinner. The lie has just the opposite effect, AND THE EVIL ONE THAT LEADS ALL EVIL IN THIS MATTER knows this more clearly than do the Christian Scientists in general." (emphasis added)

Collectanea, p.74

"When a student loses the true sense of me, and what I do, he is at the threshold of the plunge so many make into darkness, believing that darkness is a greater light."

Collectanea, p.73

"Take up at once: Students shall know their duty to their Leader. Grace divine yet lays many burdens on human hearts unworthy to bear them. When will blind eyes see their Leader as she is?"

DCC, p.52

"For the world to understand me in my true light and life would do more for our Cause than aught else could. This I learn from the fact that THE ENEMY TRIES HARDER TO HIDE THESE TWO THINGS FROM THE WORLD THAN TO WIN ANY OTHER POINTS. Also Jesus' life and character in their first appearing were treated in like manner and I regret to see that loyal students are not more awake to this great demand in their measures TO MEET THE ENEMIES' TACTICS." (emphasis added)

Letter to Edward Kimball, 1893

The importance of upholding the hands of the wayshower cannot be overemphasized. In the time of Moses it was vitally important that his hands were held up in time of battle; when they were not held up, the battle went against the Israelites. (Exodus 17:11,12) That is how important one man or woman can be, not because of their own power, but because they are God's messenger to the age.

When Miriam and Aaron questioned Moses' authority and thought they were just as good as he was, they both received a strong rebuke and Miriam contracted leprosy. She was diseased because she thought she was just as important as her brother, Moses. Apparently, God did not agree with Miriam. Does God think we are all equal with Mary Baker Eddy? Our salvation rests in how we treat her. Why was Jerusalem destroyed? Had not Jesus told them what would happen because of the way they treated him? Of course he did. Jesus railed against the Pharisees because they kept the nation from being converted to the truth, and how did they do this? By rejecting the representative of God. Ingratitude for the representative is ingratitude for God, and this disposition forfeits divine help, dissolves all of the progress made by God's witness, and dooms mankind to suffering. In whatever age the pharisaical thought appears, it always considers itself righteous and its teachings correct. The danger of this thinking is that it is always sure it is correct. We always find the pharisaical thought rejecting the one God has given them for their correction.

In Retrospection and Introspection p.70:18 we read, "Each individual must fill his own niche in time and eternity," and those who resist and retard the demonstration of the stars of the first magnitude, deprive themselves of the place God had for them. When out of that place, they are out of the Kingdom. Why is this? The place that they might have filled and might have been effective in, is not theirs, because the only place they can have is supporting those working for God on the highest level. Working to obscure Mrs. Eddy's place harms all mankind and those doing so within our church are responsible for the most heinous crime ever perpetrated upon mankind and they will reap what they sow, they will not awake to living glory.

And as the deepest night descends upon the earth, once again, and the darkest of the dark ages spreads its pall over the earth, the angels ask each Christian Scientist, why couldn't you have loved her a little? Why did you deny her? The anguished cries will come back, I don't know, and they will be informed that they have lost the Science of their

own being. The angels will ask, why didn't you read your Bibles?--there are so many examples of what happenned to those who rejected God's best witnesses, whole nations were destroyed for their disobedience and hatred of these individuals. But you had access to the greatest of all and you laughed at those who loved her. And to those who professed love for Mrs. Eddy, the angel will say to them, why couldn't you have loved her enough to stand up for her? Where was your moral courage?

Everyone will wonder how it all happened, the glory of our civilization, all lost, how could it have fallen? But they all saw it falling and pretended it was not happening. As the Christian Scientists are asked again and again why they could not have followed her just a little, they will go into darkness, weeping and wailing for what they could have done and should have done and did not do. God had given them a task, to support His best witness and they rejected her and thus rejected the One giving them the task. Do they deserve a second chance?--now that sounds fair, but there are no second chances here. Those former Christian Scientists who sought to douse the light of love for their Leader and who too late found the fruits of their folly know fully now what the sins against the Holy Ghost are. Now they learn what Jesus meant when he said, "But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation." (Mark 3:29) Those who rejected Mrs. Eddy worked to keep every child, man and woman on the globe from receiving the Science of their own being. Then in a last ditch effort the guilty say, Why this can't be. I'm God's perfect child, and the angel will answer back. Yes, but you did not find that out by yourself; you did not love the one who struggled her entire life to give you that truth; you rejected the one who taught you that, who loved you enough to lift you up to that point of understanding, and your disobedience, lack of love, arrogance, self-will, etc., has placed you where you must be. You could not stand before the one you called in name only, your Leader, you would be embarrassed beyond measure. Jesus said, "I know you not." You cannot enter, nor can you have the light; now you must overcome the errors of your foul character by yourself, your own way, for you no longer have the Science.

Your brother in crime, the rich Dives, could not enter because he would not give of his meager substance. You had it all, and were not grateful for the one making it possible for you. This is far more ingratitude than that expressed by Dives and you didn't deprive just one poor beggar from a little food, you kept all mankind from the Science of their own being. Now what do you think about your efforts to rid the Movement of its Leader who you called in your innermost thoughts, an embarrassment? But, I am a teacher, board member, practitioner. Well, says the angel, that makes your sin even more serious. Everyone you taught, every decision you made, everyone you prayed for, you imbued with a false sense, an immoral sense of ingratitude and indifference because of your rejection and disloyalty towards the great lady. How could you have been so callous, so unthinking, so unkind? Didn't Jesus and the prophets warn you? Oh, says the criminal, let me go back and warn them. The angel says, It is too late, it cannot be retrieved now. You have rejected and killed off every one of those who loved her, who could have saved the world. In your jealous zeal, you have assured that the Dark Ages have come again. Why would you expect everlasting glory for the grievous sin you have committed against all mankind? There has never been anyone on earth who loved you more. Couldn't you have at least left those alone who loved her? Did you have to harrass them, hound them, kill them? Do you not remember that if one righteous had been found in Sodom and Gomorrah the cities could have been saved? You made sure your nation could not be saved. There may be some consolation for you, however. There is a more serious crime than yours. There are some who have professed an unswerving love for the woman, even understood her place in prophecy, but would not stand against those who sought to destroy this lady and her church. They called their cowardice--wisdom! Their anguish is so severe that they will not look me in the face. They let you and your silly friends get away with destroying the world and placing it back in the darkest of the Dark Ages. One's sin is in direct proportion to the revelation he has understood. (See Luke 12:47.48)

Some important questions follow:

- 1. Did Jesus measure his every word so as not to antagonize the Pharisees, placating and mollifying them, that he might protect his students? And he had no Constitution to protect himself or them, but we do.
- 2. After their Leader left them, were the disciples afraid to speak out and use his name and were they embarrassed by his name? And they did not have the full rights of religious liberty, but we do.
- 3. Was Paul cautious not to offend the authorities for fear of harming his pupils' chances of carrying on? And was Paul afraid of losing his effectiveness? And he was not living under the Declaration of Independence, but we are.
- 4. Do you think Elijah would have enjoyed hearing from at least a few of the timid Remnant of 7,000 who would not speak to him or for him, the one God sent? They had no Bill of Rights, but we do. How many of today's Remnant are afraid to speak up for their Leader?

In Matthew 10:32, 33, 38, 39, 41 we read, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. . . . And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. . . . He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." The Amplified Version reads, "He who receives and welcomes and accepts a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward."

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