

## MORE ON MALPRACTICE

Malpractice, or bad usage, is the supposed action of the carnal mind, perceiving ignorantly through the agency of the five material senses. Because of this wrong usage, which necessitates a belief that there is something other than God and His idea, the believer in this belief suffers and appears to be a human being in a material universe.

When we turn to God, however, and stop using this carnal or mortal mind, stop traveling on the "broad way," then shall we see aright "all the glories of earth and heaven and man" (*Science and Health*) as they really are — spiritual. And then we shall not be seen materially, nor shall we perceive materially; we shall disappear from human consciousness or view, and the material universe and human beings will disappear from our view, even as they did with Jesus. John, in that wonderful book called the Revelation, told us plainly how these material viewpoints disappeared as he rose higher to grasp the true facts of being.

The unawakened human consciousness, and sometimes the partially awakened human consciousness, is constantly malpracticing — that is, using material sense instead of the spiritual senses. However, this malpractitioner harms no one other than himself, and himself only in belief. In that he malpractices, or uses the Word of God as it should not be used, or uses the Me, or the I AM, in the name of the I AM, but actually in the name of himself, he has a conscious or unconscious belief in the actuality, or power, of malpractice; he manifests this belief by seeming to have a human body and an existence in a matter world, or he clothes the body with the coat or covering of flesh.

*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, deals comprehensively with this on page 302, wherein, as a finale, it is stated that "the notion" (or wrong action of mortal mind) that errors "are real, is a mortal belief; and this belief is all that will ever be lost."

In other words, mortal mind has to be educated out of itself, or taught that what it seems to be aware of is not true at all; and when this belief of what seems to be, is obliterated by the recognition and acceptance of that which is true, then its objectification, humans and the material world, will fade from view, and the "new heaven" and the "new earth" brought to light. Thus is the "old man" put off, and the "new man" put on.

It is evident to all that Jesus was human and saw humanly. Even those educated along old theological lines, though they may believe that Jesus was divine, nevertheless believe that he saw humanly. Being found in a material body, would show that he partook of the material or personal sense of that earthly body; and because of this, having taken on the semblance of the earthly man, he for the time being, perceived accordingly; and he must have seen something that was not of Spirit, or God, something unspiritual or ungodly.

The world has wondered for many years how Judas could have stayed with Jesus, and how and why Jesus never rebuked him or healed him. The Judas is the devil, or the

malicious thoughts, or the face of every man of the carnal mind; and when Jesus had arisen above his last earthly belief of life in matter, that very material or personal sense of belief of life in something other than God, represented as the Judas of every man, had no more life either, and Judas too disappeared from view.

Jesus said that we should do even “greater works” than he did. He had obliterated entirely the Judas consciousness not only for himself, but for the whole world. Recognizing the import of his message, we can easily see that, if Jesus did this, then we do not have to do it over again; and recognizing and accepting only the spiritual truth of creation, we do the “greater works” expected of us, for the suggestion to use the carnal mind never even occurs to that spiritualized consciousness. God being All and the Kingdom of God being everywhere, the awareness of this Truth precludes the necessity for destroying evil, or protecting against that which is already destroyed, the Judas consciousness.

When, therefore, Jesus ceased recognizing anything but Spirit, God, when he ceased to see humanly or wrongly, he arose out of the human apprehension of him, and not only ceased to see humanly and saw spiritually, but he ceased to be seen of mortals; when his last vestige of belief of life in matter was obliterated by his recognition, or awareness, of the absoluteness of the Father, or Spirit, then was the ascension manifest.

When, at his last appearing on the shores of the lake, those “dull followers” of his awakened to see beyond the flesh or corporeality, and recognized that the true being, Jesus, as a human personality, could never again be visualized by them. They recognized the Christ, and the flesh had to disappear from view, as no longer could they *go back* to old standpoints; this is impossible, for Truth itself will not let us. We must always march on, upward and onward, away from human consciousness.

Although Jesus’ resurrection was also our resurrection, each one should and does ascend the Mount of Assurance for himself; that is, he so rises above the testimony of the personal senses that he is able to recognize here and now the same heaven, or kingdom, that our great Master perceived. Had Jesus been able to do this for us, there is not a doubt that he would have done so; but it is a fact that each one must do this for himself. We may believe otherwise; nevertheless, it is a generally accepted fact that each one must know his true being, and learn to *utilize* that Mind of the Lord himself.

We must each one labor, as it were, peacefully and quietly, to overcome the belief that there is a belief to be overcome — this malpractice, or bad practice, or wrong practice. And when we, too, cease turning *away* from God, and learn to turn *to* God, matter and people, too, will disappear from our view, and we from the view of material consciousness. All there is of a matter world, or matter creation, is our wrong viewpoint of what actually *is*, and this material creation, or false standpoint, exists, if it exists at all, only as a false conception in our individual consciousness.

Malpractice, then, is bad practice, or bad usage of that which *is*. We are warned not to use the name of God with which to do evil; that is, under the cloak of *good*, to practice evil is the anti-Christ, claiming to be doing good, and at the same time deliberately doing evil to others for its own malicious purposes, or for the enhancement of its own ends. This is using God for unholy purposes, and rebounds on the user and not on the supposed victim. There is, then, nothing to fear from the user of *good* with which to do evil, for he alone receives the benefit of his false belief that he is doing something.

To be asleep on “the hilltops of Palestine [heaven itself]” (*Pulpit and Press*), is to

be dulled into acquiescence with the wish of such a bad-practitioner. To *watch*, however, that which is the might of the Lord, is to receive that which comes from this all-loving Father.

Superstition is the best tool of a bad-practitioner; he attempts to work on the credulity of the believer in his integrity, and easily passes for good that which is of the grossest evil; and if brought to light, it would be denounced by the very ones upholding such methods. It is a strange fact, that under the guise of religion, the world is easily led to believe that is true which is not true. Jesus said, "For false Christs . . . shall rise," but "believe [them] not" — all masquerading under the name of "spirituality." Many will claim doing the works of the Father, and expect to receive the Father's reward; but the Father will say, "I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me." (Luke)

Ignorance of the Word of God is another tool through which the anti-Christ makes great strides, claiming for itself the things of God, or good. "The reality, or Spirit, is ours only as we are good" (First Edition, *Science and Health*. p 44). Then does the Word of God come to view; that is, heaven here and God dwelling with men.