

## THE THEATER

Paul says: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

What did Paul mean when he said this? In the theater we have a projector; within this projector we have a light and a film. On a screen in front of the projector we have a picture; the picture, however, is not on the screen — it is within the projector and is projected onto the screen. This is why it is called a projector.

Mind, or consciousness, is a projector. The thoughts therein are the films; the light, such as you have, is the light of the Christ. Everyone has some of this light; it is "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." (John) Without this true Light one would have no being, no existence. The world which you see about you, your body, your friends, the trees and flowers, whatever we call the world, is the picture; and just as the picture previously referred to was not on the screen but within the projector, so this world is not outside as it appears to be, but is within consciousness or Mind, and is projected from it.

If we do not like the picture on the screen, there is no use trying to change it by dealing directly with the picture, but we must come within the projector and change the film, and then the picture will automatically change. Likewise, if the situation which faces us in the world is discordant, if we appear to be sick, sinful, afraid, distressed in any way, there is no use whatsoever in dealing directly with the world itself, but we must come within consciousness and change the thoughts or films. Then shall the world, or world picture, take on a different appearance — commonly termed healing.

Now there are two ways in which to change these films. One is the right way and the other is the wrong way. One is a pseudo science called the science of right thinking, and which is wrong; the other is the Science of Mind, or the Science of Mind healing. The first is what Paul said not to do; the second is what he said to do. "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." The mere changing of the films is but a performance of the human mind as it is called, and by the by, this human mind, or carnal mind, is not a mind at all, but rather a negative proposition for there is really but one *Mind* — the *Mind* which is God.

When we change the films, or thoughts of this human mind, those thoughts which have been dispensed with may at some time recur. For instance, in our world picture there was once an epidemic of yellow fever. In course of time the film was changed and we killed off a lot of mosquitoes, and, lo, the yellow fever picture disappeared leaving in its place a healthy situation. Another time we had the bubonic plague and still another time smallpox and diphtheria. Then we changed the films, or thoughts, killed off a lot of rats, discovered certain serums called antitoxin or vaccine, and, lo, again we had a different picture and healthy conditions appeared where before there had been disease. These later pictures have more or less persisted up to this time, but at any time there is the danger

held over us that similar epidemics may occur, and thus we may experience the return of the same old films in the projector.

But there is the better way and the right way. Throw out the projector itself with the films which pass through that particular machine and in its place use the only true projector — the one Mind — the Mind which was also in Christ Jesus. “Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Don’t change the thoughts, or films, of the human mind from evil to good, and which are liable to return at some later date, but do away with the human mind with its thoughts of good and evil altogether, and in its place have the one Mind, the only Mind, with its Christly films or thoughts automatically operated by the one Mind Itself. Then the world will appear to take on better and better conditions and these better conditions will never relapse into evil conditions of any kind, because there are no such films or ideas in the Mind which is God, nor can those evil films be passed through the one Mind under any circumstances whatsoever. Like a cinema projector which admits a film of one particular size and will not permit another film of different measurements to pass through it, the thoughts of the carnal mind will not pass through the Mind which is God. Therefore when once the one Mind projector is established, its thoughts or films continue to throw out a picture or a world eternally good and harmonious. Then we have not been “conformed to this world [mind]; but have been “transformed by the renewing of your [the] Mind,” the one and only Mind which is God Himself.

Nor is this Mind operated by man; rather, man is operated by God, the one Mind, the governing Mind, showing forth just exactly what Paul meant when he spoke these wonderful words.