

# MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

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FOUR ADDRESSES ON  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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## PUBLISHER'S FOREWORD

It is a joy and a privilege to be able to share with you these four addresses on Christian Science by a teacher from the early years of the Church. I did not seek them out, for I had never heard of Helen Spangler until these addresses came to me quite unexpectedly. Someone brought me a box of transcripts in hopes I would find some of them to be of interest. As I went through them, I came to these addresses by Mrs. Spangler.

I began reading one of the addresses, and I couldn't put it down. I realized that I had found another name to be added to the list of published writings by teachers of the past. I had another set of profound addresses to share with those who appreciate the value of these early writings.

Very little is known about Mrs. Spangler, but her addresses are so inspiring that she must have been considered an outstanding teacher during the period when Christian Science churches were overflowing, and every teacher had a full class of thirty pupils each year. She contributed many articles to the periodicals. She taught and practiced in Los Angeles, California, from the 1930's until her passing in 1964. Only a few of her association addresses have come to light, but they are enough to illustrate the divinely inspired teaching that took place during this period in the Church.

These addresses were written for Association Day, when the pupils of Mrs. Spangler met together to hear an address from their teacher. Such occasions were very important to those Christian Scientists deeply devoted to their Church. They came from all parts of the country, and even from abroad, to hear their teacher speak. Teachers, therefore, wrote an address worthy of the occasion. Each year they poured into it their deepest understanding of Christian Science.

The prosperous years in the Church are becoming a thing of the past, but the need for excellent teaching is as urgent as it has ever been. Fortunately, we have addresses by the early teachers that are meeting this need. Mrs. Spangler now joins the list of those dedicated workers whose writings are destined to enlighten and heal the “simple seekers for truth” found in every age.

In *Unity of Good*, Mary Baker Eddy writes, “Our master said, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Then God and heaven, or Life, are present, and death is not the real stepping-stone to Life and happiness. They are now and here; and a change in human consciousness, from sin to holiness, would reveal this wonder of being.” Achieving this change “from sin to holiness” is the goal of the Christian Scientist.

We read about the possibility of this inner transformation, but Mrs. Spangler writes as one who actually achieved it to a large degree. She emphasizes the fact that *now* we are in the kingdom of heaven. Each address presents new insights that define the vast realm of infinite Mind and our relationship to it.

Many healings come about through this deeper understanding of God, for we learn to overcome subtle forms of sin as we spiritualize consciousness. While we presently seem to live in the mortal dream, Mrs. Spangler shows how the transformation of consciousness is possible — indeed, inevitable. Although our entire being — our life, our body, our world — are here and now spiritual, the darkened, material thought, like a fog, prevents us from discerning this. She supplies basic ideas that dispel the fog of mortality and bring to light the fact that “now are we the sons of God.”

I hope, dear Reader, you find these addresses as inspiring as I have found them, and that they bless you with a greater understanding of your relationship to God.

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# GOD, THE SYNONYMS OF GOD, MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

Association Address of 1959

by Helen Spangler

In Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy we find this definition of God: "The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence." This will open our thought today to a larger in-pouring of what the letter of Paul to the Hebrews calls "the power of an endless life."

Everyone knows that he is living that he is alive. Only the Christian Scientist is aware that he is living a life unseen to the material senses a life that expresses spiritual power, a life which is endless. Without the understanding of Christian Science, mortals believe they live in perishable matter, and that after an incident called death, they are transformed into eternal beings. God is eternal Life. Man, as His manifestation, must express this eternal Life, must express eternal health, must express eternal perfection. With the light of Christian Science, we know that we are spiritual beings now; that we have always been and will always be spiritual and eternal. Our revered Leader writes, "The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man is, not shall he, perfect and immortal." This is, indeed, a great spiritual fact, and it must be brought out by consciously knowing this fact and demonstrating it here and now.

We hear, not because of material ears, but because we reflect the all-hearing Mind. God did not make man and give him eyes, ears and speech, - they constitute his real being. They are faculties of divine Mind, man's Mind, the only Mind. If you feel that you do not remember, just know that consciousness includes all. It is natural to see, to hear, to digest. Man, never born and never dying, is like the eternal noon a state of security always existing at the zenith of Being. Mind is action, a law of God a law always in operation just where you are to solve every problem. Soul, Mind, is so sure of its infinity, of its infinite bounty, that it is never confused, emotional, distressed, or tense; but is complete, secure and satisfied. Mrs. Eddy tells us this: "Knowing that Soul and its attributes were forever manifested through man, the Master healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, feet to the lame, thus bringing to light the scientific action

of the divine Mind on human minds and bodies and giving a better understanding of Soul and salvation.”

(Unless otherwise noted, all quotes are from the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy.)

We have gathered here today for further unfoldment of immortality; for a renewal, a revival in “the power of an endless life.” The words spoken shall be words of Truth, and they shall cut through mesmeric dullness and awaken thought to spiritual facts.

The purpose of an Association meeting is to de-mesmerize our own thought, and this is done by the statement and understanding of the living Word of God. The continuing restatement of Truth, which of itself is true consciousness, should de-mesmerize and free thought from its belief in mortality and death, and plant us more firmly in our immortality our demonstration of “the power of an endless life.” God is the only Life, and that Life is eternal. Since He is our God, He is our Life. All the life you think you have lived in matter is not life at all; it is only a dream.

You have been living in immortality — you have been experiencing in God’s sight an endless life in Him. Do not regard yourself as a mortal calling on Christ, Truth, for help; but know yourself now as a living exponent of Christ, as the expression of “the power of an endless life.”

Jesus demonstrated that the spiritual fact was the thing at hand, and that it was to be seen and utilized in the most human experiences — such as feeding the five thousand, finding the tax money in the fish’s mouth, healing the sick. We must see that the human experience and the spiritual fact is the only thing.

When I began the study of Christian Science, I wondered why Mrs. Eddy gave us a lesson twice a year on “Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced,” for I felt certain that I had never been hypnotized. Now I feel that I am just becoming de-hypnotized. Today, we are experiencing a so-called mental warfare. It is the same mortal mind, the anti-Christ endeavoring to destroy all religion and civilization, and place the world under a godless dictatorship. I shall read a letter from our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy:

“There is a great struggle before us and it is for life. The true Science, divine Science, will be lost sight of unless we arouse ourselves. The demonstration to make matter build up is not Science. Now the Cause must be saved and I pray God to be spared for this work. If there is not work done in the line of Spirit, not matter, or overcoming the material way, and if I were not here to still stand, the Romanists and Spiritualists would wipe every Christian Scientist out. Now you see what we have to do for the world to be a transparency for Spirit.



“Things must turn and overturn until He, whose right it is, shall reign. That is the work, --- what this Science means, and so get out of the sense of apathy. The drunkenness produced by belief in wine, is not to be compared with the drunkenness in thought - mental darkness. ‘Drunken, but not with wine.’ Isaiah 51:21.

“There is a time to do everything; a time to speak to students, a time to speak to the world, and we must have wisdom and know when to speak and act. Jesus said, ‘Can ye not discern the signs of the times?’ He also said, ‘Watch and pray.’ The watching comes first. You must watch the enemy before it comes and strikes; destroy it before it approaches. Now, you watch, - - be always on duty, on guard. If you do not feel the danger and go right on as though everything was alright, declaring you are alright, when seeming you are all wrong, - you will not be watching with God.”

Our Leader writes: “To understand that Mind is infinite, not bounded by corporeality, not dependent upon ear and eye for sound or sight nor upon muscles and bones for locomotion, is a step towards the Mind-science by which we discern man’s nature and existence. This true conception of being destroys the belief of spiritualism at its very inception, for without the concession of material personalities called spirits, spiritualism has no basis upon which to build.”

Admitting life and intelligence in matter admits matter as a mediumship between God and man, a separation from God; admits that matter creates and controls man. The very first step in a Christian Science treatment is to handle the belief of spiritualism, to deny matter, to deny that man is encased in a material body, that there is life and sensation in matter, that matter can be sick and suffer. Mortal mind alone sins and suffers. Man is immortal, and cannot be in matter or be made manifest as matter or through matter. That which appears as disease, limitation, over-action or inaction, are illusions of material sense, animal magnetism, spiritualism. They have nothing to do with the real and eternal substance, and are never any part of man or of his experience. If we admit them as real, we are worshipping “other gods” and are breaking every commandment. That which I accept as error, war, pestilence, destruction, is a mesmeric, projected belief from evil - the very evil which Jesus pronounced a liar and the father of lies. The only patient we ever have is a sick belief or ignorance of God. The healing is my awakening to the perfect man of God’s creating.

The supposed organs (physical) and functions have nothing to do with real being. But there is in divine Mind the spiritual fact just where the physical, so-called, seems to be. The fact is that infinite Mind, Spirit. Soul, functions perfectly and eternally in accordance with spiritual law - never presenting any diseased

action, abnormal growth, or age. The Truth discerned and demonstrated in the human experience acts as a law of reconstruction, restoration and recovery, and is the law of normal action, government and control. In Rudimental Divine Science Mrs. Eddy writes: "Life, Truth, and Love are this trinity in unity, and their universe is spiritual, peopled with perfect beings, harmonious and eternal, of which our material universe and men are the counterfeits."

All there is to malpractice is a belief in it — a belief in other gods; a belief in another mind, the opposite of infinite, divine Mind.

Let us earnestly consider how our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, handled one of the most aggressive and malicious arguments of animal magnetism. In 1891 she wrote, "I think it has been my great aspiration that the wave calling itself 'death' should not pass over me. I see this morning that this aspiration, this thought of itself is an error, and that it builds up the belief that there is something to fight, something to overcome, and thus it fosters fear. What if this wave does seem to engulf me, the opposite fact that it does not is the truth, and by this seeming I am not changed, nor harmed, for nothing can ever have any power to affect us. This view removes fear and removes the aspiration, and shows me that by this means I am doing more toward conquering, more to keep off the wave. We need not take up arms against a shadow when it is clear that it is a shadow. 'So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written. Death is swallowed up in victory.'"

Our forefathers came to this country to be free from this bondage of belief. Mrs. Eddy has planted the spiritual idea of church in human consciousness, and it is our duty and privilege to protect this planting, to water and cultivate it to further unfoldment, and enable it to reach and serve all mankind. She defines church as: "The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle. The Church is that institution, which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick."

Then church must be divinely mental; it must be infinite, everywhere - the structure or construction of Truth and Love.

When divine ideas are unfolding in our consciousness, we are constructing church. When we are in a building called "church," expressing criticism and condemnation, we are not in church nor are we doing church work. Webster gives a definition of church as "substance, body." Truth and Love must be the only substance or body of church the only church building. Let us endeavor to

gain and maintain the spiritual understanding of church which Paul refers to as that “which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ.” This statement shows that Paul glimpsed the fact that church, the real and only church, is sustained by God. If “church rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle,” it is not groping toward Principle. It is the emanation of divinity itself— whole, fundamental, perfect, finished. It is continuous, uninterrupted spiritual activity. Are we expressing that continuous, uninterrupted activity? Church is the spiritual omnipresent Christ consciousness, our only real consciousness. This helps to prosper the mental process of church building. As members, we need to have uppermost in our hearts the words of Paul, “. . . there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.” Everyone engaged in carrying on the activities of the Cause of Christian Science is protected by the truth he knows, and he receives the life-giving spirit of divine Love.

There is a world crisis in religion today. John, the divine, says of the Church of the Laodiceans: “I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.” These seem rather harsh words, but perhaps they will awaken us to ask ourselves if we are doing our part to promote the Cause of Christian Science.

Just as each musical tone has its relationship to every other tone, so individual man has a right relationship with every other individual in the universe, and this exact harmonious relationship is eternal. There may be some who believe that they have very discordant relationships with their business associates, with members of their household, with those they meet socially or in their church work, or otherwise. By pursuing the same course you would with a musical problem, you would solve them harmoniously. If you found a discord in your musical composition, you would eliminate it and replace the false note, with a true note. It is all mental. There are no ill-arranged, discordant individuals in the universe of God’s creating. This may seem a beautiful but impractical theory to one who has before his eyes constantly unkindness, criticism, envy, nagging, fault-finding, etcetera, etcetera. Christian Science does not teach that these are easy to solve, but that they are easier to solve than to endure with resentment, bitterness, hopelessness, fear, or revenge. Because the musician has the evidence of discord on a sheet of music before him, he does not conclude that it is real, or a part of music and therefore inevitable, but that it is an error of composition. Man’s individuality is God’s mental and spiritual model or ideal. As human beings behold and love man’s true individuality, they, too, are able to do away with personal concepts of man which have hidden their perfect model.

In the first chapter of Genesis, creation was finished and pronounced good. But “there went up a mist from the earth,” a mist of material thinking, hypnotism, and it obscured the true spiritual creation. Have we been mesmerized with this mist of materiality — crying, “Peace, peace, where there is no peace”? God blessed the earth for man’s sake and caused it to bring forth food for man’s use. In the second account, the Lord God, Jehovah, made Adam from the dust of the ground, which he afterwards cursed, and then he cursed the man which he had made from the ground. Jehovah placed this man in the garden of Eden in which was the “tree of life” and the “tree of knowledge of good and evil,” and he was bidden to dress it and keep it, but not to eat its fruit — not to believe that there is an infinitely good God of Life and Love with an opposing power of hate and death. Let us ask ourselves, Are we eating of this knowledge of good and evil, God and devil, love and hate, eternal Life and an opposite, death? It is interesting to note that after Jehovah cursed the ground as well as the man made from the ground, instead of yielding fruit and grain for man’s use, the ground brought forth thorns and thistles. Today, we have many new modes of thorns and thistles, parasites, termites and other ‘ites’ living upon each other or upon the government. Let us realize that this is all rank hypnotism, for we are not living in a material body, not in the “garden of Eden” matter-body, and we do not have to suffer out of it or die out of it.

It is spiritualism to accept a material body as a mediumship between God and man. Christian Science teaches us the true God and true man, and man’s relationship to God. Scholastic theology has assumed that God sends suffering and penalty in order to improve and save us, while Jesus declared that a false sense of God, which is called sin, produced the sin and death. He proved that when God is understood as the only creator, the only Mind and Life, and that this Mind and Life is man’s Mind and Life, discord and disease immediately disappear and are seen to be unreal. Human consciousness which acknowledges the presence here and now of God’s indestructible creation, is imbued with the healing Christ.

In the Biblical account of Job is embodied many of the problems, difficulties and trials which confront humanity today as they have in the past. It is the same mortal mind or devil of which Jesus spoke of as a liar and the father of lies. The following account of Job and his experiences seems very appropriate today. Job was honest and honorable; a very pious man, expressing a great sense of human goodness. He was sincere and devoted to the worship of God, whom he felt had amply blessed him with a family and great wealth. Job had a great personal sense of self and a very material sense of substance. In Job we read: “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before

the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.” This Satan of personality, human goodness, materiality, aggressive suggestion, is constantly walking to and fro in the earth, and up and down in it, presenting itself to us to be accepted or rejected.

Job’s time had come, he was stricken with a severe and painful disease. Satan argued that if he lost his material wealth, he would turn from God and curse Him. The Bible relates that his children and all material wealth were taken from him, and he was sorely tried and afflicted. He was self-mesmerized and filled with self-pity. The Church, at that time, believed that God was a great judge who became angry, and condemned, punished and afflicted man for his sins, and on the other hand, rewarded on a material basis for his good deeds. The Church was a system of laws, forms, ceremonies with little spirituality or inspiration. The people believed in good and evil, and ate frequently of the forbidden fruit from the tree in the midst of the garden of Eden. It was believed that God and Satan worked together. Do you find similar conditions of thought today? Do such thoughts argue to you aggressively?

Job’s three friends came to see him. from the misery he expressed, they were certain of his guilt and decided that he was a sinner and deserved what he was experiencing. They were neither helpful, comforting, nor healing, but added greatly to Job’s despair and suffering. Let us examine ourselves and see if we are apt to express such friendship. “Mental malpractice, which holds disease as a reality, fastens disease on the patient, and it may appear in a more alarming form.” Rather than being friends, they were malpractioners. Job knew that he was not such a willful sinner as they assumed, and he writhed under their condemnation and false accusations. His belief in God and Satan, good and evil, was chemicalizing. Job was constantly thinking of himself, talking of himself—of the material body and material things and his troubles. He was self-mesmerized and so filled with fear that he could see no good, no beauty or kindness in anyone or anything — only evil, disease, and distress; all negative thinking. He then decided that God was unjust; that lie rejected the righteous and favored the wicked. Job’s thought habits, of which he was the center, were all negative, denying God, denying good, beauty, love, kindness. Thoughts externalize themselves. We surround ourselves with our thoughts. We make them our atmosphere of joy and buoyancy, or depression and despondency, according to the thoughts we accept. Negative thoughts deplete, distress; they rob and cheat us of our God-given heritage of friends and health. A claim of personal good is as great a lie as a claim of personal evil. A claim of mortal life is as great a lie as a claim of mortal death. God is Life, and that Life is man’s life.

One of the great crosses Job bore was the belief that he was separated from God - that he was down here on earth in a material body and God was 'way up there' in heaven, as was evidenced by his great suffering and loss. As a result of his suffering, he was forced to look away from self and seek God, and to understand the oneness of God and man which had begun to unfold to him. His Soul, spiritual consciousness, was finding expression. In the book of Job, we find the birth-throes of immortality.

Do we see what Job needed? He needed a new view of God and man -- of everything. Is not this the very important unfoldment that our dear Leader has given to us in Christian Science? It is well to often think of this seriously and appreciate what it has meant to us and to the world. Job needed a spiritual awakening, a clear understanding of his true being his body of divine ideas. Has Christian Science brought this to us, and are we awakening others to this vital truth? Paul said, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

One cannot see error objectively any more than he can see Truth, for there is no error, no mortal mind to produce such phenomena. Truth is not the truth about something. It is all there is to anything, and is everywhere. It is all there is to man, to you. It is not the truth about man; it is the true man as God sees him. Job believed in objectivity. Fatherhood, Motherhood, children, and possessions were not subjectively his, but were accepted objectively as objects separate from Mind, God, and so were liable to tragedy and destruction. He was thinking in terms of externalities, in the objective sense. To an objective sense, tangibility is dependent upon finiteness, unreality. It did not seem to have occurred to Job, to his objective thinking, to question the validity of an externalized presence. He, therefore, accepted the loss of control as actual experience. To him they were externalities rather than false belief in externalities. When the belief of loss sets in, the dream-house crumbles, and reveals the insubstantial stuff of which the objective, or mortal thought externalized, is made. In the same state of thought, his health and peace were taken from him; all of his possessions were gone; then his sons and daughters were destroyed. While he was wrestling with a false sense of possession, evil came in three phases: aggressive suggestion, hypnotism, and mesmerism. Job's God was external; so, likewise, were the gifts of his God.

As children of God, we and our possessions are eternally preserved in perfection, else God's creation would cease to be perfect and complete. During one of the worst newspaper attacks made upon Mrs. Eddy, one of her students said to her, "Mother. what do you think about Mary Baker Eddy?" Our Leader replied, "As Mary Baker Eddy, I may be the weakest of mortals, but as the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, I am the bones and sinew of the

human race.” Jesus was human, but what he demonstrated was divine. Mrs. Eddy was human, but what she revealed of the spiritual universe and man as God’s likeness was divine.

The Jews lost their spiritual vision and became nationalists. They were taught to love their kindred, but to hate their enemies; and they considered as their enemies every nation but their own. They had a national God. Job, through pain and suffering, turned from this vicious thought habit and saw the light. He broke through the old theological habits and beliefs and found freedom.

In the 42<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Job, we find an awakening, a spiritualized consciousness, and good began to flow unto him. What a wonderful awakening to his real selfhood, and to the understanding of God as a loving Father and life as immortal. There was renewed humility, meekness, faith, and love. When awakened from the mesmeric sense of things to the spiritual and real. Job found that man, his surroundings, his substance, were spiritual and eternal, and that he had an unlimited supply of all good. He was blessed with a family and greater material riches than he had previously possessed. The understanding of our spiritual sonship unfolds to us our divine heritage of the unlimited supply of every need.

Does this line of reasoning and do these arguments of limitation which came from Job sound familiar? Have these insidious suggestions knocked at the door for entrance to your consciousness, and did they find entrance? How thoroughly they take possession of us, and hypnotize us into accepting them as facts, and into believing them to be our very own thoughts. Here and now it is our need to annihilate them and replace them with the divine fact of God’s infinite Love which is ever at hand to meet our every need. To the extent that we concede power to error, we deny God and His omnipotence. The spiritual consciousness accepts the unalterable fact that “now are we the sons of God,” and the further fact of God’s promise, “Son, thou art ever with me and all that I have is thine.” Do we believe it and endeavor to prove it - to make it practical? The affliction of the righteous and the prosperity of the wicked in a material way, Job accepted as true in his case, and he felt he had a right to justify himself before God, which he did. Then the light of spiritual unfoldment dawned in his consciousness, and he saw that afflictions and trials are not of God, and that they frequently serve as corrections, forcing us to turn from material beliefs to spiritual facts. Therefore, they might come to righteous, sincere men, purging them from much selfishness and materiality, and forcing them to a greater sense of receptivity and spirituality.

The law of God is always operating to help and protect us, but this law would not keep Job from the experience he needed. The sense of human goodness and a personal sense of good and evil had to be eliminated. Like Job, we may seem to

have trials and afflictions, loss and lack to meet, but it is not necessary to suffer. "Hither here or hereafter, suffering or Science must destroy all illusions regarding life and mind, and regenerate material sense and self." Let us choose the Science of right thinking and knowing, realize our true selfhood and our divine heritage as God's children. We need to look up to Spirit, not down to matter or material nonsense. The dream of physical sense, material birth and material death is unreal. We must prove it to be so. The time has come when we must keep the commandment, "Thou shall have no other gods before me" - no other power; no other intelligence; no matter, eased or diseased; no sick matter or healthy matter. There is no matter.

Remember, there is a divine power ever available to you at all times; it is greater than any human belief of power, bigger than any person, organization or problem, superior to any organization of human will or political aims or claims, superior to any circumstance or combination of circumstances. This power is the law of God, the law of Love, the law of divine Principle. It is not necessary to go anywhere to find this law, for it is ever present. You need not wait, for it is ever-operative for you and always available.

In Science, you realize there would be no creator if there were no creation, and vice-versa. The divine Mind would not be Mind if there were no ideas, no expression. God would not be God if there were no manifestation, no Father-Mother, no children. Cause implies effect; Spirit implies spirituality; Truth implies truthfulness. Love implies loveliness; Life implies living. You cannot have one without the other.

The word creator as generally used is often misleading. It infers that all existing things are apart and unlike their Creator instead of being in oneness and sameness with Him. The word creator might imply that there was a time when things did not exist, and later, a time when things were brought into existence. There never was a time when there was no Creator, and there never was a time when the Creator was not expressed by His creation. There never was a time when the infinite was less than infinite, less than eternally finished. The one great Creator, God, Mind, consciousness, has ever existed and ever expressed Himself in perfection and harmony, as man and the universe.

Much may be accomplished for the Cause of Christian Science and the world today by the individual knowing that he is the manifestation of the divine Mind. Because he understands his being to be the individual appearance or manifestation of God, this individual works effectively and with power. He loses a sense of himself as having a mind separate from God. He feels sure of his work, and he speaks with authority, whether it is to a belief of sin, disease, death, or



warring nations. He does not feel that his work is futile if the suggestion should come, "What can your thinking do among so many?" because he knows the source is infinite Mind. He knows better because he is gaining a meaning of "one with God is a majority." He claims his authority, for he knows his consciousness is the God-consciousness. We know that we are intelligent because God is the only intelligence. We are harmonious because God is infinite harmony. We are the very presence of these qualities. We no longer feel that our demonstration lies in an appeal to a power outside ourselves, but that we are the very expression, the very presence of these thoughts or things. Man "has not a single quality underived from Deity . . . but reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker."

For centuries, the world has educated man to believe that his life, existence, supply, and health are separate from God; and so, if he lacked any of these things, he was told to go outside of himself to get them; and he has turned to medicine, surgery, climate, money, and position to obtain them. He is even taught to find God separate from himself— a God afar off. But a Christian Scientist is taught that there is nothing he needs or desires or hopes for from the infinitesimal to the infinite that is not to be found within himself, within his own consciousness. He is taught that God is his Mind, and Mind includes all. All of the wonderful statements of the oneness of Being that we can find in Science and Health and the Bible prove this fact. They have unfolded to us our deep conviction that "Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe."

We speak of divine consciousness. Just what does that mean? It could only mean the consciousness of the divine Mind oneness with God. This is the ever-living God, omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. This enables us to see how Jesus accomplished his mighty works. His life was a constant subjective experience - that is, his conscious knowing of his oneness with God made his experience, whether the need was to heal the sick, feed the five thousand, raise the dead, or produce the tax money from the fish's mouth. All things were subject to the divinity of his being. It was all within himself -- true subjectivity.

Let us consider subjective and objective. Subjective generated within, inborn. Objective acquired, not natural, pertaining to an object, outwardly external. Webster gives the definition of subjective as "in the philosophy of the mind; characteristic of or belonging to reality; subject - the Ego." And objective as, "What belongs to the object of thought, the non-ego; containing in or having the nature or status of an object opposed to subjective." The statement of Jesus, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; [objective] the kingdom of God is within you [subjective]," was his way of saying that being is subjective. Since there is but one Mind, which is All, there can be but one Being. You are subjective. In her Message to The Mother Church for 1901 our Leader writes: "The Christian Scientist is alone with his own being and with the reality of

things.” Man’s real being is, therefore, purely subjective and includes the reality of things. There is no virtue in the use of technical terms unless thereby a clear-cut distinctive purpose is attained.

Mrs. Eddy’s use of the words subjective and objective enables us to differentiate more clearly between the real and the unreal, the true and the false. “. . . St. John’s corporeal sense of the heavens and earth had vanished, and in place of the false sense was the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could see the new heaven and new earth, which involve the spiritual idea and consciousness of reality.” Ideas do not exist objectively in what is called space, but they exist subjectively in what is known as consciousness, and man possesses these ideas by reflection. There is no need to be afraid for your loved one, whether he is on the sea, in the air, or in an automobile, if you understand that he is God’s spiritual idea. He is not in some distant place or space — that is the objective sense of him. He is in Mind, forever present, constituting an indispensable, indestructible and ever-present element of your spiritual being or consciousness. He, himself, lives subjectively and every idea in the universe is actually blessing him. God must maintain man in His image and likeness, else His creation would cease to be perfect, and man would cease to be His image and likeness.

We earnestly repeat, “All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all.” and then allow ourselves to personalize, or materialize Mind’s infinite ideas. This appearance which we call ‘person’ is in reality always the very presence of Mind, or you and I would see nothing. It must always be a communion with God, with our Mind. We come into at-one-ment with our God as we recognize that the appearance of all strife and discord is just another opportunity to prove its nothingness and to express God, or to be the at-one-ment with Him.

You and I could not see the Christ without Jesus — that is, unless it were manifested for our understanding. We cannot see power unless it is manifested by somebody or something, and then it is power we see, not the something or somebody. The God we know will appear in some understandable form, in health, happiness, completeness. In the resurrection and crucifixion, the people saw the continuity of Life and they called it resurrection. They could not have seen it unless Jesus had manifested it. It was the continuity of Life that they really saw. This is what we must strive to attain. By constantly seeing the continuity of Life, Jesus released Lazarus from the grave when to human sense he had been dead four days.

Power exists as omnipotent Mind, the only Mind, our Mind. All the power there is, is our power, through reflection. I exist as omnipotence expressed. The I AM unfolding is the consciousness that I express the presence, the infinity, all the activity there is. No one can play your part. You have to carry out the responsibility God has given you - to be His likeness. He has given you the

ability, and it is your work. Animal magnetism would make you doubt this, and prevent you from claiming and receiving that which is your God-given heritage.

Because the whole creation exists subjectively in the Creator, the Creator consciously guides, governs, protects, preserves, and sustains every existing thing (thought). Everything lives, moves, and has its being in Him subjectively. No existing thing ever began and no existing thing will ever end. Everything God created must express eternity, infinity, all the qualities of God. No so-called destructive beliefs can be in divine consciousness; therefore, beliefs are unreal and unknown, for infinite Mind is all-knowing.

What of your universe? What constitutes your environment, your home, your business? Are these things outside your consciousness? Your world, your business, your environment is what you are accepting as real, as expressing divine Mind. Jesus lived in a dark and troubled world, yet his universe expressed only God, good. Jesus said, "I have overcome the world" the worldly beliefs. In order to have a healthy body and healthy business, we must understand them in a divine way. Body is the embodiment of divine ideas and business expresses our thinking.

Jesus walked on the water. Peter also walked on the water toward him as long as he kept his thought on the Christ; but when he saw the waves and fear crept in, he began to sink. Water was subjective to Jesus, but objective to Peter. The death of Lazarus was objective to his sisters, but subjective to Jesus, who saw only Life eternal. Lazarus seemed to die to the consciousness of his sisters and friends, but to the consciousness of Jesus, he lived because he was made and sustained by God. His Father-Mother. In the universe in which Jesus lived there was no sin, no disease, no death; but all around him were those who believed in sin, disease, and death, and in whose universe there seemed to be much suffering. We can not believe in God, eternal Life, divine Love, and believe in hate, poverty, and discord. The important thing for us to decide is, shall we subordinate ourselves to false beliefs, life and intelligence in matter, or shall we understand subjective being, divine knowing, and realize that supply, health, work, opportunity and life are subject only to Mind, expressing Mind? God has not changed; Mind has not changed; opportunity has not changed. Belief is not something that is happening. Belief is a belief about something that is really happening.

That which looks like the ability to come and go, to be here and to be there, illustrates the infinite consciousness of Being, as well as the indivisibility and omnipresence of Mind. If in taking a trip it is admitted to be a material body going here and there, it is impossible to do protective work, for you have minds many and are seemingly separate from God. However, if the trip is translated

into that which it divinely is, the unfolding and activity of an idea, it is safe and enjoyable. To translate does not mean to change matter into mind; but it means to change one's point of view, to recognize that what we have been calling matter is a quality of human thought, an illusion, mis-stating Mind. We see because we reflect the all-seeing Mind. What seems, to human sense, to be a patient coming to be healed, is in reality a child of God, already perfect, coming to be recognized as such. Just where, to mortal sense, there seems to be a war-torn world and suffering humanity, is God's spiritual universe which He created and saw as infinitely good and complete. Just what are we seeing and accepting as real? Is it what God made and pronounced good?

When an error seemingly confronted Jesus, he did not think it was something 'out there' with which he needed to argue, or something he had to change. He healed it subjectively within himself - reducing it to nothingness at the door of his own thought. "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick" not a sick man, but a sick view of man. Man never ceases to be God's perfect likeness.

I have been asked to talk about the "fourth dimension." This dimension is infinity, eternity, the one infinite, all-knowing, all-seeing Mind, the all-embracing Spirit, the divine all-pervading Love, the eternal indwelling Soul, spiritual consciousness, the all-powerful, ever-acting Principle, the ever-present eternal Life, the omnipotent Truth which is true everywhere all the time and there is no other existence. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, [not know about the truth] and the truth shall make you free." With this fact, he healed every disease, overcame every belief of lack, sin, and even death, thus proving that they are unreal and untrue not going on anywhere.

The awakening to our true being through consecrated study of Christian Science is enabling us to rise above the belief that we are limited and held in a three-dimensional state of being. Our beloved Revelator has opened the way, through the "Key to the Scriptures," for us to see and prove that we are now in full possession of understanding, ability and power to use our God-given fourth dimension of spiritual being, of holiness, harmony, and immortality. We are now divinely mental, living in the realm of Mind, infinitely evident "the immediate object of understanding." My identity is established as a divine fact, and I have to manifest Life — this is my business as God's likeness, this is my destiny. As our true being dawns upon consciousness, it shines forth as true spiritual substance, the substance of Life, Truth, and Love, intangible to darkened material sense, but very evident, tangible and real to the enlightened spiritual consciousness. Thus we see how divinely natural it is to possess the fourth

dimension of Spirit.

In the fourth dimension, there are no boundaries, no limits, no length, breadth, height, nor resistance —just infinity, God. Jesus dwelt in the fourth dimension when he went through closed doors after his resurrection. In the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts, we are told that Peter had been cast into prison, bound with chains, and that keepers were placed before the prison doors. Mortal mind had bound him in every way it could, but an “angel of the Lord came upon him. and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up saying. Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.” This came just “after Easter” after the Christ had risen in his consciousness, and he was in the fourth dimension of Spirit where there are no chains to bind, no obstruction to right activity; just the presence of God. Individual man is reality individualized. Another interesting experience is given in John, when “the Jews took up stones to cast at him: Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.” They could not see the Christ - only Jesus, the human concept -and he hid himself in the Christ-Mind.

In the second and third dimension of believing in good and evil, life and death. Spirit and matter, they could not see Jesus, “hid with Christ, in God.” Jesus rolled away the stone, material sense testimony, from his own tomb, and proved the presence of God, eternal Life, he did that for us, and he is the Way-shower.

We are told that after Jesus fed the five thousand, he asked the disciples to get into a ship and go to the other side, and he went into the mountain to pray. “And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea” and the ship was “tossed with the waves: for the wind was contrary.” Perhaps there might have been some “contrary” and fearful thinking in the minds of those on the ship.

In Miscellaneous Writings Mrs. Eddy writes: “Christian Science translates Mind, God, to mortals. It is the infinite calculus defining the line, plane, space, and fourth dimension of Spirit.” In the fourth dimension, there is unlimited perception of all that exists, and all that is real and true is right where you are as reflection. In Matthew we read of the transfiguration of Jesus when he took Peter, James, and John “up into a high mountain,” a high state of spiritual understanding; and Jesus saw and talked with Moses and Elias, who had passed on hundreds of years before. Peter, James, and John were enabled to see them also, for the Bible states, “... there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.” Here he surmounted the belief of death, time, space and place. Here he was in the fourth dimension of Spirit.

Treatment in Christian Science is constant revelation. It is Mind, Life, and Love

in action. Treatment is Mind demanding and Mind supplying its own evidence. The time will come is here now in our present unfoldment when Christian Scientists will understand and know with such clarity and conviction the power and presence of divine Love, that without process they shall acquire the object of their right thinking instantly because there is no separation between cause and its manifestation. 'Thought will finally be understood and seen in all form, substance, and color, but without material accompaniments.' We will then speak with authority as Jesus did. All existence is the awareness of the Christ, Truth.

Christian Scientists know best how to handle the problems of the suppositional forces of evil. It is not possible to shoot or bomb aggression, greed, dishonesty, hate, or human will. The only way that these forces can be exterminated is by the scientific understanding that God is the only creator; that He is omnipotent and governs the universe and man. We have elected our President, Vice-President and others to preserve our nation. But do we realize that it is our business, just as much as it is theirs, to follow through by realizing that omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being leaves no power, no science, no presence, no government other than God, infinite Mind? This was illustrated by Mr. Kimball who was driving to a lecture when the horses became frightened and started to run away. He exclaimed, 'They can't do it!' This denial, "They can't do it," was based upon his understanding of the goodness and oneness of God and His universe of divine ideas. He did not credit the horses with fright or willfulness. In like manner, we should not credit man with injustice, greed, aggression and cruelty. This does not mean condoning or ignoring error. It does mean the scientific way, which is seeing the nothingness of evil because we know the allness of God.

God being ALL, He is perfectly conscious of His own authority; He knows the perfection of His own government; He realizes His own limitless power, action, and control; He has evidence of His unopposed supremacy, and there is not an atom, an electron, or any suggestion of material belief or power that has place, space, or existence. Then there is not and cannot be a destructive atom in reality, because God did not create anything destructive or destructible. The atom seems, as matter, to be destructive and fearful beyond words; but reversed, it is a symbol of constructive, useful power, or true being coming to light.

In Science and Health we read: "Knowing the claim of animal magnetism, that all evil combines in the belief of life, substance, and intelligence in matter, electricity, animal nature, and organic life, who will deny that these are the errors which Truth must and will annihilate? Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world

and be separate. They must renounce aggression, oppression and the pride of power. Christianity, with the crown of Love upon her brow, must be their queen of life." Let us contemplate the 'musts' mentioned in the former statement. These 'musts' we find in our textbook, a book which will be eternally requisite for all mankind until every law and rule is universally obeyed.

Jesus presented the full human evidence of eternal Life after the belief of death; he ate with his disciples, prepared their breakfast, walked and talked with them, and then ascended. It is our business to present the full human evidence of divine being,

expressing health, joy, peace and dominion. "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all" What does this mean to you? What is God to you? The moment we see man in a Unite form and make human personality a reality, that moment we have given evil reality; we have broken the commandments; we have defied the scientific statement of being. We can no longer say that God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent to us. We have lost our God, the infinite, impersonal, incorporeal Mind, the source and force of all power. Can you see power? Can you see Life? Can you see Mind, Love, intelligence with the material eyes? No! Without these qualities, what is there? Where is man? Man, meaning individually each one of us, the "compound idea of infinite Spirit; the spiritual image and likeness of God; the full representation of Mind," is just as visible to spiritual sight as the human being is visible to the belief of sight.

In an interesting clipping regarding the so-called physical body, in describing the chemical constituents, Dr. Craig wrote: "Consider the average 150 pound body of a man from its chemical aspect. It contains lime enough to white-wash a fair sized chicken coop, enough sugar to fill a small shaker, iron to make a ten-penny nail, plus water. The value of the ingredients is worth 98 cents. Yet the insurance company values a man at \$5,000. Now, how do they account for the difference of \$4,999.02? The answer," he said, "is the value of the spirit within." If we are tempted to treat the material body or to try to heal it, let us stop and consider whether it is the salt water, sugar, and lime, we are treating. The only thing to heal is the belief that man is encased in a matter-body; that matter has sensation, or can be sick; that our life depends upon its action and condition.

There are no material objects, even in belief. That things or objects seem to be material is the belief. Infinite ideas which emanate from Mind constitute your very own Mind, revealing its infinitude, and these ideas, however labeled, comprise you and your universe. The label, or appearance, and its name, is educated belief which is constantly changing under the pressure of Truth.

The quality or ability of Mind to locate its idea and keep it in perfect order and harmony, perfectly placed or positioned, is Principle, and means that which we call ideas are never in conflict or collision, never out of the focus of Mind. The fact that Mind is indivisible and all-comprehending as individual consciousness, brings creatures and things into focus at the point of one's vision. Mind is All. Being is indivisible; that allness and indivisibility is idea seeming to appear as modern inventions which unfold new concepts of time and space, when in reality, it is the indivisibility of Being which is ever-present and ever-appearing. The train, plane, radio and television, are labels for the better visibility of Spirit; they imply the naturalness of omnipresence. To quote Mrs. Eddy regarding modern inventions, "We use them, we make them our figures of speech."\*

We are appreciative of these so-called indispensable human steps because, to the Scientist, they are not mere labels for ideas, but are ideas, the allness of Mind appearing, which means freedom from limitation included in the error of the belief called matter. These limitations yield in the degree that material sense yields to Soul-sense.

In an unpublished statement of our Leader concerning the Christian Scientist's state of thought, Mrs. Eddy wrote, "To look out into the world and see sin, sickness and death, that is hate. To look out into the world and see everything in God's image and likeness, that is Love." This was a great revelation to me; I saw clearly that when I, as a Christian Science practitioner, look out into the world and see sin, disease and death, it is because I, as yet, am carrying these beliefs in my thought, and therefore, in belief, I am manifesting the quality of hate. But, when I, as a Christian Science practitioner clearly understand that God is the only Mind, and therefore my Mind — Mind that is infinite Love and universal in scope — then, when this Love that I am, looks out into the world, it can see nothing but itself. In all the world, Love can see nothing but its own image and likeness. Love, which is the only presence, "inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way" of Truth.



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God is absolutely all that exists at this moment. This God is Mind, all-inclusive Mind, filling all space, and there is no other Mind. This Mind is self-governed, and is now, and ever will be conscious of its own impulsion — *Love*. It is inspired, illumined, energized, controlled, and forever acting in accordance with this infinite and only power — divine Love, eternal Life. Accepting this grand fact, there is no matter, no evil, no fear; there is no occasion for fear, nothing in divine Mind to engender fear, to cognize or express it, nothing to maintain or sustain it. These are divine facts which should sink deeply into our Soul — spiritual consciousness.

From this standpoint, we see that all thoughts in the universe at this moment, come from this Almighty Power, divine Mind. They are maintained, vitalized, governed, and directed by itself — the everlasting, infinite God. These thoughts constitute the Word of God, and since the Word of God *is* God, they are all-powerful, and shall accomplish that where unto they are sent, and shall not return void.

Because God is *All*, He can never know or have opposition. Being infinite and all-knowing, He is conscious of His own divine authority and power; knows and maintains in perfection His own creation; realizes His unlimited control; and has proof and evidence of His own supremacy and infinity. Mind, God, being the only creator of the only creation, is all the government, law, legislation, activity and presence, and this law is incontrovertible.

This being true, man, having no other Mind, no other Life, no other being, or body, but God, can never know or be conscious of any other government or law than the ever-operative law of divine Principle, *Love*.

## MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mary Baker Eddy tells us, "The Word will be made flesh and dwell among mortals, only when man reflects God in body as well as in Mind." Jesus said, "Eat my flesh" (understanding) and, "Drink my blood" (life). Understanding God is life. When Christ, the divine understanding or manifestation of God, comes to us and destroys the false beliefs of body, flesh, and blood, we awaken to realize that God made man in His image and likeness, and therefore gave him a spiritual, perfect body, or being. In the textbook, our Leader says, "When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-completeness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness." Self-completeness and satisfaction, health and harmony, are found only in divine being, our real being. Only as we think in accord with divine Mind is our thinking our Mind.

All there is to a so-called human organ is the living, active idea of Truth, and this Truth is the only substance, the substance of all reflected organs. We seem to have many organs because the one infinite spiritual idea of organ is infinitely reflected. Webster gives the definition of organ as "a mental faculty regarded as an instrument of the mind compared to an organ of the body." The multiplicity is expressed only in mortal phenomena — the one organ, or idea, infinitely expressed. Every organ is a sound organ because it is the reflection of a sound Mind, God. It is never out of place, never diseased, never tense or constricted, never too large or too small, never inactive or over-active, and never functioning imperfectly. *What appears as the functioning in our body of many organs, or ideas, is the functioning of divine Mind reflected infinitely.* The function of an idea is the continuous expression of Mind, Life. It is the one-knowing, one-thinking, one-seeing, one-hearing, and one-acting Mind manifested infinitely.

God's concept of body is man's concept of body. There is one God, one man, one body. There being one body, which must be our present body, for God is our present God, and Mind is our present Mind, it must be and is spiritual. We must continually be conscious

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of this fact of body and always connect it with its divine source — divine Mind — and always recognize it as the divine fact at hand regardless of the physical appearance of an opposite. *It is not through spiritualization of body, for body is eternally spiritual and perfect as God made it, but it is through the spiritualization of our sense of body that we gain the harmonious action of functions.* Mind is the creator and source of all being and of all activity.

Mrs. Eddy tells us, "The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all things." This being true, there are no other realities than the facts of Spirit, the divine facts. We can know these facts, and by proper realization and spiritual unfoldment, we can think them with the same confidence and surety and power that we would have if we originated them. This being true, we need no longer believe ourselves finite and mortal.

Jesus said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." From mortal sense, we are constantly importuned to look out from the finite and material to the infinite and spiritual, but this is not the way of infinite power and divine law. We should not consent to the suggestion that we are finite and mortal seeking to become spiritual and immortal, for God made man out of His own substance, "the substance of Life, Truth, and Love."

*From all eternity we have existed, and through all eternity we continue to exist.* Our Leader states, "God's being is infinity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss." That same infinity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss is ours, for there is one being and body, which is infinite, and this is man's body through reflection. Our Leader states that man "has not a single quality underived from Deity; . . . but reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker."

Let us erase the false material sense of being, body, and realize our only selfhood as God's image and likeness — the like-

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ness of infinite Love, the all-embracing Soul, spiritual consciousness. This enables us to see mentally, or spiritually, that substance is actually Spirit, and that the substance of everything and everybody, including ourselves and our possessions, is thus eternal and imperishable.

Mrs. Eddy says that "material personality," or mortal man, is the "*unlikeness* called sin, sickness and death." This is a good definition of the mortal belief of man. When we look at matter, accept and fear its lying pictures and arguments, we really should pray earnestly for God's forgiveness for bowing down and serving idols. There is no more a wrong thought than a diseased body, for thoughts externalize themselves as things. They are the same — misconceptions of the real and eternal. Our Leader tells us, "Mortal mind and body are one." She tells us that "this material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismay; and on the other side there will be Science and peace." Further on she tells us that ". . . those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection." We can cheerfully await perfection only as we constantly see and admit only the perfection of God and His creation here and now.

We must not accept malpractice as power, ascribe power to wrong thinking, and keep ourselves in the realm of strife and conflict, and the human effort to get rid of evil, malpractice and its effects; but we must know its absolute nothingness. Malpractice does not produce disease; *the malpractice is the disease*. Both are mental and false. Wrong thinking is a myth and has no more power than the belief that  $2 \times 3 = 7$ . If we believe it, however, it gives us much trouble. The only patient you ever had was ignorance — ignorance of God and man and their relationship — and you heal it by knowing the true man. You cannot make ignorance intelligent nor improve it, but you can replace it with divine intelligence. It does not get a little better each day; it just isn't. Our failure to see

ignorance as the error, rather than the patient's wrong thinking, hinders the healing. Error and ignorance are never any part of man, God's reflection.

Mrs. Eddy uses the term I AM as a synonym for God, and defines I AM as "... incorporeal and eternal Mind; divine Principle; the only Ego." As we clearly comprehend that the only I AM is God, and that we are the divine evidence of this self-existent, all-inclusive I AM and there has never been a time when this I AM could be expressed without His reflection — man, then we are not afraid to say I AM is our own infinite divine Mind, our own consciousness saying I AM -- and not we personally. I AM does not mean personal self, personal perfection, or anything that is finite or material. I AM means the one intelligence that is our intelligence; the one consciousness that is our consciousness; the one Being that is our being; the one Love that is our Love; the one Life that is our Life — that is our being. It is never a person who says God is the only presence; the only Life, the one almighty power — it is always the I AM. This I AM never says, "I am sick, I am poor, I am old and decrepit." That is the lie about the "I AM THAT I AM." Moses was appointed to deliver the children of Israel from bondage, from mental darkness, fear, and doubt. Moses said, "Who am I that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He knew that it would take a greater power than he as a personal "I" to do this great task. Today, this same task is before us. Then God said to Moses, and He is saying it to us today, "I AM THAT I AM hath sent me unto you," and He is saying to us as He did to Moses: "Certainly I will be with thee."

In this statement of dominion and supremacy, Moses recognized that it is the ever-present I AM, the Christ-Mind within, and not a personal "I" that delivers mankind from all fears, hates, and bondage, and will lead us to establish an everlasting peace.

What does I AM THAT I AM say? It says I AM ALL, and there is none beside ME. It says I AM the only Mind there is or ever can be; I AM all the Life there is or ever can be; I AM all the Love and

Truth there is or ever can be. You cannot know anything but ME, for I AM All-in-all; I AM the only cause; I AM all there is to you; I AM all there is to man. I AM the all-seeing, the all-knowing, the all-hearing Mind; the only intelligence in the universe; the only Being; the one governing Principle. You cannot be conscious of anything but what I AM.

Jesus said, "All power is given unto me, the Christ, in heaven and in earth." We have the Mind that was in Christ. It is the only Mind there is. If he had power, we have power, if we know it, claim it, take possession of it and use it. He said, "I am not of this world." Are we of this world, or of God? Whatever Jesus was, what he said, what he did, was for us to be, to do, and to say. Did he not say, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father"?

We must *act* as if we possessed the all-knowing Mind; as though we are God's image and likeness. He made you in His likeness and gave you dominion. Do you refuse to accept it? Only that is ours which we possess as true ideas within ourselves. This unfolding within is our joy, health, strength, vitality, inspiration, and environment at all times and in all places. The understanding of this divine fact is the Christ, the Son of God, the offspring of God's Being. Our confidence must be unbounded, unwavering, never faltering nor doubting.

Mrs. Eddy states, "All is Mind and Mind's ideas." Also, "Ideas are tangible and real to immortal consciousness, and they have the advantage of being eternal." "Man is the family name for all ideas, the sons and daughters of God." "TEMPLE. Body, the idea of Life, substance, and intelligence; the superstructure of Truth; the shrine of Love. . . ." These references give us a clear concept of man as idea, the sons and daughters of God. This is quite the opposite of what we have been taught of man, of ourselves. It is quite necessary to gain a clear concept of body, because the material concept of body requires so much time and thought — feeding,

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clothing, beautifying it, buying homes for it, automobiles to take it hither and yon. People will steal, kill, and kidnap in order to get the money required to do this. So let us get the correct sense of body and the right sense of supply.

Our Leader says, "Christian Science . . . makes body tributary to Mind." Also, "Christian Science brings to the body the sunlight of Truth, which invigorates and purifies." And, "Body cannot be saved except through Mind." Only because it is a system of right ideas can it be saved through Mind. Body is thought externalized; it is that by which we are identified; it is evidence of man. As we are humanly identified by the human body, so divinely we are identified by our character, understanding, and nature. In employing a man for a responsible position, you would be interested in his ability, honesty, integrity — his character; interested in how many of the God qualities he possessed and actively expressed. You would identify him in this manner.

Let us accept the true sense of identity, of tangibility, or the actual and evident immortal being, and realize that "now are we the Sons of God." *As man, meaning spiritual individuality, each one of us is just as visible to spiritual sight as the human being is visible to the material sense of sight.* This is an unquestionable fact, "for the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God-head. . . ." Christian Science reveals what we are, and that which we are, we always have been and always will be. "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations." Let us stand on this revelation.

It is reasonable to accept that if we can see each other in a material state of existence which is unreal, suppositional, and deceptive, we shall certainly be more visible to ourselves and to each other in proportion that we are undeceived and see each other in the ever increasing splendor of divine understanding, or the one Mind. There is absolutely nothing the matter with God, man, and the universe, regardless of the unwholesome, writhing picture of

error presented today by mortal mind. It is a false concept which must be changed for the true creation in our consciousness.

If it were possible for us at this moment to completely obliterate all belief in materiality, and have no consciousness but the God-consciousness, not even an argument, what would happen? We would be thinking with the Mind which is God, Spirit, and the Christ-consciousness would be presenting the "indestructible man, whom Spirit creates, constitutes, and governs." Then Mind, your Mind, divine Spirit, would create, constitute, and govern your body, the compound idea — man and the universe. Our beloved Leader tells us plainly: "To divest thought of false trusts and material evidences in order that the spiritual facts of being may appear, — this is the great attainment by means of which we shall sweep away the false and give place to the true. Thus we may establish in Truth the temple, or body, 'whose builder and maker is God.'" This being true, the belief in a material organic body, a private personal body, is nothing but limitation, a false sense of the infinite and spiritual.

We are doing what Paul said to do when we are "putting off the old man," the old sense of man, and "putting on the new man," the right concept of man. Then are we presenting our bodies "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God." Surely it is our "reasonable service" to know our real selfhood as God made us.

The only acceptable body to Mind is its own image and likeness, expressing all the qualities of Mind — loveliness, freedom, harmony, purity, kindness, strength, selflessness, spiritual discernment, scientific understanding, boundless bliss, health, holiness — in a word, divine Science, the universal God-consciousness.

All changes in the human experiences are really the unfolding of Truth in consciousness. It is only the divinity of humanity that has any reality or power, and this is divine action, not human. In every case of healing, although it seems human, it is the divine fact that man is spiritual and perfect replacing the ignorant belief that man is material and subject to disease and death. Let the male and female of God's creating appear, or let this divine oneness of



imperishable substance of Life, Truth, and Love appear as man, the actual individual nature of every idea of God.

Noah took into the Ark the right idea of everything, male and female, completeness. Our ark is secure only as we demonstrate the oneness of God and man. We must see man as redeemed no matter how evil he appears to be. Man is not a sinner. Mrs. Eddy says, "A false belief is both the tempter and the tempted, the sin and the sinner, the disease and its cause." We need enlightenment, courage, salvation, not condemnation nor penalty. Mrs. Eddy says, "God made man free. 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.' Love and Truth make free, but evil and error lead into captivity."

There is much need of good metaphysical work for ourselves. There is no one else for whom the individual can do work but himself, to shut out every false aggressive suggestion and belief regarding God, man and the universe. We include all within our consciousness as ourself. Let us be very alert as to what we are accepting in consciousness as man. "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor," said David. Just what are we crowning ourselves and man with? Let us stand porter at the door of thought and see if we are placing on his brow a crown of thorns of condemnation, criticism, and penalty instead of "glory and honor." Let us endeavor to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. *There is nothing external to individual consciousness, the one infinite, universal consciousness. There is where we live, and we associate with our thoughts.* Mrs. Eddy says, "Mortal mind sees what it believes as certainly as it believes what it sees. It feels, hears, and sees its own thoughts." She also says, "Seeing is no less a quality of physical sense than feeling. Then why is it more difficult to see a thought than to feel one?" Then in seeing disease, you are seeing a thought, just as in feeling a thought of pain or disease. It is all mortal thought.

The very foundation of our Church is the healing and awakening of man to his true nature. When the disciples, because of

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some great offense, asked Jesus if he did not want them to call down fire from heaven and destroy the offenders, he rebuked them and said, "Ye know not what manner of Spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Christian Science has come to save, to awaken, to heal, never to destroy, condemn, judge, nor misjudge, nor to incur penalty, nor predict suffering. Mrs. Eddy says, "The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love. Without this, the letter is but the dead body of Science, --- pulseless, cold, inanimate." Without this true love for God and man, there must also be lack of activity in our human experience, cold, pulseless, inanimate and inactive, for God is Love.

Coincidental with the realization of this universal Love, evil, disease, matter and death are seen to be substanceless, nothingness. Therefore, uncovering vice and sin, it is seen to be a culprit of mortal mind and no part of man. Evil and error are never uncovered until they are uncovered as absolute nothingness. If we make something of them, they are handling us and denying God's infinite presence.

A glorious reference from our dear Leader is found in *Pulpit and Press*: "Who lives in good, lives also in God, --- lives in all Life, through all space. His is an individual kingdom, his diadem a crown of crowns. His existence is deathless, forever unfolding its eternal Principle. Wait patiently on illimitable Love, the Lord and giver of Life. Reflect this Life, and with it cometh the full power of being. 'They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house.'"

Let us further consider body in order to make the mental adjustment from the false belief that our body is material or human, to the understanding that our present and only body is spiritual and immortal. *I am not trying to spiritualize matter, but I am endeavoring to dematerialize our concept of body, of man.* Mrs. Eddy says, "The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man *is*, not *shall be*, perfect and immortal." It is the great fact that man is *now*, not in process of time or after death, but *now* he is spiritual.

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But she says that "it must be brought out" where? *in our consciousness*. We must be consciously conscious of this fact. When we are convinced through revelation that the body we now have and always have had, is neither human nor material, but divine and spiritual; when we see that all our so-called organs and functions are not material, but are the operation of divine ideas objectified, or identified, for without body you would have no identification; then will we express a harmonious, immortal body. When Mrs. Eddy speaks of eyes as "spiritual discernment" and ears as "spiritual understanding," we see how mental she discerned organs to be.

"Christian Science reveals man as the idea of God . . ." says our revered Leader. The divine idea must represent the divine Mind, and in that representation, have the authority and power of divine Mind, with all the ability that is essential in order that the perfection of Mind may be the law to the body, and to every event, to every circumstance, to every problem. Even in human character, the noblest qualities are often found, irrespective of the belief called matter. These qualities often appear to be human because human beings are not trained to recognize the characteristics of divine Mind. They do not associate honesty, integrity, alertness and ability, devotion to Principle, with God, but are merely inclined to glorify personality whenever these qualities are evidenced. Every individual, every divine idea, is as original, as satisfied, as complete in his real being as God. Any other view of man is utterly unlike the man God made in His likeness, therefore contrary to divine fact.

When Jesus was upon the Mount of Transfiguration, he glimpsed his body as Mind; then he had to come down from the Mount and overcome every material belief which he had held contrary to what he had seen, and at the resurrection, the embodiment which he had seen had become his own body consciously and permanently. When on the Mount, his spiritual perception was so clear that he talked to Moses and Elias who had gone on hundreds of years before. Jesus used his body as expression only. When he laid hands upon the sick, they thought that it was the laying on of hands

which healed, when this was but a gesture which expressed his great love and compassion.

Mrs. Eddy tells us that “. . . Love imparts the clearest idea of Deity”; that “Love fulfills the law of Christian Science . . .”; that “Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals”; that “Love giveth to the least spiritual idea might, immortality, and goodness,” and she speaks of “. . . Love represented by the Mother.” Until God was perceived as Mother, there was no conception. Webster gives the definition of conception as “the power or function or process of forming ideas, especially universal ideas; mental originating of an idea, a plan or comprehension.” Webster gives the definition of Mother as “that which gives birth to anything.” Therefore there is no conception, no expression, no being, without Love. If Love is Mother, it must conceive. Love invigorates, vitalizes, inspires, illumines, gives life. Mrs. Eddy says, “Divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation. . .” This emphasizes the fact that divine Love cannot be deprived of its purpose, its plan, its activity, its identity, or its embodiment, it cannot be deprived of its being, and that is man. Life must be Love to have conception, to have birth, unfoldment, or expression; Mind must be Love to have intelligence, to have activity. That which we possess spiritually is the possession of Love — Love conceives it, be it health, wealth, home, church, or family. Such possessions can never be lost, never deteriorate, but must ever be beautiful and complete. These possessions may appear to be material, but our recognition of them as spiritual, the expression of Love, existing only in the realm of Soul, governed and sustained by Principle, as divine idea, protects and sustains them always. Let thought assume the dominion and power of Mind, Principle, Love, and let man, our real selfhood, the male and female of God’s creating, walk the earth in this God-given dominion that blesses the earth and man.

As thought unfolds and expands more and more, and our consciousness is seen to include the earth, the planets, and what is called the universe, we glimpse man as the infinite idea of infinite

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Mind. Today the astronomers speak of the "expanding universe." Mrs. Eddy spoke of it years ago from a spiritual standpoint, "The astronomer will no longer look up to the stars, — he will look out from them upon the universe. . . ."

A very important feature of our dear Leader's work in humanity's behalf is seen in her clear perception and presentation of man. Prior to her revelation, religion had relegated man into the realm of matter, inferiority and sin. Notwithstanding the fact that the Bible had declared that God created man to represent Himself, in His likeness, the belief that man is corporeal and subject to all the laws of mortal mind, *materia medica*, psychology, physiology, Roman Catholicism, occultism, mesmerism and hypnotism, was accepted as a fact. They had such a stronghold, and seemed to sense testimony to be so irresistibly true, that the real man could not be recognized until Christian Science revealed him. Human conceptions of reality must undergo revolutionary changes in order that, in spite of tradition and years of false education, the recognition of man as the expression of the divine Being, an infinite idea, eternal and continuous, is realized and accepted. Mrs. Eddy says, "There is but one creator and one creation. This creation consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and forever reflected." Then creation is simply the unfolding of God's infinite Being. God unfolding or expressing Himself is man. She says, "These ideas range from the infinitesimal to infinity, and the highest ideas are the sons and daughters of God." Man is the highest idea, and must then range or reach infinity in expression.

"Whoever is incompetent to explain Soul would be wise not to undertake the explanation of body," says our Leader, implying unmistakably that just in the measure that Soul is clearly understood, body is realized and explained. Soul is spiritual consciousness, and body the embodiment of spiritual ideas. This passage has been so misunderstood that it is supposed to imply that speaking scientifically, there is no such thing as body.

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There are not two kinds of body any more than two kinds of man. Mrs. Eddy says, "The sinless joy, — the perfect harmony and immortality of Life, possessing unlimited divine beauty and goodness without a single bodily pleasure or pain, — constitutes the only veritable, indestructible man, whose being is spiritual." Therefore we conclude that Spirit constitutes man's identity, or body. The identity of Spirit is the real body, the true activity and coordination of divine ideas in individual body, or being, for the divine Mind and divine ideas constitute the health and life that are ours and are expressed bodily. They belong to us from all eternity. Infinity is their source and substance. Humanly, health, wealth, and life seem to come and go because of material belief of origin, the false fleeting sense of the real and the eternal. When we eliminate all material belief concerning them and see them as ideas, they are as permanent as the divine Principle in which they have their being, and in which we have our being. In divine Principle, there is no fear — it is projected from the devil, the father of lies. Fear is so ferocious, because by giving in to it you identify yourself with the very thing of which you are afraid. Job said, "The thing which I greatly feared has come upon me." Mrs. Eddy says, "Mortal mind sees what it believes as certainly as it believes what it sees. It feels, hears, and sees its own thoughts."

When we consistently and persistently refuse to admit that we have lost health, wealth, or any possession, because loss is impossible in infinity, we often recoup our seeming losses as did Job, although in ways and means different from what we had outlined. If we seem to have lost anything, we must associate it with its divine source to regain it. You cannot lose it if you have it in consciousness as idea. I repeat that this does not mean that we are spiritualizing matter, but that we are seeing the real and only substance of all things. We do not demonstrate things; we demonstrate the ever-presence of Mind. The evidence is not the demonstration; it is coincidental with it. In every demonstration, we are seeing that which is eternally present, the spiritual fact of creation. Jesus said,

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“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Mind constitutes the substance, action and being of every idea. The false material sense of suffering yields when Spirit is seen to be the only substance and perfection, the only law, the only presence; for then what appears to be a material body is controlled by the power and law of Spirit, and healing results. This proves that body is not material. Our consciousness of it, under the influence of divine Science, is undergoing a lessening of materiality.

Employment is always Mind and idea. Mind is always occupied with ideas, and you go as idea to express the qualities of Mind. A man going out seeking employment, upon the quality of his thoughts depends his ability to serve, the place of service, as well as his remuneration. If we go as idea, occupied with intelligent, alert, constructive ideas using divine energy and ability, we will find right employment. Know that all good is at hand and it is yours now, not something in the future.

In *Miscellaneous Writings* we read, “Evil in the beginning claimed the power, wisdom, and utility of good; and every creation or idea of Spirit has its counterfeit in some matter belief.” There would not be the counterfeit if there was not the real to counterfeit.

A dollar bill is a symbol, or counterfeit of divine substance, just as 2 or 6 is a symbol of the principle of mathematics. In the dollar is the idea of abundance in its infinity, also the means of expressing this abundance. The evolution of infinity manifested abundance, for every idea is infinite; but the symbol of a dollar is obscured materially by the limited false sense or mortal sense trying to account for everything through human reasoning, including the elements of space and time, which is limited and finite.

If faced with a human need, the first thing we would do humanly would be to look at the dollar and estimate its value humanly, and then look at the bills to be paid or human obligations to be met. Looking at it from that standpoint, we would recognize and accept mentally the inadequacy of that symbol of one dollar to meet

the needs, and right there submit to a belief of finiteness, lack — too little and too late. We would accept as real the opposition of mortal mind to meet the needs in direct opposition to anything suggesting spiritual application of Divine Mind, which does meet our every need.

Do not keep watching the material symbol, whatever its demonstration according to human belief. To grasp the universal substance as ever present would eventually make the symbol unnecessary, for everything is here and available to man without a "medium of exchange." But if it seems necessary to "render unto Caesar," surely the symbol will divinely appear to the human consciousness, as the tax money was found in the fish's mouth.

Jesus said, "All things that the Father hath are mine. . . ." Do we really accept this for ourselves, claim it and act like it? When we firmly know that any appearance or evidence that man is other than perfect, is proven to be unreal because there is no other Mind but God, no other creator, no other Soul or body but spiritual consciousness, then there is no loss of health, no place nor space for disease, no conception of it, no man to express it, nothing to conceive it, no belief in it, nothing to manifest it, and no malpractice to be met and overcome in regard to man and body.

Fear may argue and seem to obstruct; but any degree of actual understanding of divine facts is greater than the fear of universal humanity. Knowing a spiritual fact is greater than the biggest lie mortal mind can concoct. We are taught that when we work as God works, know as God knows, love as God loves, have as God has, we will not fear. Nothing is going on but God and His infinite activity.

"The Word will be made flesh and dwell among mortals, only when man reflects God in body as well as in Mind," Mrs. Eddy writes in *Miscellaneous Writings*. There is but one body, one being, because there is but one Mind. The body I have here and now is spiritual, is wholly good, because it is the embodiment of spiritual ideas. Therefore, every member of my present body, or



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being, every function and organ, is the unfolding of a spiritual idea and its true identity. Mrs. Eddy tells us, "There is but one creator and one creation. This creation consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and forever reflected." Also, "The divine Mind, not matter, creates all identities, and they are forms of Mind, the ideas of Spirit apparent only as Mind, never as mindless matter nor the so-called material senses."

I shall give special consideration to verses 20-25 and 27 from I Corinthians 12: "But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that members should have the same care one for another. . . . Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

I am bringing these verses to your attention, because, in my experience in the practice, I have found that about ninety percent of the so-called malicious and malignant claims of disease, cancer, etc., attack the creative or generative organs, and those affiliated or communicative thereto. I asked a very fine surgeon about his experience, and he agreed with me that he had found the same in his practice.

Webster says, "Comely, means handsome, proper, decent. Uncomely means indecent, ugly, impure." There are no impure thoughts or uncomely parts in the Christ Mind, in the body of God, nor in man, God's likeness. "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." God made everything that was made, but He did not have any matter out of which to make man. He

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made man in His own image and likeness, out of His own infinite substance, the substance of Life, Truth, and Love, which can never be diseased, decay nor die. It is never malicious diseased matter, but malicious wrong thinking that needs correcting.

Remember Paul's words, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and *members in particular.*" This should awaken us to think of one and the same body — the embodiment of spiritual ideas.

We cannot call some organs and functions good and some bad; that comes from a belief in duality -- an infinitely good God and an opposite devil, eternal Life and the belief in death, etc. There is not a good side and a bad side to man. He is not two-sided. In the divine order of being all is good, whole, complete, perfect. All agree that the beating of the heart should go on forever, and respiration should go on forever, just as *all* of the organs and functions, but in changed forms as belief changes to understanding.

Our Leader states, "God, Life, Truth, and Love make man undying. Immortal Mind, governing all, must be acknowledged as supreme in the physical realm, so-called, as well as in the spiritual." Since every tissue, fiber, and cell of your being exists right now in the one infinite Mind as idea (and there is no outside to infinity), each idea is knowing and proclaiming the sovereignty of God. Because God is All-in-all, they are divine ideas humanly and imperfectly comprehended. Since there is but one organ, there is but one secretion, which is the unfolding idea manifested in various organs and secretions. When we cease looking to liver, glands, heart, as matter, etc., as something in or of themselves, we will know that "Spirit, God, has created all in and of Himself." Then the Word will be made flesh, the Christ will be revealed to us, and divine Truth will be known by its effect's on the body as well as the mind, and the Science of being will be demonstrated. In *The People's Idea of God* we read, "We are all sculptors, working out our own ideals, and leaving the impress of mind on the body as well as on history and marble, chiseling to higher excellence, or leaving to rot and ruin the mind's ideals. Recognizing this as we ought, we shall turn often

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from marble to model, from matter to Mind, to beautify and exalt our lives.”

We do not just *happen* to see, hear, digest, breathe, or create. Create means to unfold. God created all. He unfolds His infinite selfhood as the universe and man. We are these ideas humanly expressed, because they are the divine organs and functions, or spiritual ideas, seen through a glass darkly, because of the Adam veil of material sense which has not yet been “rent asunder” by the Christ consciousness, and man seen as God made him and sees him. Mrs. Eddy says, “It is contrary to Christian Science to suppose that life is either material or organically spiritual.” This is true, for Life is not material or organic; it is eternally spiritual — infinite ideas mentally known and apprehended.

The human sense of body is the belief in good and evil, comely and uncomely, perfect and imperfect, which would be self-destructive. Body must be expressed, not suppressed. The whole purpose of God is to express, and the whole purpose of mortal belief is to suppress. The unfoldment of the fact that idea is always expressed, will destroy the belief of suppression and inaction. Nothing has been taken out of body and nothing added to it through accident, surgery, or any false man-made belief. It does not lack courage, health, action, poise, dominion, satisfaction, completeness. God is satisfied with His creation — man and the universe. If we are not, we are seeing our own false sense of the perfect and harmonious. Body is my identity with God; it is my at-one-ment with God. It is repeated as the action, the co-ordination, of God, man, and the universe. One body is enough, one Mind is enough, one Life is enough, because it is all-inclusive, includes all of the ideas of infinite Mind.

Mrs. Eddy tells us, “Christ, Truth, was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of Spirit over the flesh, — to show that Truth is made manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body, healing sickness and destroying sin.” What is it that says some parts of the body and functions are comely and some un-

comely? It is material belief, the belief in God and an opposite, ignorance of divine, infinite Mind and its ideas. Because Mind functions perfectly, my body, as idea, or any part of my body, being the manifestation or expression of Mind, must also function perfectly. The generative organs, by reflection, create, unfold, or express, because it is the function of Mind to unfold and the function of idea to express Mind. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Since He is All, He unfolded His own substance, the substance of Life, Truth, Love, consciousness. Without them, there would be no man, and without man, these qualities would be unexpressed. Mrs. Eddy says, "Divine Love blesses its own ideas, and causes them to multiply, — to manifest His power." Remember that it is divine Love creating, unfolding and manifesting His power, not matter nor material organs. Mrs. Eddy further says, "This Mind forms ideas, its own images, subdivides and radiates their borrowed light, intelligence, and so explains the Scripture phrase, 'Whose seed is in itself.' Thus God's ideas 'multiply and replenish the earth.'" They replenish with what? With *divine ideas*, not matter nor material personalities.

In the 14th and 15th chapters of Matthew, we have the accounts of Jesus feeding the five thousand, besides women and children, with five loaves and two fishes, and gathered a remaining twelve baskets full; also feeding four thousand, besides women and children, with seven loaves and a few little fishes. In these cases, he multiplied the small amount and fed thousands. In the instance of finding the tax money in the fish's mouth, he did not multiply, but created, unfolded, the substance by reflection; he did not acquire it. The money in the fish's mouth was simply the objectification of Jesus' consciousness of infinite, ever present substance. He knew that the Christ consciousness, our consciousness, included the idea, the truth of which material substance was but a symbol, and that Mind had reflected in the consciousness the ability to unfold, to conceive, to create or reproduce the idea existing in Mind. But mortal mind looks right at the manifestation of Mind and calls it

matter. Of course, it had to appear to the disciples in a form they could understand and use in their human experience, but it never was matter. It was never anything but idea, divinely mental. The temptation is always to put it into matter, belief, instead of protecting the evidence by maintaining the fact that it is mental, divine idea. In *Science and Health* we read, "Spirit duly feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the fatherhood and motherhood of God."

If we protect the noumenon, we will protect the phenomena. If we put it into matter, we are apt to lose it. The idea is one with Mind and is always able to produce its own evidence. We are apt to think of man as spiritual, but to consider health, wealth, money and employment as matter, and then try to unite them. In the first place, there is no matter; and if there were, it would be limited, subject to loss and depression, and could not be united to Spirit or spiritual idea. As the Christ consciousness is becoming our consciousness, it is becoming our individuality, and we can claim all that is claimed for it. Jesus went straight ahead; he did not wait for his disciples; he did not take them along with him. Even in the resurrection, he went right on. When Mrs. Eddy's early students failed her and were not able to stand, she went right on and never lost her exalted ideal and her high goal, but pressed on, *alone with God*. This is the best way to help mankind.

Man is always where Mind is, for man is the reflection of Mind, and is therefore omnipresent. Then, as we understand this and have no personal sense world, we can say, when confronted with what claims to be evil forces at work, I stand here as a spiritual force, as scientific right thinking, as divine Science, infinite consciousness; and I am standing with God, the supreme and only power of the universe. Therefore, I am a law to the situation, and claim my God-given dominion.

Now, I may be repeating myself, and saying things over and over, but we need to say things over and over until we realize the truth of them. They must be tangible and real to us. We must

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be, or express, this divine consciousness; the image and likeness of God, or infinite Mind. We must be "living Love; deathless Life; Truth infinite; so far above all mortal strife, or cruel creed or earth-born taint." He does fill us today with all He is; He is our saint, our stay, always.

Every organ and function that is normal in the human body, that is useful and needful — the secretions and glands, the mucous membrane, the activity of the heart and stomach, and all other so-called organs and functions — are all needful and perfect as ideas, not matter. Our Leader says, "Everything good and worthy, God made. Whatever is valueless or baneful, He did not make, — hence its unreality."

Germs, microbes, parasites, pests, all are human inventions or theories. God did not make them, hence they are not made. "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions," and Mrs. Eddy tells us: "... all human systems based on material premises are minus the unction of divine Science. Much yet remains to be said and done before all mankind is saved and all mental microbes of sin and all diseased thought-germs are exterminated."

The germ theory is a medical theory, a theory of matter and mortal belief. A destructive germ does not represent anything good, neither does a parasite. Everything exists as a manifestation of God. If a man has a boil on his hand, you would not say that the boil represented anything in divine Mind, but the hand does. There never was a disease in infinity, in eternity, else it would not be eternity. Do you recall the wonderful healing of Mrs. Eddy's in *Unity of Good* where she says, "When I have most clearly seen and most sensibly felt that the infinite recognizes no disease, this has not separated me from God, but has so bound me to Him as to enable me instantaneously to heal a cancer which had eaten its way to the jugular vein. In the same spiritual condition I have been able to replace dislocated joints and raise the dying to instantaneous health." I am sure that this is the highest attainment we can desire,

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and we see that it was the result of her clear spiritual understanding of God and man. When you establish divine creation and its infinity and eternity, error can then exist to you only as a false theory. Disease is entirely abnormal, so are germs just the nothingness of nothing. Man's only system is a system of divine ideas governed by the divine law of Love.

If the human sense of harmony is accepted as real, and the temptation comes to relax in a sense of well done, we are under the domination of animal magnetism, and error will evidence itself in the expression of discord, confusion, and chaos. Unless we are alert and keeping thought in accord with divine Mind, a procession of mortal thoughts will parade before us and take possession, and like a wagon wheel going through a dirt road, we will be in a rut which is difficult to get out of, and leads to the mesmerism of mortal mind, death, for mortal sense means death.

Papa frog got in a rut, and the family pulled, pushed, and tugged, trying to get him out, but of no avail. They went on, telling him they would stop on their way home and try to help him out. When they were on their way home, they met him hopping cheerily to meet them. They asked him how he got out. He said, "Oh! I saw a big truck coming down the road, and I had to get out." Sometimes we dawdle along in a rut of error until a big truck load of error comes along, and then we have to get out.

We must know constantly that there is no mortal mind and no death for man. Paul warns us, "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law." We know God as the only Law-maker and His laws are eternal, the laws of Life and Love. Be alert to mental apathy, just drifting along. When you drift, it must be down stream. To really accomplish, one must row upstream, and the faster you row the greater the resistance. We often make the statement that Christian Science raises the dead, and we know that often the so-called dead are simply buried in inactivity and mortal mind beliefs. Mrs. Eddy gives the definition of "Burial" as "Corporeality and physical sense put out of sight and hearing; amihilation. Submergence in Spirit; immortality brought to light."

The physical body is simply thought externalized, and is as mental as mortal mind. This being so, we realize that we can improve the body by improving the mind, by knowing the true body and the one divine Mind. Mrs. Eddy tells us, "The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it." We can easily see a thought to be mental, but do we so clearly see a seed or a flower as divinely mental, and God, Mind, the creator of it?

As more of God's ideas unfold as present reality and replace false beliefs held in consciousness, we will have less of the false, and the true will continue to unfold until we are resurrected from the false concept of God and man, Mind and body. We have the Mind which is God; and because there is no atrophy in divine Mind, there is none in my Mind or body, no head noises, for there is only one head, one intelligence. What God made is eternal and unchangable. Head, or intelligence, is conscious only of harmony and peace, and not subject to irritating noise or suggestions.

*There is no poison.* Let us know that any influence projected from occultism, mesmerism, hypnotism, Roman Catholicism, theosophy or any other "ism" or "ology" hypnotically administered, politically or in any business or educational way, cannot and does not have power or action. It cannot cause me to be confused, discouraged, nor in any way effect my activity or progress.

· The "valley of dry bones," spoken of in Ezekiel 37th chapter, evidences the effort of humanity to gain spirituality through human intellect; yet the instant true spirituality is unfolded in our consciousness, the "dry bones," or matter body, comes to life, takes form and beauty, and expresses the spiritual qualities in healing and regenerating, which is the coincidence of the human and the divine. This is the state of mortal man before he receives the light of Christian Science, "The divinity of the Christ was made manifest in the humanity of Jesus."

Our Leader tells us in *Miscellaneous Writings*, "When the Word is made flesh, — that is, rendered practical, — this eter-



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nal Truth will be understood; and sickness, sin, and death will yield to it, even as they did more than eighteen centuries ago." When we understand that the Word of God *is* God and when we are thinking God thoughts, we are one with God, and the Word will be made practical in healing and solving every problem instantaneously and permanently.

We need not be ashamed of experiences, if we have the right desire for growth through every problem solved, if we know that it is proving that God is a God of the living and not of the dead, and that all life is in Him and with Him. Mrs. Eddy said she never threw back the sticks and stones thrown at her, but she used them to build steps up and out of the pit of materiality. Jesus was not ashamed when nailed to the cross, else he would not have made the demonstration over death and the grave. We can make the solving of a problem not a period of fretting and sacrifice, but a time of spiritual unfoldment and greater spiritual strength.

A belief in health as dependent upon matter must be given up for the understanding that health and life are qualities of Mind and are eternal, ever a part of man's being or body. How frequently does the patient and practitioner consent to just treatment and not expect instantaneous healing? How frequently do we accept that Christian Science heals sin, and sickness, but rather hesitate to think death can be overcome? Are our treatments fully imbued with the fact that there is nothing to heal but a lie about man which Truth eliminates absolutely and instantaneously?

Paul, when on the Island of Melita, was bitten by a poisonous viper; but, because of his conscious oneness with God, and his completeness in divine Mind, he knew that he included the viper and the natives, who were expecting him to swell up and die; but, within himself, his own consciousness, he included no poisonous viper, no sense of poison or poisonous thoughts of the natives, and so it never touched him. He knew that because of God's infinity, they were also included in that oneness and perfection, and this dispelled the argument of poison and evil in consciousness and that

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of the viper and the natives. Evil has only the power we give it by believing in it and fearing our own belief. God never made it, nor did He give it power.

Dematerialization of matter is the first step in healing in Christian Science. When you give a treatment, you immediately affirm man's spiritual being as the image and likeness of God. You dematerialize matter — wipe it out. Where is sin, disease and death when you know that there is no matter? We do not deny matter body, but deny matter as a whole. God is *All*.

The nothingness of man *without* God must be very clearly perceived and understood, before the greatness of man *with* God is clearly understood and realized. It is not human completeness and perfection that is required, but human emptiness and divine fullness and foreverness that is necessary. All mortal, human thinking is malpractice and denies God's omnipotence and omnipresence. Man either listens for God's voice or the suggestions of animal magnetism. When you see sin and imperfection in others, you have accepted it in your own consciousness as man, and in yourself. Manifestation, or body, is the outward appearing of one's thinking. Let us keep the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Our Leader tells us, "If man is governed by the law of divine Mind, his body is in submission to everlasting Life and Truth and Love."

· In this way we are establishing peace. The only way to establish it is in our own consciousness. After Paul had seen the light of Truth and was healed of his antagonism to the Christ message, he made the admission that he had once been in bondage to sin, and the people cried out against him and bound him with thorns. They at once bound him to the error he had overcome and punished him, even though he had been healed. Evidently he was awakened to the utter unreality of error, for later, when the chief captain arrived, Paul corrected this admission of making error real and a part of man, for he declared that he was "free born." Then they removed the bonds. When Jesus healed the man at the Pool of

Bethesda, who had been impotent for thirty-eight years, he later met him in the Temple and saw that he was still thinking and talking about his impotency or some error, and said to him, "Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you."

These instances bring out so clearly that if sin and sickness are accepted as real and part of man, his healing can be reversed, and he can be sick and sinful again; but with a clear realization that it is a denial of God, of His omnipresence, and of man as His image and likeness, and is never real or true, he would destroy the possibility of its returning, for he would know that it never existed.

In *Unity of Good* we read: "We say that God is All, and there is none beside Him, and then talk of sin and sinners as real. We call God omnipotent and omnipresent, and then conjure up, from the dark abyss of nothingness, a powerful presence named *evil*." Again, in *Miscellaneous Writings*, speaking of "Unseen Sin," she says: "Two points to danger beset mankind; namely, making sin seem either too large or too little; if too large, we are in the darkness of all the ages, wherein the true sense of the unity of good and the unreality of evil is lost. . . . If the sense of sin is too little, mortals are in danger of not seeing their own belief in sin, but of seeing too keenly their neighbor's."

Jesus' words and deeds were one — "the Word made flesh." He showed forth life out of infinite Life itself. When the idea of Life was present in the consciousness of Jesus, the fact of eternal Life was coincidentally present, or the concrete evidence manifested, as in raising Lazarus from the dead. When the idea of food for the thousands filled his consciousness as a need, the concrete fact, which is the idea externalized, appeared to feed the five thousand. Only that is ours which we possess as true ideas within ourselves. This unfolding within is our occupation, wealth, health, vitality, inspiration, companionship and environment at all times and in all places. It is God's presence expressed in action, intelligence, life, love, and fills all space.

Mind evolves its own perfect ideas and their correspond-

ing identities, and even if my human sense sees them as material and calls them liver, heart, eyes and ears, the idea remains forever a divine fact just at hand — perfect, immortal, and infinite in divine Mind. They are the phenomena of my spiritual consciousness, and they are my own self. I embody them in my own consciousness, so they are my body. To the extent that we understand divine ideas have their source in divine Mind and are man, all human limitations and discord will disappear. Ideas are tangible things, eternal facts at hand. The false claim is that error and discord externalize themselves quickly, and that divine ideas do not erase them as quickly. The fact is, however, that divine ideas are ever present, and the false evidence is without existence, never present. All ideas in our Mind are already realities, and we should establish them as facts in our thinking.

We know that there is but one faculty, which is Mind's infinite faculty. This faculty functions as thinking, seeing, hearing, feeling, etc. This is the phenomena of the one faculty. Being Mind, God, it is eternal and indestructible because it is God seeing and knowing Himself, His infinitude. Man forever reflects the one faculty. The only reason our faculties ever seem to be imperfect or impaired is because we believe they are in matter instead of in Mind, God. Material sense says it must have a mediumship through which it can see, hear, feel, and localizes it in matter as eyes and ears. Mrs. Eddy tells us eyes are spiritual perception and ears are spiritual understanding, all divinely mental.

Spirit is the only generating power, and every impartation of Spirit is incorruptible, everlasting, and perfectly harmonious; and each individual has his own faculties and gifts, and can use them without regard to the standard or constitution of his material forbears. Christ Jesus bade us look away from matter, from material selfhood, to God, the only fount of life and intelligence, and so reflect the perfection and continuity of our heavenly Father-Mother. "Man is God's image and likeness; whatever is possible to God, is possible to man *as God's reflection,*" we read in *Miscellaneous*

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*Writings.* Do we accept this as true or just a beautiful statement that seems too good to be true? Only the good is true.

We have discussed God and His infinitely good creation, and man as eternally His image and likeness. This leaves absolutely no place for the claims of evil — an opposing power to infinite Love. Now we are going to consider some of these false claims of animal magnetism and their aims, and endeavor to reduce them to their nothingness.

Many of you, no doubt, read the interesting articles in the *Christian Science Monitor* in regard to separation of Church and State. Many of the Protestant Churches and other real Americans have organized to protect our Constitution and challenge the Roman Church in its attempt to destroy our freedom and public schools.

Our Leader says in *Miscellany*, “Because this age is cursed with one rancorous and lurking foe to human weal, those who are the truest friends of mankind, and conscientious in their desire to do right and to live pure and Christian lives, should be more zealous to do good, more watchful and vigilant. Then they will be proportionately successful and bring out glorious results. Unless one’s eyes are opened to the modes of mental malpractice, working so subtly that we mistake its suggestions for the impulses of our own thought, the victim will allow himself to drift in the wrong direction without knowing it. Be ever on guard against this enemy. Watch your thoughts and see whether they lead you to God and into harmony with His true followers. Guard and strengthen your citadel more strongly.” And in the textbook she says, “So secret are the present methods of animal magnetism that they ensnare the age into indolence, and produce the very apathy on the subject which the criminal desires.”

If we build this Roman organization up in our thinking as a big and powerful thing, and fear our own building up, then we are being handled by it, really promoting it in every way. Wouldn’t we rather others would acknowledge and talk about the power and activity of Christian Science, than to know it as nothingness?

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Mrs. Eddy says, "To understand that Mind is infinite, not bounded by corporeality, not dependent upon the ear and eye for sound or sight nor upon muscles and bones for locomotion, is a step towards Mind-science by which we discern man's true nature and existence. The true conception of being destroys the belief of spiritualism at the very inception, for without the concession of material personalities called spirits, spiritualism has no basis upon which to build."

Spiritualism works through the beliefs of physicality and personality. It has more to do with our making our demonstration than anything else because of these two beliefs being so aggressive. The first step in giving a treatment is to wipe out the personality picture, and see the divine idea, and do away with belief of matter body as medium between God and man. In this way we handle spiritualism.

Spiritualism is not a power nor a law. It claims mediums, agencies, targets, subjects and tools. Know that it cannot handle Christian Scientists through mesmerism to destroy the simplicity and purity of Christian Science. It claims not only to work through the living, but also the dead. Know that it cannot impose its claims and superstitions upon you or disseminate "itself through the substance of the nerves." Be awake to know your spiritual selfhood and your oneness with God. There are not minds many nor conflicts many. Deny material selfhood. Mrs. Eddy said it was more important to know the unreality of personality than of disease. Personality is our personal sense of man, God's idea. If there was not a sense of personality, there would be nothing to be diseased. We cannot be used or induced to condemn one another instead of the sin of malicious mental malpractice, which would handle us and should be condemned. There is no law of spiritualism opposed to the unfolding idea of God in divine Science as revealed in Christian Science.

"Christian Science versus Spiritualism" is the title of a most important chapter in *Science and Health*. *Versus* means against,

contrast to. Then it is the very opposite of Christian Science, which is Truth, immortality, the divine fact. Spiritualism is a mortal, finite sense, mysterious. Christian Science is real; spiritualism is unreal, delusive, a false finite concept of the spiritual and real. Mrs. Eddy says, "The divine Mind maintains all identities, from a blade of grass to a star, as distinct and eternal." But, farther on she says, "The decaying flower, the blighted bud, the gnarled oak, the ferocious beast, — like the discords of disease, sin, and death, — are unnatural. They are the falsities of sense, the changing deflections of mortal mind; they are not the eternal realities of Mind." It is the personal sense of things we must exchange for the perfect and spiritual understanding of the real and true. Without matter persons, spiritualism, Roman Catholicism, theosophy, reincarnation, etc., have no foundation on which to rest.

Domination and mental manipulation from those living and dead are beliefs to be handled in spiritualism. The claim of beckoning from those who have passed on to the loved ones left behind, is a claim to be handled by knowing there is but one Mind and this infinite Mind governs man eternally and infinitely. The belief of unhealed disease of long standing, also deeply rooted, are the beliefs which we seem to be born with. This is again the claim of material personality born of material parents, and subject to all the ills of mortal mind's conniving. But we know that man is born of God, and can inherit only the qualities of eternal Life, infinite good, divine Love, infinite intelligence.

Why does it take time to heal? *It does not take time to heal — it takes spiritual understanding.* We must arrive at the state of consciousness where we do not desire to heal the sick. We desire to know earnestly that there is no sick man. If we desire to heal the sick, we must first believe that man is a mortal who is sick, which is a false premise. We shall heal the so-called sick instantly, when we understand man to be God's presence, and therefore like Him — never mortal, never sick, and never lacking any good thing. *It is only the belief in and fear of disease that must be healed.*

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In Mrs. Eddy's home, if a case of illness required attention, it was delegated to someone, and if not healed in fifteen or twenty minutes, she would dismiss the student and summon another. She would repeat this procedure until she found someone so alert spiritually that they could meet it instantly. We should ever keep this high goal before us and endeavor to heal instantaneously and permanently.

God's way is always simple, direct, clear, never complex nor difficult. Argument does not heal. The need for argument is that we may clearly realize the true God and His reflection, man. Christ Truth heals; we do not; but we must know the Truth, the true man, and the Truth does make free. The essential thing is to see the perfection of God and man, also to know that there is one law, one Law-maker.

Let us remember that any sense of fear is not our fear. It is no part of our Mind, our consciousness, our being. It is not "I." Therefore I take possession of myself, my body, and put the fear out. It is wholly apart from me; entirely separate from me; a claim outside of me entirely, claiming to be me. God is not afraid. Even though the material body is shaking with fear, God is not, and you are His image and likeness. Where God is, there is no fear. The universal belief in disease and fear has no influence if we know God's infinite presence.

• Handle the belief that there is any cause for disease; any malicious or malignant thoughts; any substance for it to abide in; any power to produce it; any man to express it. Know that there is no mind capable to conceive it, no evidence of it. Right where it claims to be, is the presence of God, eternal Life, Love. *Knowing* this is a law of elimination to every belief or law of diseased substance or action.

The correct knowledge of body is all there is to body, for if man owns the activity of divine ideas, has dominion and power as his heritage, then he can "take possession of [his] body, and govern its feeling and action. . . . God has made man capable of this, and



nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man." Man does not desire anything; he is himself a state of possession. His business is to reflect God in right activity, intelligence, love, and expression.

"The reality and individuality of man are good and God-made, and they are here to be seen and demonstrated; it is only the evil belief that renders them obscure," we read in *Unity of Good*. Then everything of man's being, body, activity, intelligence, is real and is good; but this fact must be demonstrated; it must be evidenced. It is only the belief in evil that obscures this demonstration. How zealous we should be to cease believing in that which obscures our demonstrating our real selfhood in God's likeness, and to cease denying God by believing in a power beside God, which not only obscures our real selfhood, but obscures God, good.

A man's possessions are the result of his thinking, and not thoughts or objects beyond his control. Jesus knew that the only form of limitation was a human sense of the infinite, unlimited divine Mind. He destroyed the limited sense of health, just as he destroyed the limited sense of bread to feed the thousands. Jesus' ascension left no body behind. *Knowing the material sense of body was only illusion, belief, when he knew the real body, there was nothing to be left behind when he rose above the mortal belief in his ascension.*

Jesus proved that Mind is substance, law, action, power and presence; that demand and supply cannot be separated; that desire is prayer, and heaven is here and now. "Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding and the consciousness of man's dominion over the whole earth. This understanding casts out error and heals the sick, and with it, you can speak 'as one having authority.'" Jesus had this understanding of Principle, which is governing all and producing all that man has need of.

Mrs. Eddy was the Revelator of this great Truth of God's infinite presence for the salvation of the world, yet she had to make

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these rules operate in practice; she had to prove them; she had to transfer the belief from every source in our thinking and give it back to God. There is a growing awareness that high hopes and good intentions still have to be proven by concrete acts.

In *Miscellaneous Writings* our revered Leader states, "Every material belief hints the existence of spiritual reality; and if mortals are instructed in spiritual things, it will be seen that material belief, in all its manifestations, reversed, will be found the type and representative of verities priceless, eternal, and just at hand." We cannot condemn anyone or anything. Everything true, humanly, has its divine identity. Everything untrue is already unreal, and there is no need for condemnation.

As you maintain the sense of oneness and allness, you will be delighted with the ability and presence of Mind to produce its own evidence, its own, immediate presence, and we will not be concerned as to how and when it will appear. It is its own inevitableness and its own eternity to everything it produces. Never ascribe power to evil. God is all power.

Jesus did not condemn the disciples because they could not feed the hungry. His attitude and altitude was undisturbed and untouched; error, nothing, was talking. But he lifted the disciples higher in the scale of existence and showed them their omnipresent ability and love for God and man in their uninterrupted service in healing.

• We never try to get rid of a material body, but get rid of the material sense of body which is spiritual and eternal. With what are we crowning man? Is it with thorns of criticism, condemnation, nailing him to the cross of suffering, disease, distress and death? Or are we, like the Magdalene, helping to "roll away the stone," helping to unwind the binding cords, remove the grave-clothes, and seeing the risen Christ, and in this way healing the sick and sorrowing, removing the binding beliefs of lack, fear and distress, dispelling the war clouds of jealousy, hate and revenge with the spiritual fact of God's love and infinite abundance for all? Are we awakening humanity to God's love shown through the Christ — the coin-

vidence of the human and the divine, where the Christ is found ever at hand? "The real man being linked by Science to his Maker, mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to God, and to recognize the divine sonship. Christ, Truth, was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of Spirit over the flesh, — to show that Truth is made manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body, healing sickness and destroying sin. . . . Christ illustrates that blending with God, his divine Principle, which gives man dominion over all the earth."

In *The People's Idea of God* our beloved Leader has left us this mission: "O Christian Scientist, thou of the church of the new-born; awake to a higher and holier love for God and man; put on the whole armor of Truth; rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation, — that we may go to the bed of anguish, and look upon this dream of life in matter, girt with a higher sense of omnipotence; and behold once again the power of divine Life and Love to heal and reinstate man in God's own image and likeness, having 'one Lord, one faith, one baptism.'"

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Our revered Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, gives us a very definite and inspiring definition of substance in *Science and Health*, "Substance is that which is eternal and incapable of discord and decay. Truth, Life, and Love are substance, as the Scriptures use this word in Hebrews: 'The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.' Spirit, the synonym of Mind, Soul, or God, is the only real substance. The spiritual universe, including individual man, is a compound idea, reflecting the divine substance of Spirit." An earnest study of this reference in connection with this passage by her is most helpful, "Through spiritual sense you can discern the heart of divinity, and thus begin to comprehend in Science the generic term *man*. Man is not absorbed in Deity, and man cannot lose his individuality, for he reflects eternal Life; nor is he an isolated, solitary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all substance." *Represent* means "to portray; to serve as a sign or symbol." Then man is to portray or to serve as a symbol — to represent God, infinite Mind.

As our understanding becomes spiritualized, we can better comprehend Mrs. Eddy's statement, "Thought will finally be understood and seen in all form, substance, and color, but without material accompaniments." Then our work is to resolve things into thoughts and see the divine idea, not the material symbol. We read, "Man is the expression of God's being." Then man must express all the qualities of God and nothing else. This being true, when a patient appears, it is a mistaken sense of man calling himself sick, sinning, frustrated, diseased matter or mortal belief, and is challenging me individually to awaken and to behold "in Science the

perfect man." The only fact about the claim is that Mind itself is appearing as idea in absolute clarity and perfection, and is specifically and definitely repudiating the material sense-appearance of imperfection, incompleteness and mortality. It is Mind itself speaking to me as idea, and it is instantly unfolding to me a new view of infinite perfection which heals the sick view of man, and which is indispensable to my well-being, and which could come to me in no other way. No other idea of Mind can ever take the place of this perfect, infinite, eternal idea called a patient, and to know him in this way is indispensable to my perfection. I cannot be without him for he is an individual idea in the Christ-consciousness, my consciousness, and is one of God's children.

In the nature of my individual being, I can only behold my own universe of ideas and must evangelize it in every detail. Man, in saving and evangelizing himself, also saves you, or whatever appears to you, whether it is a sick man called a patient, a sick world of strife needing deliverance, or a personal problem of your own. If I awake and discern the facts, I find that God has been speaking to me in terms of divine Love, infinite Truth, in terms of perfection and salvation, and it is just the reverse of what mortal mind has argued. Shall I not then rejoice, and in meekness and humility say, "Speak Lord; for thy servant heareth"?

Moses heard the voice of God, the voice of Truth, not with material ears, but with spiritual sense, for the voice of God is spiritual. What Moses really heard or experienced was an understanding of God so clear, so spiritual, so right, that he could talk with God and demonstrate God's infinite presence, for God, Mind, fills all space. These angels are appearing in the practice of Christian Science today. As we understand and value more correctly Mrs. Eddy's life-work and what it means to us, and what it means to the world, we appreciate more and more the great Truth that God's omnipotence and omnipresence will meet out every need.

If the thoughts which declare God aright were not available; if they could not make God so dear, so near, so true to us that

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we could turn to Him for every need, in every trying problem that presents itself to us, and with absolute confidence and faith, we might falter in our endeavors. However, in the measure that these thoughts are understood and held to in our consciousness as divine facts ever at hand, they reveal God and become the angels of His presence. When you are conscious of God's presence, can you become conscious of matter or disease? No! God is the only Mind and the only substance.

Let us obtain a clear realization of just what substance — Mind, Truth, and Love — is. Substance is infinite, eternal, continuous, inexhaustible, unending, permanent; it is a quality of Spirit, imperishable, indestructible, self-existent, changeless and infinite in expression and variety. Substance is sublime, abiding, abounding in abundance, all-embracing, all-action, ever-audible, ever-visible, ever-enduring and tangible. Substance is never lost, never rationed, never used up, and never interfered with in any way. Substance is infinite *presence*. Substance is *presence realized*.

Truth is not dependent upon anyone, but we depend upon Truth to heal and solve every problem. We must learn to think as Jesus did, and to understand his real being, the Christ. What was Jesus' real nature? *God*. We must understand our real being — our real substance. We must know God and feel His presence without changing our state of existence for God fills all space, and there is nothing else.

Daniel knew so well that the lions were spiritual, as well as was all creation, that when he was cast into the lion's den, he was untouched. The three Hebrew boys were cast into the fiery furnace, but they emerged unharmed — without even the smell of smoke. Their clothes did not burn because they did not believe that they were encased in a matter-body nor material clothes. They knew they were spiritual ideas clothed with dominion, majesty and eternal Life, for God is *AH*. There are no mortal beliefs from which man must be unclothed; but he must be clothed with the immortal facts of his real being as a child of God.

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We do not endeavor to spiritualize matter. We de-materialize our concept of actual spiritual facts, and thereby understand and see things as they really are. If you look at a mountain through the mist, you do not attempt to do anything to the mountain in order to see it more clearly, but you remove the mist. So, in order to see man as God sees him, we must remove the mist of material sense. The fact of creation or divine being, your being, is Life consciously knowing itself. It is Truth speaking the truth to every form of error. It is Mind unfolding itself to its ideas as ideas. It is my being face to face with God, my Mind. It takes Mind as us, as idea, to see and demonstrate Mind. We do not think *about* God, Mind, but we think and know *as* Mind thinks and knows. When thought is inspirational, we know it is formed by divine Mind; then it is indeed the image of Mind, the real man.

If we see the divine fact that Mind is Life and that Life is eternal, then we see the divine fact that the only living man is living forever. God is Life, eternal Life; then there is the divine fact that man lives eternally with God, and lives forever.

Your Life is God; your Mind is God. Hold on to that fact; know it; be it. Every individual consciousness is composed, not only of one's self, but of all the ideas of God, because every individual consciousness reflects or expresses the God-consciousness. Jesus proved the unreality of death for all men. The truth is that human beings live or die according to their beliefs and not according to spiritual fact. In *Unity of Good* we read: "All consciousness is Mind; and Mind is God, — an infinite, and not a finite consciousness. This consciousness is reflected in individual consciousness, or man, whose source is infinite Mind. There is no really finite mind, no finite consciousness. There is no material substance, for Spirit is all that endureth, and hence is the only substance."

As we begin to realize that God is Love and that man is the evidence of that divine Love, we will be more loving, less critical, more understanding, honest, and kind. We are then seeing "God face to face." The Christ consciousness, being the one infinite con-

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sciousness, man must constitute everything that was ever created — the flowers, birds, stars, every living creature. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Miscellaneous Writings*, “The only logical conclusion is that all is Mind and its manifestation, from the rolling of worlds, in the most subtle ether, to a potato-patch.” This embodiment of right ideas constitutes the body of God.

Now we see that man, spiritual idea, is the body of God. I am sure that you see clearly that God is the Mind of the body of infinite ideas. Then we have arrived at the point where we can say that God is the Mind of man, and Christ, or generic man, is God's manifestation or expression. Then when spiritual ideas are active in your thinking, divine Mind is unfolding or expressing its body — man and the universe. Thus, in reality, man hasn't a body — man *is* body. Then, man is not a person with a body or with a consciousness; he isn't a person with an idea; he is consciousness expressed. It is Mind that has the idea, the body, the consciousness. When we arrive at this point, the false sense of personality, or personal sense, has dropped out of the picture, and we see that Mind is doing everything. “All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all.” In the divine ideas that Mind is unfolding, we find the “image and likeness of God,” Mind, our own individuality.

There is one body, even as there is but one number seven. You have it; I have it; everyone has it. There are many figures ‘seven,’ but there is but one ‘seven’ because ‘number seven’ is idea, one idea. By the same principle, there is one everything, but infinitely manifested or expressed; one Life — I have it, you have it, everyone has it; one Mind — I have it, you have it, everyone has it. We must declare the spiritual idea of body in order to silence and displace the false material concept.

Let us not consider this meeting of our Association as just another annual meeting, but rather as Mind's further unfoldment of the Christ-idea, the Christ-man, or divine Science. We are individually and collectively, or generically, the Son of God; if we realize this, we know that the Word of God is with power to bless, to uplift



and to bring the peace that passeth all human understanding. If the message is Truth, and I trust it is, we can know that nothing can operate to dim, to obscure our vision or cause us to misunderstand or misinterpret it. There is no belief, no power, no law that can rob it of its life, its vitality, its force or power to bless and heal. If it is true, it is true everywhere and operating everywhere for each and every one of God's ideas. It is wherever Mind is, so it must be infinite, universal, and eternal.

God is identity, and man is identification. The permanent identification of Lazarus was able to reproduce his body from death and bring it forth perfect, for he had life everlasting, and Spirit, Soul, Life, Truth and Love were present in every fibre of his being, or consciousness. In *Retrospection and Introspection* Mrs. Eddy writes: "When all fleshly belief is annihilated, and every spot and blemish on the disk of consciousness is removed, then, and not till then, will immortal Truth be found true, and scientific teaching, preaching, and practice be essentially one." To annihilate means to reduce to nothing; to put out of existence. Then, when every "spot and blemish" resulting from the false belief in matter, is wiped out of consciousness as ever having had reality, or existence, or power, then will Truth be found true here and now as it always has been.

Mind is always present, and since Mind is all-seeing and all-hearing, these properties of infinite Mind must be ever-present. Jesus' thinking was always with power and presence. He always claimed his oneness with the Father-Mind. And you are the very presence of God every instant of eternity, never apart from Him, but always conscious of your oneness with Him, for this is an inherent quality of divine Mind, your Mind.

The tax money was simply the objectification of Jesus' clear consciousness of infinite substance and God's ever presence. He knew that his Christ consciousness included the idea, or divine fact, of which the material was but a symbol, and that infinite Mind had reflected in that infinite consciousness the ability to unfold or reproduce the idea existing in Mind. "Correct material belief by

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spiritual understanding, and Spirit will form you anew." The spiritual idea is always perfect and always present. It had to appear to the disciples in a form they could understand and use in their human experience, but it was never anything but Mind, divine idea. The inclination is always to see the evidence as matter instead of protecting it by maintaining the divine fact that it is entirely mental.

"Spirit diversifies, classifies, and individualizes all thoughts, which are as eternal as the Mind conceiving them; but the intelligence, existence, and continuity of all individuality remain in God, who is the divinely creative Principle thereof." This reference is very important and should be given much study. If we understand and protect the idea that produces the phenomena by seeing it as spiritual and eternal, we will protect the phenomena. If we place it in matter, we can lose it or it may deteriorate. Luther once said that whatever he held in his hand he could lose, but what he placed in the hand of God, he could never lose. When we actually *see* the true idea of anything, then we have all there is to it, for all is Spirit. "The divine Ego, or individuality, is reflected in all spiritual individuality from the infinitesimal to the infinite." Thus the idea will produce its own evidence through reflection.

"Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick." When a paralytic was brought to Jesus, he did not see a sinning, sick mortal man; he saw the perfect and only man, and this true view wiped out the false view. We need to pray that our eyes be opened to divine reality, to what divine Mind has already given to us, to what we really are. We must clearly know that our treatments cannot be reversed or made to produce an effect contrary to good; that malpractice cannot operate as a law of reversal, obstruction, or impeded action, for God is the only Lawmaker and the only power. ". . . the practitioner improves or injures the case in proportion to the truth or error which influences his conclusions." Mrs. Eddy tells us many times that the disease is

falsely mental and is healed by knowing the Truth which makes us free. "The author never knew a patient who did not recover when the belief in the disease had gone." This shows us clearly that we do not heal a man of disease, but of the false belief that there is matter and disease. It is a sin to believe in matter and disease as reality, for they are directly opposed to Spirit, God, eternal Life.

Only through spiritual sense can we learn to bend, blend and bless, and thereby move onward to peace. It is less difficult when we learn that evil, like darkness, is not personal, is not real. We never think of darkness as anybody. Darkness is powerless to shut out the tiniest ray of light. So is impersonal evil powerless, non-existent. There is only impersonal evil, the darkness of fear, ignorance and superstition concerning God and man. It is a state of consciousness where the sunlight of divine Love has not gained entrance. This darkness also presents itself through other people in the guise of hate, fear, disease, etc. We should not be disturbed nor annoyed, but we should turn to the reflecting light of Love and Truth which extinguish the darkened thought of animal magnetism posing as something or someone which might deflect a right motive or action. We must not build up a big problem out of every little argument of mortal belief, but destroy it with the true understanding of God's omnipotence and omnipresence.

When we plead for our Father to be with us, and to give us health, strength or supply, we are like the man standing in the sunlight with his eyes closed, praying for light. The need was not for light, but for opened eyes that he might see the spiritual facts at hand. If we are tempted to think we are poor mortals, groping in the darkness of material trials and temptations, we should awaken to the fact that "now are we the sons of God," and take cognizance of what God has given to us of intelligence, health, good, and then humbly shine forth as rays of light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world," meaning the Christ. Since God is *All*, there is no "evening"; no "mistiness of mortal thought; weariness of mortal mind; obscured views." There is only

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rest, peace and divine Love. "In the beginning," God said to the consciousness of each and every idea in His creation, "Let there be light, and there was light," and this light is the Christ-Mind. "Ye are the light of the world," proclaimed the Master to his disciples. Are you a disciple? If a thought comes to you as to who you are, where you are and what your life purpose is, the answer comes from divine Mind. "Ye are my witnesses," saith the Lord, "that I am God." God expressing Himself is man, for without man, God would be unexpressed, fatherless.

Accepting the mortal belief of man, time, and age, we accept all the discords concomitant with them. Someone said, "The man who wastes today, lamenting yesterday, will waste tomorrow, lamenting today." Cultivate the ageless qualities of spirituality which enable you to escape the claims of mortal mind. You are the intelligent idea of ageless life. Identify yourself with Love, for Love is ageless Life. Appreciate the source through which intelligence, life, and love come.

Mrs. Eddy writes, "Spirit, God, has created all in and of Himself." If Spirit, God, created you in Himself and of Himself, just where are you and what are you? Our being includes the right idea of all that we could need or wish. Ideas are conscious, vital, alive and active. How could that which is conscious, mental, alive and vital, harden, ulcerate, or become diseased or deteriorate? Therefore, we have no pain to heal, no hardening of arteries, and no inaction or over-action to heal. We do have to resist and dispose of the aggressive mental suggestions of these claims, and the belief of *materia medica* in regard to them, as Mrs. Eddy asks us to do daily. What would make us "forget or neglect our duty to God, to our Leader and to mankind," as well as ourselves? The answer is, *mortal mind* — the direct opposite to God, divine Mind.

Are we aware of how much time our mind is fretting itself, is arguing with mortal mind as if it were real, or is in a state of fear or anxious thought; how much of the time our so-called mind is disturbed and dissatisfied? All these mental conditions are expressed

outwardly as physical conditions whether it be about our home, our health, or our business. Employment is always Mind and idea. Mind is always employed or occupied with ideas. That is what makes employment. And upon the quality of thought occupying our consciousness, depends our ability to serve and the place of service.

Remember that Truth is ever-active, bringing to light improved concepts. New ideas and improved concepts are much sought after today by our Government and every line of business. As Christian Scientists, we should be in the foreground, proving our oneness with the divine all-knowing Mind. The more we rest upon a clear perception of what is ever present and unfolding in our consciousness as to what we need, rather than making the human effort to get something, the sooner we shall realize that the kingdom of heaven is within us. In *Miscellaneous Writings* our Leader assures us, "God gives you His spiritual ideas, and in turn, they give you daily supplies."

Christianity is not a theory of existence, but a working power, a demonstrable Principle, a law of Life. God speaks to us today as He did to the prophets of old, "in the vision of the night." Christian Science contains both the complete elucidation of the unchangeable, eternal unity between God and man, and the human footsteps by which mortals may awake from the dream of mortality through the transforming Truth. What we see with the human eye is only thought objectified. Then what we see objectified is mindless, lifeless and senseless. We must drop the sense of personality, personal responsibility, personal ability and intelligence, which claim a selfhood apart from God. Then man will be obedient to the eternal Mind in which he exists. Infinite Mind is complete in all its attributes, and wholly responsible for them and their manifestation. This being true, I cannot be wounded, disturbed, or made impotent through any mortal belief or argument unless I believe it or fear it, and in this way give it power. Even then, all the time I am believing it, it is nobody, nowhere, and nothing. I just believe that it is somebody, or something, or someplace.

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“Mortal mind and body are one. Neither exists without the other, and both must be destroyed by immortal Mind. Matter, or body, is but a false concept of mortal mind.” This shows us clearly that it is a mortal belief in sin and disease that must be destroyed and not a matter body to be healed. Would you attempt to rid matter of disease or would you destroy the patient’s belief in matter and disease and help him to understand his spiritual selfhood and his oneness with God? Would you attempt to heal these claims with medicine or to cut them out with a surgeon’s knife?

“Dark images of mortal thought,” such as hate, envy, jealousy, are very ugly and very subtle. They can be healed only by pouring in love, the Christly love that sees and knows only God and His perfect spiritual idea, man, and by loving your neighbor as you wish him to love you.

In the problems confronting us today, there is no neutral ground, no appeasement policy which will preserve our liberty, our freedom, our ability to worship God as our conscience dictates. It means a firm stand for God, a clear understanding that God is *All*. If you went to a Christian Science practitioner for healing while battling a claim that *materia medica* had pronounced incurable, and the practitioner said he could not take a firm stand against the pronouncement made by the physician, but he would do the best he could — would you employ him? No! You would want a practitioner who would stand unswervingly for Truth, the true being of God and man in His likeness, no matter what the physician’s verdict or what the physical picture presented. You would accept the X-ray of Truth, and see what God says about man. So are we today faced with a battle to preserve the liberty our forefathers fought to establish, and for the liberty Christian Science has unfolded to us so clearly and which Mrs. Eddy fought so diligently to give to us.

Error presented itself to Jeremiah in arguments of hatred, revenge, trickery, jealousy and obstruction, but it had no power to enforce its claims unless he accepted them or was asleep to their

aims. His emphatic “No!” was all that was required to nullify their seeming power. He did not fear them nor argue with them. He refused to be handled by them. So he “set a watch against them day and night,” and said to his men, “Be ye not afraid of them; remember the Lord.” This is a clear, concise way to handle error. Do we set a watch day and night as our Leader admonishes us to do? “Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when awake.” We handle malpractice by knowing that God is infinite Mind and has no opposing mind nor power. I say, *know it* — not just repeat it! Mrs. Eddy did not build up error or fight it as somebody or something, but used it as a steppingstone for further unfoldment of God’s omnipotence and omnipresence.

We are just as substantial as our thoughts. The mind we accept and use determines whether we shall be conscious of danger, accidents, storms, and floods, or whether we shall prove the presence of God and prove error powerless. Mrs. Eddy always handled the weather, and taught those in her home to handle it.

Jesus knew that “the battle is the Lord’s,” and he was willing to say, “Thy will be done,” knowing God’s will is always the will of Love, the will of Life. We are apt to make it our battle and use human will, and that means to fight error as something and to feel its cruel darts and be subject to its poison. As we are able to lift up our understanding of Truth (rod) and stretch out the hand of divine power over the sea of error, it will fade into its nothingness, and we will have in our vision the grand realization of the “Golden Shore of Love and the Peaceful Sea of Harmony.”

## SUPPLY

When we understand Mrs. Eddy’s definition of substance in the textbook, “Substance is that which is eternal and incapable of discord and decay,” we see clearly that supply must be of a spiritual nature. The question of supply has forever dogged man’s footsteps, and will continue to do so as long as he believes that it is

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material and objectified outside of his being and must be obtained. The acceptance of the belief that it is outside immediately separates him from it, and thereby he pleads guilty to lack and incompleteness. He denies his oneness with God, and thereby is not an heir of God, and so loses his divine heritage. Mrs. Eddy tells us that man "reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker."

Man, God's image and likeness, already complete and fully reflecting all that God is and all that God has, is forever at the standpoint of perfection. He needs nothing to be added by way of accretion to enlarge or enhance his being. His substance unfolds. It does not accumulate. You do not possess substance, supply; you include it. Supply is never in the future nor 'out there'; it is here and it is ours. An idea is not something vague, obtuse; it is not an objectified thing separate from God. It is the thing itself. It is substantial, perfect, and eternal. Do you see honesty, integrity, ability, power and might with the human eye? No. Do you see an enemy or a friend with the human eye? No. If there is anything good in an individual, divine consciousness includes it.

In the Old Testament, Christ is concealed; in the New Testament, Christ is revealed, but not as a human person. Jesus, seemingly as a person, proved that the Christ is humanly available — the coincidence of the human and the divine, the human disappearing and the divine appearing. Actual footsteps or processes have nothing to do with the real achievement or attainment, but are mere symbols of the perfection and achievement or completeness which have existed from the beginning, and which only need to be comprehended and demonstrated.

Mrs. Eddy once made this statement, "Don't squabble with yourself mentally and wear yourself out with your arguments either silently or audibly — but be firm and *know*." Quiet the material senses one after another and withdraw to the "secret place of the most High"; and after you have shut out the material clamoring, you can hear the "still small voice." We should avoid making a big problem out of every petty detail; of making a problem very impor-



tant and very serious, instead of seeing God right where the problem seems to be. By living on a diet of self, you will slowly deteriorate into an uninteresting character. Cultivate a love for individuals, and let that divine Love send out joy and healing to everyone, and it will bring happiness to yourself and others.

In *Miscellany* we read, "If we say the sun stands for God, then all His rays collectively stand for the Christ, and each separate ray for men and women." The sun reflects its qualities of light and heat through its rays. The sun does the reflecting, and the rays never cease reflecting all the qualities of the sun and nothing else. Likewise, man reflects spiritually all the qualities of God — in quality, but not in quantity. The fruit of good thinking is an abundance of good. Our supply is mental, and it is in abundance, and it is here and now. We need to know our supply and claim it — not material things, but spiritual truths. Claim your selfhood as God's perfect child, His reflection. How can there be a sense of poverty or lack where God is supreme? The body is a garment of thought and expresses the condition of our thinking as does our business, our environment, and our surroundings. "We weep because others weep, we yawn because they yawn, and we have small pox because others have it; but mortal mind, not matter, contains the infection. When this mental contagion is understood, we shall be more careful of our mental conditions, and we shall avoid loquacious tattling about disease, as we would avoid advocating crime." I wonder how much of the germs of hard times, business depression, lack, loss, poverty, and fear we have been carrying around, infecting ourselves and others.

Under the stress of great necessity, with only five loaves and a few fishes at hand, Jesus was able to supply, without time or process, more than enough to feed the five thousand. When they were filled, they gathered up twelve baskets full of fragments. This is a clear rebuke to any firm belief in the necessity of human processes in producing needful effects. The human processes are building blocks which may be laid aside in the fullness of understanding

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of what supply really is. "Creation is ever appearing, and must ever continue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source." We say, "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all," and that man is spiritual and perfect, reflecting all the qualities of God, and then we look at man and see matter — the very opposite of God, Spirit. We should look at man and see life, intelligence, honesty, ability, love, etc., and not see evil, disease and death which are the concoctions of mortal belief.

When Jesus was baptized of John in the river Jordan, a voice from heaven was heard to say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus was fully awake to his oneness with divine Mind, and realized that he, himself, was the beloved Son, the idea of Mind, complete — lacking nothing. This is always the case when revelation appears to individual consciousness and proof of it is immediately demonstrated as in Jesus' experience. In the light of his awakened understanding, his mortal sense of life immediately became a "desert place," and he found himself bereft of the attractions and promises of matter, which had turned to dust.

A mortal sense brought the first recognition of fear that beset him — and it was about bread. Jesus fought this out in a desert place as he did other questions, and he was never again troubled about possessions. Is it any wonder that later when he was faced with the multitude, terrified by the claim of lack, that he could say with all assurance, "Give ye them to eat." Looking beyond the material appearance and having full faith in God, Mind, as he had when tempted to turn the stone into bread, Jesus was able to lift the thought of all to the Christ, the spiritual sense of abundance, and he fed the five thousand.

"Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine," takes on a different meaning when we understand God to be infinite substance. Then man is conscious of God's ideas and thoughts and of nothing else. He is conscious of infinite riches and possessions which cannot be lost, depleted, nor restricted, for they are of the substance of man's being and are included in his Mind, in his

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understanding of his oneness with God. The possession by one or many in no way prevents, limits, or impairs the employment or enjoyment of each individual of all the good there is. There is no background of heredity, no lack of opportunity or mortal history that can impair or prevent man's individual ability to think scientifically and correctly; and thus, through spiritual understanding, man can dissolve and dissipate all limitation or condemnation.

We are now comprehending the fact that supply is not something outside or apart from man; that it is not objective, but is subjective. That is, it is not something that *he has*; it is actually something that *he is*. *Mind does not objectify itself. That would mean two. Mind is all, and everything in the universe is idea.* There is no destruction in Christian Science. It is only the seeming destruction of error which has always been nothing. You cannot destroy an idea of eternal Life, divine Mind.

In God's kingdom, business is mental, and there is no recession. It is not governed by human beliefs or laws, nor is it subject to fear, fluctuation, time, politics, panic or dishonesty. God's business is established in divine Mind and is governed by divine Principle, the power which governs the planets and movements of the earth. It cannot be manipulated by mortal beliefs nor fail to express right activity. Its wellspring is the oil of consecration, charity, gentleness, prayer and heavenly inspiration, which is infinite in its supply and is flowing freely for all. It pays large dividends to its stockholders and is governed by God's law of progress. Are we stockholders in the business of reflecting God, or are we investing in the material for supply and obeying material laws?

## SPACE

Our reverend Leader writes in *Miscellaneous Writings*: "Christian Science refutes everything that is not a postulate of the divine Principle, God. It is the soul of divine philosophy, and there is no other philosophy. It is not a search after wisdom, it *is* wisdom: it

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is God's right hand grasping the universe, — all time, space, immortality, thought, extension, cause, and effect; constituting and governing all identity, individuality, law, and power. It stands on this Scriptural platform: that He made all that was made, and it is good, reflects the divine Mind, is governed by it; and that nothing apart from this Mind, one God, is self-created or evolves the universe."

Christian Science teaches that real space is not a vacant receptacle, but is the vastness of infinite Mind, divine consciousness. Divine Mind is filled with spiritual ideas, dwelling in the beneficent atmosphere of universal harmony and activity. The forces of divine law control the movement and relationship of these ideas. God made man perfect and maintains him in eternal perfection. These ideas never merge, coalesce, nor clash with each other, but forever remain in perfect place, expressing right activity.

Mrs. Eddy continues in *Science and Health*: "God is individual, incorporeal. He is divine Principle, Love, the universal cause, the only creator, and there is no other self-existence. He is all-inclusive, and is reflected by all that is real and eternal and by nothing else. He fills all space, and it is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and individuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind. Hence all is Spirit and spiritual."

By recognizing God as cause and effect, including man, we naturally conclude that the universe, including man, is God giving evidence of Himself, and they are *one*. God and man are one inseparable being. God's evidence of Himself must have spiritual significance far beyond our present limited understanding. Our interpretation of this evidence is limited to our knowledge of the actual spiritual truth of all things, and peering through the mist of material sense, our world today appears finite, diseased, distressed, and greatly disturbed. Everything we see humanly is but a symbol of the real and eternal in the process of unfoldment to our consciousness. A clearer understanding of the supreme laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and the spiritual forces of adhesion, cohesion, and attraction, will teach men how to utilize their God-given power to

overcome progressively the resistance of material gravitation. The pure, clear atmosphere of Spirit allows freedom of action for all of God's ideas.

In the human expression of thought named radio, we see that the idea fundamental to radio has always existed. The present result has always been available and awaiting the demand and the unfolding of the understanding to make it apparent to meet our needs. Just what the future infinite possibilities of the idea are, we have but dimly discerned. These ideas are for the benefit of man's progress, but because of the destructive nature of mortal mind, many useful inventions have been reversed and used for destructive rather than good purposes. Our spiritual unfoldment has not kept pace with material inventions. We should cease interpreting inventions from a human standpoint, and think of them, not as material things, which they appear to be, but looking beyond the human concept, we should see them as divine ideas humanly seen, but imperfectly comprehended; then, they will contribute greater usefulness and activity.

It is our false concept of man and creation that makes things appear as matter with material accompaniments; and thus, we place ourselves and them under material laws, the so-called laws of accident, disintegration, destruction and annihilation. While these laws are beliefs only, if they are not replaced by a clear perception of substance as spiritual and not subject to discord and decay, these means of transportation, as well as man, will continue to be subject to and governed by destructive material laws. These conveniences express only a material concept of that which is actually present now as the divine idea of substance, permanency, completeness, and activity — as ideas which constitute a perfect universe, and man governed by divine Principle.

Jesus demonstrated spiritually that flesh and bones do not enter the kingdom of God. Before his ascension his thought was so purified that he went through closed doors — thus proving the nothingness of matter or mortal mind. He overcame or went through its

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false appearance. He broke the laws of gravitation by walking on water. He eliminated time and space, for when he was in the boat, "immediately the ship was at the land whither they went." He was fully conscious of his unity with God, Mind, Life, Spirit. If we clearly realized that "all is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all," we would find that the laws of matter give place to divine law; and we would see that an airplane can come down and not fall down; that vehicles can move and not collide, proving the ever present activity of divine law operating in harmony and safety.

In *No and Yes* we read, "All real being represents God, and is in Him. In this Science of being, man can no more relapse or collapse from perfection, than his divine Principle, or Father, can fall out of Himself into something below infinitude." This is a powerful statement of Truth, and we need to be ever conscious of this divine fact. This proves that all of the sinister aspects of material laws can be removed, and it will no longer be possible for anything to fall, break, or collide. Everything is in its place, and held there by divine power. The seeming danger and sinister aspect is a counterfeit of the true idea. In *Miscellany* Mrs. Eddy tells us: "Withdraw God, divine Principle, from man and the universe, and man and the universe would no longer exist. But annihilate matter, and man and the universe would remain the forever fact, the spiritual 'substance of things hoped for;' and the evidence of the immortality of man and the cosmos is sustained by the intelligent divine Principle, Love." And in *Miscellaneous Writings* she also says, "Atomic action is Mind, not matter. It is neither the energy of matter, the result of organization, not the outcome of life infused into matter: it is infinite Spirit, Truth, Life, defiant of error or matter."

Considering the fact that our foremost scientists say there is no matter, we see how necessary it is for us to establish that fact thoroughly in our consciousness, and to see the perfect spiritual man as God made him and sees him. This brings out the necessity of our being conscious of the fact that there is just one Mind, omniscient, omni-active, omnipresent and omnipotent. Mrs. Eddy has

told us over and over again that God is the one infinite divine Mind and fills all space. All the ideas of God are distinct and eternal, having their own infinite value, their place and their work, as well as being absolutely necessary and correlated parts of a perfect and complete whole. In *Unity of Good* she tells us, "The scientific man and his Maker are here; and you would be none other than this man, if you would subordinate the fleshly perceptions to the spiritual sense and source of being." God gave man dominion over all the earth, and He has never withdrawn the spiritual power, wisdom, and ability which He conferred upon His own.

We are told to have in us the Mind that was in Christ. Paul says, "But we have the mind of Christ." In *Miscellaneous Writings* we read, "In divine Science, God is One and All; and, governing Himself, He governs the universe. . . . And that infinite Mind governs all things." The Christ-Mind *is* man's mind. The universe is an individual experience in each idea, each Christ-Mind. Each of us knows his own individual universe. The storm on the lake which frightened the disciples while their Master slept, was recognized by him at once, upon awakening, as their individual universe — in their own consciousness. Immediately he "resolved things into thoughts," and he found no tempestuous sea nor storm in his spiritual universe, which to him was the only universe. There being no storm in his consciousness, there could be no translation of storm in the human sense of universe, so it must disappear. It had no origin nor support in the Christ-Mind. The water and the lake did not disappear because they were symbols of spiritual Truth in the spiritual universe.

In the infinite Mind there is unlimited perception of all that exists. All that is real and true is right where you are — in infinite Mind, your Mind — and is what you are as reflection.

In the 17th chapter of Matthew, we read of the transfiguration of Jesus when he took Peter, James, and John "up into a high mountain apart [a high state of spiritual unfoldment], and there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him." Here, Jesus surmounted the beliefs of death, time, place and space.

In the 12th chapter of Acts, Peter was cast into prison,

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bound with chains and keepers were placed before the prison doors. Mortal mind had bound him in every way it could — but an “angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison.” This came just “after Easter” — after the Christ had risen in his consciousness, and he was where there are no chains to bind, no obstruction to right activity — just the presence of God.

To see all people, animals, and inanimate objects as ideas identified with form and color as one's spiritual universe or body, is to be aware of the perfection of being. This perfection is experienced here and now as the Christ-Mind and its body or universe expressed. The flowers, shrubs, and trees burst into bloom — that is the divine perfection appearing in such form as material sense can apprehend. “The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it.”

In the fourth dimension there are no boundaries, no limitations, no length, no height, no resistance — just immensity — God. In infinite Mind there can be no space, because Mind *is all presence*. The human sense of space implies limitation and boundary, and to mortal sense the distance between objects, persons, places or things is called space. Infinite Mind is the all-inclusiveness, all-encompassing boundlessness. Eternal Life is omnipresent, continuous wherever you are. It is yours if you know it. It cannot be divided, depleted, defaced. *It fills all space*.

Remember that the power of a right thought is the thinking and the knowing of that thought. It is not thinking *about* Truth, but *knowing* the Truth as Truth knows it. There is no lack or disease in the infinity of eternal Life, divine Love. Then where is the lack? It is in the realm of mortal mind which denies God.

We must know that God made the universe and man out of His own Being. Nothing can go from me or come to me but what divine Mind sends, for divine Mind fills all space — is *All*. The *eternal now* is the nature of everything that is true, of everything that is real. Some think that the government should provide for them. They are looking to somebody for supply. The question of



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supply was quite as stupendous in the time of Jesus as it is now. When he fed the five thousand, he did not ask the Roman government to furnish the food. Jesus knew that their real food was divine ideas — honesty, courage, intelligence, and integrity. He knew that they could not escape the demonstration of supply. Even though they were ignorant of the fact that they could be fed by “bread from heaven,” they were fed just the same. This, we must all learn sometime. Why not now?

The divine Mind does not care what the mortal or human mind thinks, whether it says times are hard or the case is incurable. Mind never heard of these opinions or fears; and when our thought is entirely free from fears, human laws, opinions or conditions, the same power Jesus demonstrated will prove to be all-knowing and ever present for us. The principle of mathematics is always in operation. We must understand it and use it to master our problems. No one else can learn it for us, or use it for us.

When Moses led the children of Israel out from the bondage of the Egyptians, they came into a wilderness of confusion — material thinking — and they were pestered with poisonous serpents. When their thought was uplifted, and they saw the serpent of brass as harmless and that all matter was harmless and lifeless; that it was their discontent and grumbling, their lack of appreciation and gratitude to Moses, who was leading them from the flesh-pots of materiality, which bound and confused them, they were healed.

How we conjure up worries, build up ghosts and fear them! Do we conjure up beliefs of big organizations of evil and give them power in our thinking when God never gave them power? God is All-in-all. Evil is superstition, mindless and powerless, for God is the only power. “When this human belief lacks organizations to support it, its foundations are gone.” How can false beliefs such as  $2 \times 7 = 9$  or  $3 \times 3 = 14$  be organized? If we really want to know that there is but one Mind, that there is no opposite mortal mind, that there is no mortal organization of evil beliefs, we would handle it instead of allowing it to handle us.

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Man is a man of Principle. Since God is the only creator and all “rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle,” there is no unprincipled man. All of God’s ideas have their work, their place and their substance; and they are honest, satisfied and glorifying their heavenly Father. One idea cannot infringe upon another, cannot obstruct or hinder another’s unfoldment. One idea is no more dependent upon another than one ray of the sun is dependent upon another ray. Each ray reflects all the qualities of the sun, but the sun does the reflecting.

Affirmations and denials are necessary until the divine realization of God’s infinity comes to us clearly and securely as a result of spontaneous responsiveness and the feeling of our oneness with God. We must realize that whatever is known humanly as good, perfect, and useful is actually a divine reality imperfectly seen and comprehended. Nothing that is good, perfect, and useful can ever be destroyed, but must be fulfilled. The Christ comes to the flesh and restores it. It is while we appear to be human beings that we need the Christ — the Christ-Mind. What you need humanly, you must certainly have divinely. The reason something appears humanly is because that very something exists divinely — the idea itself is infinite.

As a reflection of divine consciousness, man includes all right ideas and is ruled by his divine Mind, divine law, his God-Mind. Man was the only idea given dominion. Therefore every individual reflects God, including all right ideas. Reflecting them from their divine source and being cognizant of them, is his dominion. He rules, not by human will, because there is nothing about him that is human, but by divine will, omnipotent Mind.

Man signifies the representative of God in the universe; therefore, he is an inclusive idea. Mind is all, and everything exists as the phenomena of Mind, as idea. Therefore, anything that corresponds to ears, eyes, heart, teeth, etc., exists as a spiritual idea. The divine idea exists forever in Mind, and has never been destroyed, depleted nor injured. If there seemed to be an injury, and you realized at once the reality and permanence of the divine fact and the

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utter nothingness of matter and all its claims, the injury would be wiped out.

There is no external, evil mind operating as matter or mortals causing sin, disease, and death. The mortal human sense has only believed there is and has seen what it believed. The human consciousness has unwittingly lied and has believed its lie, thinking it to be a fact. It is only the Adam-dream, mystification, "the mist"! Can I know anyone is sick, sinful or suffering? No. I can only believe it. I can know that all of God's ideas are loving, living, perfect, and eternally expressing all the qualities of God. The knowing and the seeing take place simultaneously. God never saw Jesus suffering. He never saw a sick man. Could you see a sick man and see God's omnipresence? No.

Jesus said that the Publican who declared himself a sinner was more justified than the Pharisee who thanked God that he was not as other men. When I realize that if I entertain false beliefs, and I am suffering because of entertaining them, I am enabled to relinquish the false beliefs. But if I believe, with the egotistical Pharisee, that someone else is entertaining false beliefs, I am powerless to correct them and seem unable to heal the situation. This is a lesson in judging or rather, misjudging.

The human mind, so-called, is the transforming of the mortal, false beliefs with immortal Truth. God is not a God "afar off," but a God of the living and a God at hand. This, in a measure, has brought about a mental state of being absent from the structural organic sense of a material body, and of being receptive to a new and spiritual understanding of God and His perfect idea, man. There could be nothing without Mind, Life.

## SALVATION

In the Glossary of the textbook we read: "SALVATION. Life, Truth, and Love understood and demonstrated as supreme over all; sin, sickness, and death destroyed." Salvation, then, is not saving us from sin, suffering and everlasting punishment, but it is understand-

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ing God as *All*, as Life, Truth and Love, and demonstrating this fact here and now, for it is the fact about all creation now, and always has been. Life is a constant challenge to us to see the spiritual fact in everything we experience. It is a demand and an opportunity to express or reflect the power which is God. We come into atonement with our God as we recognize that all the strife or discord which seems to present itself to us, is just another opportunity to prove its nothingness and the omnipresence of God.

The revelation of Christian Science and the establishment of the Christian Science movement are the most momentous achievements in the history of the human race. Mrs. Eddy was unquestionably the sole author of them; but these events were no more personal with her than healing the sick is personal with us. Divine events translated humanly, give to human history all the permanence it can ever have. Therefore, Christian Scientists can have no doubt as to Mrs. Eddy's reputation and place in history. Both are fixed and unassailable. Above all personal sense, there she stands, a unique individual, experiencing the real immaculate conception and birth of the divine idea, the impersonal Christ.

Consecration and understanding are necessary steps to demonstration. We can never demonstrate anything but divine facts ever at hand. We can never bring anything to pass that does not already exist; neither can we bring an imperfect or incomplete state of health into a state of wholeness and perfection. Anything good that we desire, or anything that ever will exist, exists now and is already complete and perfect. Nothing can be added to it and nothing can be taken from it through any man-made laws or beliefs. Nothing can be added to man nor can anything be taken from him through any mortal belief or *materia medica* law or operation.

As we affirm reality and the omnipresence of inexhaustible good now, we gain such an assurance of this spiritual fact that we find it at hand, and there is nothing to demonstrate but the presence of God. The appearance in consciousness of the fact of inexhaustible good dissipates the false sense of lack or limitation. Jesus

did not see a withered hand; he demonstrated the perfect hand. From this we see that we do not accept a perfect thing to be the perfecting of an imperfect thing. An imperfect heart or lung cannot be made into a perfect heart or lung. It is our false belief in an imperfect heart or lung that is changed into the fact of perfect man and perfect universe. What we call restoration of sight, health or supply is simply the spiritual fact of infinite health and supply better understood.

Jesus came to rescue us from these illusions; from the illusion which calls sin real and man a sinner, needing a Savior; from the illusion which calls sickness real and man an invalid, needing a physician; from the illusion that death is as real as Life. From such mortal illusions, Christ Jesus came to save man through ever-present and eternal good.

Before the crucifixion, the disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, and he asked that they pray while he went a short distance to enter into prayer. Can you realize his disappointment, after his profound teaching and the many healings they had witnessed, to find them *sleeping*? He said, "Couldst not thou watch one hour?" He went away to pray the second time and the third time, and when he returned — found them sleeping.

Today, the Christ is asking us to "watch and pray," for the anti-Christ is endeavoring as never before to crucify the healing Christ. Let us ask ourselves and earnestly search our thinking to see if we are awake to the error and alert to its endeavor to destroy our liberty and the teachings of Christian Science, the "light of the world." Are we able to overcome the belief that man is material; that his life is dependent upon the action of material organs and functions; that his supply comes by way of human conditions? Until we grasp the truth about God and His creation, our problems will not be met. Is not the coming of the Christ, the Truth that makes free, the Saviour? Christ is the Word and will of God manifested to humanity. The churches have taught that the sinner has a Saviour, no matter how deep he is in the mire of iniquity; that he has an

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adequate Saviour through Christ. They have never taught that there is a Saviour for the sick, the sorrowful, the broken-hearted, the poor, the fearful, the diseased, the impotent. What are we to be saved from but the delusion, the mirage of error, the belief in evil which denies God and breaks every commandment?

Christian Science teaches that all sin, disease and evil in all their forms and arguments are the mortal mind which is "enmity against God." Paul says, "Christ hath abolished sin and death." Do we believe this? Christ hath abolished these false beliefs by divine law. Thus, we see that opposition to God is a myth, a supposition, nothingness.

Omnipotence means *All*, and when you have *All*, there is nothing more to ask for. Christian Science shows that although we seem to be human, when our thought is associated with God, we are actually divine and this understanding will restore health, bring to light a "new heaven and a new earth." In *Retrospection and Introspection*, our beloved Leader writes: "It may be that the mortal life-battle still wages, and must continue till its involved errors are vanquished by victory-bringing Science; but this triumph will come! God is over all. He alone is our origin, aim, and being."

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In the first chapter of Genesis, we are given an account of the spiritual or real creation, when "God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good." In the second chapter, we read that a mist went up from the earth, and then "the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground." In the first chapter, God blessed His creation and told them to be fruitful and multiply. In the second, the Lord God cursed the ground out of which He had made man. We read further: "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

Mrs. Eddy writes of this: "The name Eden, according to Cruden, means *pleasure, delight*. In this text Eden stands for the mortal, material body. God could not put Mind into matter nor infinite Spirit into a finite form to dress it and keep it, — to make it beautiful or to cause it to live and grow. Man is God's reflection, needing no cultivation, but ever beautiful and complete." What a time man has had trying to dress this material body and keep it free from pain and despair!

The exact geological location of the garden of Eden has never been determined. This is interesting because the exact location of the so-called physical body has never been actually described. After the history of the fall of Adam and Eve, the Bible withdraws the garden of Eden as Paradise from our view, and reveals a more glorious Paradise of a future heaven with its "river of life and tree of life."

From out of this garden of Eden went a river, and from thence it became the headwaters of four rivers; the Pison, the Gihon, the Hiddikel and the Euphrates. Mrs. Eddy defines "River" as "Channel of thought. When smooth and unobstructed, it typifies the

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course of Truth; but muddy, foaming, and dashing, it is a type of error." These four rivers, or channels of thought, would lead out of the garden of Eden, or the material sense of man and the universe, into the spiritual understanding of man as God made him.

### GIHON RIVER

"GIHON (river). The rights of woman acknowledged morally, civilly, and socially." Christian Science has awakened us to the fact that God created man in His image and likeness, reflecting and expressing all the qualities of God, Mind, both male and female, both the Motherhood and the Fatherhood of God. Hence, the rights of woman must be acknowledged as co-equal with the rights of man. "The ideal man corresponds to creation, to intelligence, and to Truth. The ideal woman corresponds to Life and to Love. In divine Science, we have not as much authority for considering God masculine, as we have for considering Him feminine, for Love imparts the clearest idea of Deity."

It is the mortal, false sense of creation that claims a man and a woman, male and female as two, and claims the male as superior to the female. "Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality, the infinite Father-Mother God." Jesus was always conscious of His identity as the full and perfect manifestation of God — of His eternal oneness with God. It is well to consider carefully how much of the time we are conscious of our *full* identity, of our being one with God — of being His *full* eternal manifestation or expression.

God made man, male and female, from the beginning, and he was and is "His image and likeness." Not images, but *image*. If at any period the reflection of the masculinity of God seems more apparent and desirable to the human senses than the reflection of femininity, it is because the human perception, apprehension and understanding have not kept pace with the divine unfoldment of Love, and the equality of man and woman. The masculine element



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has had precedence in human history, but the history of time is temporal and finite, and is not eternal. The precedence of time belongs to the human, material and temporal, the opposite of God, Spirit, eternal Life, infinite Mind.

“Immortal men and women are models of spiritual sense, drawn by perfect Mind and reflecting those higher conceptions of loveliness which transcend all material sense.” This higher conception of loveliness is our real being and brings to us health, happiness, and a higher sense of God and His creation.

The footsteps from Adam, the mortal sense of man, to Jesus, the perfect idea of God, are clearly defined in the Bible. Tradition dominated the Bible as a history of the past; but Science reverses mortal sense, and as a result, the Bible becomes, scientifically considered, a spirit of prophecy, which as yet awaits fulfillment. The human comprehension of the Bible as a complete history of the ages gone by, is a false concept — a phase of the universal lie which reverses and transposes all things.

There is no past to drag man backward. All there ever was of it is a present consciousness. The eternal *now* includes all that has gone before, and an understanding of its true meaning embraces more than human history has ever depicted. Man must look through the literal and historical significance of the Scriptures and discern its ideality. The stories, actors, and actions of the Bible portray conditions of consciousness and represent footsteps of each one out of sense into Soul. Thus considered, it becomes a forecast of the future and a very present help, inasmuch as it conveys the progressive footsteps from the garden of Eden, chaos, confusion, jealousy and destruction, to the full awakening of the consciousness which puts off any sense of a past and finds its oneness with God, the originator, and its eternity without end.

Jesus once said, “Before Abraham was I am.” He proved clearly that he trod every step from Adam to the full consciousness of his sonship — dominion over all things. In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy describes it in this way, “Think of this inheritance!

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Heaven right here, where angels are as men, clothed more lightly, and men as angels who, burdened for an hour, spring into liberty, and the good they would do, that they do, and the evil they would not do, that they do not.”

You are not engaged in getting out of matter, but in getting the spiritual understanding of your being. Mind appearing is God appearing. This is the embodiment of all that is good, whole and enduring. If this is God appearing, the recognition of that fact establishes the divinity of that appearing. The only presence there is, or can be, must be God; so God is the only substance and presence of “a thought, a seed, or a flower.” This is your basic premise, and you must be constantly conscious of this fact. Cultivate the ageless qualities of spirituality and you will be able to wipe out the claims of mortal beliefs and laws regarding age and its grievances. You are the intelligent idea of ageless Life, of infinite Mind.

Mind is expressed by means of ideas which are substantive because they reflect substance. Mind's infinite manifestation, or infinity of ideas, constitute what may be called body, for infinite Mind embodies its ideas. Therefore, there is one embodiment of being, one body. This unity of infinity is inorganic and does not include organs, spiritual or material, only divine ideas. All the ideas of body are complete, perfect, immortal and under the rule of divine Principle. There is one Mind, one Life, one body, not many minds, many lives or many bodies. Man is defined as “. . . the compound idea of God, including all right ideas. . . .”

Mrs. Eddy once said, “When the true thought says, ‘I am perfect,’ there is that which seems to oppose that true thought and says, ‘You are sensibly imperfect.’ If I say, ‘I have unlimited capacity,’ it says, ‘You are sensibly limited.’ This is animal magnetism. My work, my place, and my reward are in divine Principle and nothing can prevent God's plan for me from being made manifest to me here and now.”

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### HIDDIKEL RIVER

Our beloved Leader defines Hiddikel as “Divine Science understood and acknowledged.” Divine Science understood and acknowledged is evidenced in healing as Jesus healed. The paramount difference between Christian Science and other churches is the healing element as taught and practiced by our Master, Christ Jesus. In *No and Yes* we read, “For God to know, is to be; that is, what He knows must truly and eternally exist.” Since man expresses God, man’s knowing is man’s being. Let us understand and follow the example of our Master as stated in *Miscellaneous Writings*: “It was the consummate naturalness of Truth in the mind of Jesus, that made his healing easy and instantaneous. Jesus regarded good as the normal state of man, and evil as the abnormal; holiness, life, and health as the better representatives of God than sin, disease, and death. The master Metaphysician understood omnipotence to be All-power: because Spirit was to him All-in-all, matter was palpably an error of premise and conclusion, while God was the only substance, Life, and intelligence of man.”

I like the thought of healing much better than treatment. Healing is the increasing awareness of man’s spiritual perfection, rather than the eradication of diseased matter and the acceptance of well matter. “Health is not a condition of matter, but of Mind; nor can the material senses bear reliable testimony on the subject of health.” For generations health has been sought through the human effort of healing diseased matter. Christian Science presents a new-old method which has nothing to do with disease. Mrs. Eddy speaks of Jesus’ earthly mission. He proved the power of Mind in healing every claim of disease, sin and death. Jesus said, “To know God is Life eternal.” We cannot know God as infinite, eternal Life, and know any opposite. A real knowledge of God is Life, is health, which eliminates any claim of disease permanently. “If Spirit or the power of divine Love bear witness to the truth, this is the ultimatum, the scientific way, and the healing is instantaneous.” It is the

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spiritual understanding coming from a heart filled with divine Love and not a cold repetition of scientific statements of Truth, that heals. "If you succeed in wholly removing the fear, your patient is healed." The fear is never your fear nor that of the patient; it is projected from mortal mind, and the so-called mortal mind is a myth. It is an assumption.

Healing in Christian Science does not mean the healing of disease and sin only, but every phase of wrong thinking. Often a whole life activity is changed, resuscitated, and revived; a character is renewed; a life is revolutionized, awakened. Take hold of a case as if your God-Mind says, "I will heal this case!" There are no fears nor doubts in the God-Mind, the only Mind. Accept your God-given dominion. Man is the only idea given dominion, so accept it and use it in glorifying God. Get the belief of practitioner and patient out of the way and see the man God made, who does not need healing, but recognition. In *Miscellany* Mrs. Eddy writes, "Unless you fully perceive that you are the child of God, hence perfect, you have no Principle to demonstrate and no rule for its demonstration." You cannot be a child of God, perfect, and have any consciousness of error or disease in any form. If you have any sense of evil, of matter or disease as real, you cannot be perfect or a child of God, because you are acknowledging other gods — another creator. When we reach the standpoint just stated, then are we ready to heal not a man or a disease, but a lie about man, a lie about God and His creation.

Sometimes it seems necessary to know the conditions of thought of a family and relatives, and the laws made by the physician, if one had been on the case at an earlier time, in order to handle them. In Mark we read that when Jesus took Peter and James and John to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, the multitude "laughed him to scorn" because, they said, "Thy daughter is dead." Jesus said, "The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." He put all out of the house but the father, mother, Peter, James, and John, and he raised her from the dead. He put out of consciousness all

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the mortal, destructive, fearful thoughts. This is what we must always do.

It may be said that an X-ray has been taken and certain conditions are apparent. Remember that it is an X-ray of matter that is seen; and by turning on the X-ray of Truth, we see man as God made him and sees him. In a case of restoring the tissue, know that restoration is really lifting our consciousness to a clear understanding that there is but one substance, as our Leader tells us. "Correct material belief by spiritual understanding, and Spirit will form you anew." Correct the belief of any form of inaction, destruction, over-action, or diseased action with a clear perception of man's eternal perfection, and the correct spiritual understanding will be externalized in perfect being. "Whatever is cherished in mortal mind as the physical condition is imaged forth on the body." The false belief does not produce the disease; the belief *is* the disease! It is all mental, mortal belief, and it is never any part of man, nor of his body or his being. Let us keep in thought what our Leader writes, "The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and death."

Treatment must be from inspiration, knowing that Truth will unfold what needs to be handled and how to handle it. If I were asked to treat six people for the same claim, I would have to seek inspiration in healing each case, else it would be human outlining. In giving a treatment, much depends upon the clear spiritual understanding of the practitioner, whether he is entirely free from the endeavor to heal a sick matter-body of disease, to change a man, or to free him from fears, false beliefs and aggressive suggestions. It is important to know whether comfort in matter is being sought, a more prosperous business, or whether one really desires to know God and His spiritual being. *Miscellaneous Writings* records, "It is the purpose of divine Love to resurrect the understanding, the kingdom of God, the reign of harmony already within us."

Jesus was so spiritually alert that he could detect those who were receptive. In the fifth chapter of John, we are given an

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account of the maimed, the halt, and the blind at the Pool of Bethesda waiting to be healed. There were many waiting, but Jesus went to the one who had been impotent for thirty-eight years because he discerned a receptive thought. The healing was not dependent upon the nature of the disease, nor the time that it had seemed to operate, but upon the expectant thought of the impotent man. When Jesus bade him take up his bed and walk, he meant for him to take up the false beliefs of helplessness and fears which had made him impotent and to prove his dominion over them. This is one instance where Jesus gave a second treatment, for later he met him in the Temple and, realizing that he was telling of his impotence and how long it had held him in bondage, he said to him, "... behold, thou art made whole; sin no more lest a worse thing come unto thee." One is never healed as long as he believes he was ever in matter, or was diseased, for the belief in matter and in disease *is* the disease, and healing depends upon man's awakening to his real spiritual being as God made him.

Jesus did not many mighty works in his own country where he was born "because of their unbelief." A personal sense of the practitioner is to be deplored. It is the understanding of the ever-presence of the Christ-Truth which heals. Often it is said, "If he were not so self-willed, so fearful, so lazy or resistant, he would have his healing." This is mortal belief, and the only patient. When these beliefs are healed, where is your patient? These beliefs should be separated from man and seen as aggressive mental suggestions, and then we see man as free, whole and perfect.

The earnest desire of every practitioner is to have instantaneous healings. Often patience, prayer and a greater understanding is required. We may say with Isaiah, "Lord, how long?" How long? Until the material sense of the sick mortal is entirely wiped out and replaced with the divine facts of God's infinite presence, His almighty power, His omnipotent love.

The physicians are now saying that fear, hate, rebellion, etc., produce disease. To human sense this seems to be true in

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many instances. The fear and rebellion do not produce disease, but they *are* the disease. If we are going to make a god of mortal mind and say that mortal belief can create disease and death, are we not building it up, and giving it power and prominence, and thus denying God's omnipotence and denying God as the only creator? God is the only power and the only presence, and there is no mortal mind to create evil, cause suffering, or produce death, the very opposite of God, eternal Life.

When Jesus was asked, regarding the man born blind, who had sinned to produce the blindness, Jesus said that neither he nor his parents had sinned (there was no blindness), but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. In other words, the man was whole, perfect, in God's own likeness now. The blindness was only a false concept of the perfect man who is here now. It is always spiritual unfoldment that is needed. Ignorance of God must be wiped out and replaced by the fact of man's infinite being in God and of God. Jesus never accepted evil and sin as man. He said, "The Word of God should be made manifest," and it was, and as sight. It is the appearing of the Christ, which Mrs. Eddy defines as: "The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error."

We never ignore error, but we do make a clear distinction between ignoring a belief and accepting a belief as something or somebody. If we accept a belief as an entity, then we become a victim of that belief. If someone came to you who had accepted a claim of imperfect sight, imperfect eyes, this individual has not ignored the belief; he has accepted it; and by accepting the belief of impaired sight into thought as a part of his being, he is the victim of his accepted belief. He may concur with you in reasoning that God is good and is everywhere present, all powerful, and that where God is there can be no imperfection, no loss, no impaired faculties, for man is eternally God's reflection. However, if this individual clearly realized his statement that God is Mind, the all-seeing Mind, and since He is his God, He is his Mind, and the source and sub-

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stance of his every thought, he would not be conscious of nor sense the claim of impaired sight, because he would have wiped out the mortal sense of this belief.

You know so clearly and so assuredly the fact that  $2 \times 2 = 4$  that you could not for one moment be mesmerized by the belief that  $2 \times 2 = 9$ , even though you saw it written a million times. We must awaken to the fact that as long as we accept the belief of impaired sight, imperfect eyes, loss of health, poverty, lack or any aggressive suggestion, we will remain the victim of our accepted belief, because the belief is accepted and objectified.

Jesus did not accept the onslaught of mortal hate, disease, and death at the crucifixion; hence, he was not the victim of these thoughts. There was nothing in the consciousness of the three Hebrew boys that could sense evil, resentment, or the destructive flames. There was nothing in the consciousness of Daniel that could feel pity, fear, or resentment for being cast into the den of lions. Therefore, they were not the victims of these false beliefs. We malpractice upon ourselves by accepting fear and evil as real and as our consciousness, as our being, or as someone else's; and so we become the victims of our own malpractice. God never gave power to evil. If we believe evil has power or is someone, then we suffer from our own false belief in it and this breaks the First Commandment and all the Commandments. It always remains error, supposition — powerless and nothing. Error is never uncovered until it is uncovered as just error, nothing.

As Christian Scientists, we know that the material eye has nothing to do with sight or impaired sight because 'eye' is spiritual perception. We must prove this. "Sight, hearing, all the spiritual senses of man, are eternal. They cannot be lost. Their reality and immortality are in Spirit and understanding, not in matter, — hence their permanence." Without Mind, Life, the material eye could not see even though, to sense, it is perfect. "Knowing that Soul and its attributes were forever manifested through man, the Master healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, feet to the lame,



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thus bringing to light the scientific action of the divine Mind on human minds and bodies and giving a better understanding of Soul and salvation." It is not just repeating words, but "knowing that Soul and its attributes are forever manifested through man" and as man, that heals. When Moses cast down his belief in life and sensation in matter, or that his life was dependent upon conditions of matter, matter was shown to be but a false belief, and this proof was a staff upon which to lean, the staff of spiritual discernment, the consciousness of God's infinite presence and power, and man's oneness with this infinite presence and power.

It is not theorizing about these spiritual facts and thinking how beautifully worded or wonderfully expressed; it is knowing with your heart and Soul that these are demonstrable facts, here and now. It is to be constantly conscious of this divine presence, these divine facts, and knowing that they apply to you, the only you there is or ever will be, your spiritual being. Bring them to yourself, know them, be them. Like Moses, let the inward voice become to you the voice of your God talking to you. Then, believe what He tells you, and keep on believing and knowing it, and above all — *proving* it.

Now, this spiritual knowing and being that has such value to each of us, that redeems us and takes us out of all seeming troubles and turmoil, must have some tangibility. But, one says, "I can't see it." Is the trouble with the idea or with your eyes? The eyes and seeing are one, and the law of divine Mind that sees its own creation in absolute perfection and sees it forever unfolding, constitutes all there is to eyes, to seeing. It not only governs eyes, it *is* eyes, and the understanding of this becomes a law. It becomes a healing to sight. If we have a clear understanding that Mind is all-seeing and all-knowing, and gives to every faculty its own omniscience, then your realization of that fact acts as a law to whatever may be needful to any faculty. If the faculty is interfered with or even destroyed to human sense, your understanding, operating as divine law, restores that faculty.

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We must know that the law of divine Mind is an inevitable state of being. God did not make man and then give him eyes — sight. They are part of his being. Thought which coincides with this being should be consciously recognized as the law to every situation, and to any faculty, or to any occupation or business in which one may be engaged. Opportunities come to light under such treatment, and the beliefs of unfair competition, paralyzed activity, etc., cease to be. “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven,” is the immutable law to the case. It is the treatment of divine Mind. “All things beautiful and harmless are ideas of Mind. Mind creates and multiplies them, and the product must be mental.” Let us be certain that we do not look at these ideas and call them material — matter. “. . . the product must be mental”! There is nothing but God and His infinite manifestation as ideas, as man and the universe. We cannot accept evil as real for one moment. Error has no place in mathematics. All power is resident in mathematical law, and in this fact lies the ability of the mathematician to demonstrate his problem. All harmony and rhythm in music is in its law, its principle, and only by adhering to this principle can we eliminate discord and have harmony and rhythm.

### PISON RIVER

Mrs. Eddy gives the definition of Pison as, “The love of the good and beautiful, and their immortality.” To love the good and beautiful we must be able to see the good and the beautiful everywhere. It means impersonalization, not annihilation; it means to put on immortality, not put off mortality. It means knowing and seeing the perfect man as God made him. To impersonalize is to incorporate, to translate substance into its original, Mind; it is finding the true nature of all being in Mind, God. It does not mean to wipe out every characteristic by which we could identify each other or recognize presence. Man’s characteristics are not lost, but found, spiritualized, so that we are not blotting out the race of Adam beliefs, but lifting man to his God-ordained status in the scale of being.

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Mrs. Eddy once remarked to someone, "If you knew someone was trying to get into your home to bother you and to take up your time, would you just know that divine Love protects you and that you are safe?" The reply was, "Yes, Mother, that is exactly what I would do, and I would also be sure that the doors and windows were securely locked." Mrs. Eddy beamed, "There, you have given me the spirit and the letter and there is nothing more to be said." Do we frequently just do our mental work in regard to important problems, and fail to take the human footsteps necessary to assure their accomplishment?

The divine and human coincidence does not involve human knowledge or anything human. Down deep within the heart of every human being (every sick, sinful, fretful human being) is a harp out of tune with the Christ, and it is our work to put them, as well as ourselves, in tune with the Infinite. "O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind — There sweeps a strain, Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind — The power of pain." We are "waiting harpstrings," the disciples were "waiting harpstrings," Lazarus was a "waiting harpstring." All whom Jesus healed were "waiting harpstrings." Jesus was able to instantly sweep the strains of infinite Love and eternal Mind, "whose measures bind the power of pain."

Did Jesus and our beloved Leader have problems to meet? Yes, many. They met them and came out victorious and joyous. If Jesus had believed in what appeared to be himself, there would have been no human and divine coincidence, and there would have been no resurrection. "I and my Father are one," and that is all there is.

We must strive to do better work. When we understand what *life is*, we have passed death. To hate is death. To love is Life in action. All there is of you is what you know of God, Life; what you embody of Truth. That is what you are and where you are. All causation is Mind, and every effect is a mental phenomenon. There is no mortal mind to externalize itself as matter, as sin, sickness, and death. After the belief of death, man awakens to the

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fact that disease did not kill him, so why not awaken to that fact here and now?

Everything that really exists is alive. If you are consciously alive, this is a self-evident fact, and a divine fact is without beginning or ending, so you can never experience death. You are right now experiencing immortality as you love the good and the beautiful, and the knowledge of this embodies the power to eliminate the appearance of death. "The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man *is*, not *shall be*, perfect and immortal." That says very plainly that man is immortal and perfect right now. Not after death nor in the future, but *now*, and this fact "must be brought out . . ." Where? *in our consciousness*. We must be consciously conscious of this fact. Infinite Mind's idea cannot get outside of itself to go anywhere, for it includes everywhere. That which *is* cannot become something else which is not, for Mind is incapable of entertaining any sense of its own disappearance. We need to recognize that anything wrong in our experience would be a wrong sense of that which is perfect or right, which is here, now.

I find that we are about our Father's business when we are exchanging "the objects of sense" (which must include all organs and functions) for the "ideas of Soul." All there is to the belief of matter is Spirit, just as all there is to  $2 \times 2 = 7$  is the fact that  $2 \times 2 = 4$ . There is but one creator and one creation, and for this reason we must demonstrate it here and now.

"Our great example, Jesus, could restore the individualized manifestation of existence, which seemed to vanish in death. Knowing that God was the Life of man, Jesus was able to present himself unchanged after the crucifixion." Going and coming belong to the relative interpretation of being, to the Adam dream. "Life is deathless. Life is the origin and ultimate of man, never attainable through death, but gained by walking in the pathway of Truth both before and after that which is called death." Divine Presence, Life, would have no significance or value if we could not demonstrate it in our present understanding.

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Jesus did not justify the absence of Lazarus when his friend disappeared into the tomb. According to record, Jesus wept at first, and then called him back to life, but literally in the only guise recognizable. God is your Life. The life we are now living is infinite and indivisible and eternal, and is the only life we will ever experience, for God is Life and God is *All*. Life is eternal, and he who really knows this will never see death in himself or others. "Sickness, sin, and death must at last quail before the divine rights of intelligence, and then the power of Mind over the entire functions and organs of the human system will be acknowledged." To quail means "to perish, to wither or fade away." Then the claim of sickness, sin and death must perish or fade away before the divine rights of infinite intelligence.

When Jesus said, "Lazarus, come forth!" he annulled every law of anatomy and *materia medica*. If you are really knowing and clearly seeing that man is Mind, not matter, you will see man in the only form in which he could be identified by you. There is only one plane of thought, only one source of intelligence, and that is divine consciousness. Jesus' clear spiritual sense enabled him to see God's perfect spiritual creation, man, including the universe, and to unsee instantly the illusion of matter, or the Adam dream. He saw the subjective, God and His creation, and saw the unreality of the false material sense objectified. Jesus seemed to perform miracles — that is, he did that which is contrary to the beliefs and laws of mortal sense. In reality, it was the appearing to human consciousness of that which is real and eternal, the spiritual facts ever at hand.

Let us realize clearly that there is nothing external to infinite consciousness, our consciousness. Our own God-Mind sees and externalizes its own thoughts, its own being. We see and feel the contents of our own thinking. When we see evil or disease in someone, we are seeing it in ourselves, in our own consciousness. We are serving other gods. Through translating the material visible universe and man back into its original and eternal Mind, we shall

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see and know that all things are forms of thought, modes of thought or spiritual facts within us, within our consciousness, possessing the qualities and attributes of God, the only Mind, the only source of intelligence, of Life. Mrs. Eddy writes, "Creation is ever appearing . . ." Creation appearing, is the appearing of man and the universe. Mind's creation or expression of ideas is man, the compound idea of God, including all right ideas. This denotes the unceasing, eternal nature of true being, and the continuous regenerating and renewing character of Mind in action. It is the God-Mind expressing Himself, — not in man, not by man, not through man, but *as man*. We are beginning to prove that there is nothing outside to Mind.

In Luke we read, "And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." This makes it very clear that the kingdom of God is within you, within your consciousness. It is your knowing, your understanding or consciousness, and is your real being. Dwelling in this consciousness and being it, man is complete, satisfied and whole. Thus, verifying the statement in Psalms, "I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness."

### EUPHRATES RIVER

"EUPHRATES (river). Divine Science encompassing the universe and man; the true idea of God; a type of the glory which is to come; metaphysics taking the place of physics; the reign of righteousness."

Divine Mind, Life, Truth, Love, are the substance and being of everything in the universe. God is Mind. "In Science, Mind is *one*, including noumenon and phenomena, God and His thoughts." Therefore, all things — man and the universe — are His, Mind's, being unfolded out into expression or being. Mind and its idea is *one*. Then all good belongs to each one of us. Christian Science is

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the opposite of Socialism which takes from those who have abundance to give to those who have not, for this Science teaches that man is and has all that God is, as His reflection.

Mind is the only thinking agent, the source of all intelligence; the maker of all thoughts which we call things. A spiritual thought is an infinite idea, and we all have it. "The myriad forms of mortal thought, made manifest as matter, are not more distinct nor real to the material senses than the Soul-created forms to spiritual sense, which cognizes Life as permanent." When I make a statement of fact — that man is perfect — that does not do anything to man who is eternally at the standpoint of perfection, but it does clear my thought of the suggestions of matter and imperfection. Our Leader bids us to "exchange the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul." There are not two separate identities, the objects of sense and the ideas of Soul, but one — spiritual ideas. That which appears now as objects of sense are present here and now as ideas of Soul, and they have the presence, form, color and tangibility of Spirit. This infinite Mind-thinking is accompanied by omnipotence, the only power in the universe.

That which governs the universe and man, and keeps everything in its place, expressing perpetual harmony and activity, may seem material, may seem to have a finite motion; but since God is omni-action, the only Creator, the only Mind, He is the only governing power. That which gives everything life, being, activity, which continues forever — the divine infinite One — is necessarily God, the all-knowing Mind. This infinite Mind embodies its ideas, and this is the body of God. Since man expresses this divine body in which there is no evil mind to be objectified as pain, imperfection, inflammation or virus, this body is eternally complete and perfect.

Jesus' thinking was always with omnipresence and infinite power. You are God's very presence and being this instant and every instant of eternity. You are never apart from Him, for man is the expression of God's infinite being. Man is never a mortal, material personality; he is Love's idea of Himself. It is necessary

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that we acknowledge our divine being, and are conscious of and grateful for that infinite store of good which already exists. We must acknowledge and be conscious of that which we are.

If joy, wealth, or health seems to be lacking, it is not because there is any lack. It is due only to false suggestions announcing themselves as our thoughts of lacking this or that. Aggressive suggestions always argue that they are our mind, our thinking. There is nothing to change in God's universe, but there is much to change in our imperfect comprehension and understanding of this immortal universe of spiritual ideas.

In our healing work, the reformation is in our own consciousness. To heal ourselves, we must know that we are perfect, and then understand this as a divine fact. There must be no condemnation of man, just the recognition of the real man and condemnation of the error as nothing, nobody, and nowhere. "The true sense of being and its eternal perfection should appear now, even as it will hereafter." You do not try to get rid of a wrong thought anymore than you try to get rid of a headache. You cannot get rid of something that does not exist. Your belief that you have it or that it exists, is the only thing to wipe out. The false belief *is* the headache; it does not cause the headache. Mortal mind and mortal man are the same lie about God's man.

The most important consideration for us is the perfect maintenance of an unbroken connection with God, divine Mind. If it were possible for us at this moment, and it is, to completely obliterate all belief in materiality and have no consciousness but the one God-consciousness, not even an aggressive suggestion or an argument, what would happen? We would be thinking with the Mind which is God, Spirit, the Christ consciousness, and it would be presenting "the indestructible man, whom Spirit creates, constitutes, and governs." Then your Mind would create, constitute, and govern your entire body, the compound idea, man and the universe. The substance of body, man and the universe, or the body of God, would be made of Spirit, for Spirit is then seen as creating, constituting, and governing it.



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The belief in a material, organic body, a private personal body, is nothing but a misconception, an illusion. There is just one body, the embodiment of spiritual ideas, the “full representation of Mind,” and there is nothing outside of it or beyond it. There is nothing between Principle and idea, no medium through which Mind supports its body, man and the universe. They are one.

Of course, that body is infinitely individualized in infinite ideas. As we understand this spiritual body and make it our consciousness, the knowledge of the real body transforms, or seems to heal, our present sense of body. We are doing what Paul said to do when we are putting “off the old” sense of body and putting “on the new man,” or new sense of body. We are presenting our bodies a “living sacrifice holy acceptable unto God,” and surely it is “our reasonable service.” The only body acceptable unto Mind is its own image and likeness, made of Spirit, reflecting and expressing the qualities of Mind — purity, freedom, kindness, dominion, spiritual strength, moral courage, honesty, selflessness, spiritual discernment, poise, spontaneity and boundless bliss — in a word, divine Science, the kingdom of heaven.

As we unfold or build the “structure of Truth and Love,” and it is becoming our very consciousness, our individuality, then are the “kingdoms of this world becoming the kingdoms of our God and His Christ,” and the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love is being established in us and ruling out of us all sin. Then, indeed, will God's Word “enrich the affections of all mankind and govern them.” (*Church Manual*)

We must see Church as the embodiment of divine ideas. We cannot leave anyone or anything out of it, for Mrs. Eddy says that Church is “whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle.” Governed absolutely by Principle, without “variableness or shadow of turning,” it supports and maintains every individual idea from the least to the greatest. This is of infinite value to God and to all ideas, and this infinite Mind, with its qualities of adhesion and cohesion and attraction, holds all ideas in perfect alignment,

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co-ordination, cooperation and concerted action. Why? Because all the forces of Mind are spiritual and moral forces.

A very important question is: Are we, as Christian Scientists, going to allow the marvelous demonstration of the healing work of this Church, "this structure of Truth and Love" which our beloved Leader worked so diligently to establish, be reversed or lost? The one way that we can maintain that demonstration and continue to unfold it, is to reflect the one Mind and to demonstrate unity among Christian Scientists; to demonstrate the presence of the one infinite Mind. ". . . health, wholeness, holiness characterizes the life of the one who has learned to love by forgiving enemies. His whole being reflects life-giving Love. He has obliterated in consciousness the malice that answers to malice, and so, when hatred and injustice come, they find no answer in him, no resentment, no blow for blow, only and entirely Love." (Author unknown.)

To what extent are we dematerializing things and finding imperishable substance? The tax money in the fish's mouth was the objectification of Jesus' consciousness of substance. He knew that his Christ consciousness included the idea, or Truth, of which material substance is but a symbol, and that Mind had reflected in that consciousness the ability to create, conceive and reproduce the idea existing in Mind. Are we constantly claiming this as our substance, as the substance of our being? If so, the mortal beliefs named by mortal mind as heart trouble, cancer, etc., can find no place in our consciousness, our being. Mortal mind looks at the manifestation of Mind and calls it matter. To gain and maintain our spiritual identity, we must consistently affirm and know what our Leader tells us of man. "Christ presents the indestructible man, whom Spirit creates, constitutes, and governs." Accepting this fact, we affirm and realize that our being is of Spirit, imperishable substance, and everything which pertains to us is made of the same substance and consequently is abundant and permanent.

The only way is Spirit, divine substance, and everything

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that is essential to the human evidence of divine substance will appear. Spirit cannot suffer or die. Therefore there is no suffering substance, no disintegrating, deteriorating, aging or perishable substance. Should these beliefs appear, Spirit, demonstrated with its law of perfect, infinite substance, would eliminate them, "thus bringing to light the scientific action of the divine Mind on human minds and bodies . . ." Man, being the consciousness of divine Mind, reflects all the qualities and forces of divine Mind in action. In *No and Yes* we read, "Man has an immortal Soul, a divine Principle, and an eternal being. Man has perpetual individuality; and God's laws, and their intelligent and harmonious action, constitute his individuality in the Science of Soul." How important, then, for us as Christian Scientists, to impersonalize both good and evil, and see man as the perfect reflection of the infinity of good, universal Truth, divine Science.

Man is the expression of Mind's being. If we understand this we have no personal-sense world, and we can say, when confronted with what claims to be forces of evil at work, I stand here as a moral and spiritual force, as scientific right thinking, as divine Science, infinite consciousness; and I am standing with God, the supreme power of the universe, the only power; therefore I am a law to the situation.

At this time when mortal sense seems to be sending out much propaganda of evil, destruction and chaos, we need to strengthen our knowledge of our unity with God, and take the whole universe into our thinking and prayers. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Unity of Good* that sin recognizes man's at-one-ment, or oneness with God as "a unity which sin recognizes as its most potent and deadly enemy." We must express or be Life, living Love. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

The kingdom of God is at hand and includes all, and is the conscious state of man. I shall read a short paragraph from a lecture by Mr. Edward Kimball: "The Creator of man created with him and for him the law of his own continuity and sufficiency; the

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law of his dominion; the law of his control over circumstances and conditions; the law of his felicity and his heaven; and the law concerning all that means his life; all that means his health, his environment, and all that this implies, did it all rudimentally with the result that man is perfect, unhampered, unobstructed and unhindered; and all this is available that man is enabled to be a law unto himself.”

You can rest assured that this law of divine Principle will turn and overturn, adjust and re-adjust until the conscious harmony of your real being is revealed as an established fact.

Spirit is ever-living, ever-present, the Principle of everything that exists; and being ever-living, it is ever-acting or omniscient, which is true substance. If we are faithful to God, we are faithful to the Mind that unfolded and wrote *Science and Health* and to all mankind. Remember there is a divine power ever-available to you that is greater than any human belief of power; bigger than any person, organization of human will or political aims and claims; superior to any circumstance or circumstances. This power is the law of God, the law of Love, the law of divine Principle. It is not necessary to go anywhere to find it, for this law, this power, this commandment is ever-present and ever-active — this river Euphrates, or Christian Science.

Let us realize that the voice of the Infinite is a very quiet voice and the sound of it can be heard only in the quiet stillness and dominion of Soul, spiritual consciousness. Let us, in this quiet hour, clasp God's hand, and realize anew the power and touch of His presence, and go forth with a joyous sense of consecration, new inspiration, a greater love for all mankind, and a desire to serve and accomplish greater good.