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"I cannot advise you regarding a Christian Science practitioner, but I earnestly request that you select one who knows Christian Science history." - Mary Baker Eddy

ALICE L. ORGAIN AND HELEN M. WRIGHT

ALICE L. Orgain was a devout student of Christian Science in New York City when Our Mother in Israel was here directing the founding of Christian Science on this planet. Mrs. Orgain was also a practitioner listed in the Christian Science Journal and devoting her every moment to the study and practice of Christian Science.

Extensive Christian Science Library

Mrs. Orgain acquired each new edition of Science and Health as it was published. She may have been the one responsible for the republication of the first, second, third, and sixth editions of Science and Health by the Rare Book Company in New York City.

Helen Wright's Introduction to Christian Science

Helen M. Wright was on the opposite side of this continent. She was a young child when a Christian Science practitioner in Seattle, Washington healed her mother of blindness. From that moment in early childhood Helen was totally devoted to Christian Science and to Mary Baker Eddy.

As an adult Helen began seeking out and making the acquaintance of the most earnest workers in the field. In time she made her way to New York City and sought to meet Alice Orgain. Alas! Helen learned that Mrs. Orgain had just passed away. Helen made arrangements at that time to purchase Alice Orgain's extensive Christian Science library which

included the more than 400 editions of Science and Health.

*****ALICE L. ORGAIN, CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST by Helen M. Wright**

FROM the Zodiak (or "Circle of Animals") to the City Foursquare (or, heaven on earth), is the comprehensive metaphysical journey traversed by Alice L. Orgain, C.S., in her correlative discoveries within the writings and Church-related founding directives of Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science.

The span covers the human consciousness from the mortal Adam-dream through Jacob's wakening dream, the angelic message which became the divine method for canceling the Adamic dream.

Mrs. Orgain has, in her own words:

Coordinated Mary Baker Eddy's revelation and her founding of Christian Science step by step, showing the reason therefore in Mrs. Eddy's own words, and in the Bible prophecies. (Foreword of The Detached Branch by Alice Orgain)

The steps which are shown to be required beyond Mrs. Eddy's presence on earth to bring the City Foursquare into human experience are not the inventions of Mrs. Orgain but her perception that all of Mrs. Eddy's founding measures were clearly marked at all times, and never more clearly than on the date of Mrs. Eddy's passing, December 3, 1910, when the students were obliged to dissolve The Mother Church organization (but did not).

Alice Orgain's writings unfold exactly how the "chain of scientific being," which Mrs. Eddy recognized and taught, may accomplish its full manifestation now. Her spiritual discernment is set forth transparently in her books, the first of which was As It Is. ...She says of herself in this book that

She was a member of The Mother Church for 25 years, and a practitioner whose card was in the Journal for almost as long.

She was a student of a loyal teacher of Christian Science in full fellowship with The Mother Church, and read nothing at all for more than 25 years except the Bible, Mrs. Eddy's writings and the "authorized" literature, reading the Monitor newspaper exclusively. She was loyal to the core to Mrs. Eddy's revelation and founding, and to the Manual as "the impersonal Leader and authority for our Church activities." (As It Is, footnote, pg5)

Mrs. Orgain could have added that she was possibly the most successful Christian Science practitioner in New York City. She proved

in her practice that the Word, without personal application through another other than one's self, is equal to any and every emergency. In other words, Mrs. Orgain was healing patients in a single treatment; and those healed were being "taught" Christian Science in the way Mrs. Eddy required, namely, to "teach by healing" as well as to "heal by teaching."

That kind of demonstration...was exposing automatically the decreasing healing success of many organization practitioners. Many were already asking one another "What is wrong with our Cause of Christian Science?"

That kind of Christlike healing was frowned upon by [those who] had their organization to perpetuate, no matter what, and they had forbidden practitioners to practice Christian Science, healing until they had "gone through Class."

Therefore, it was against the rules to "teach by healing" as Jesus did it, and as Mrs. Eddy required. This is another situation in which the Field [was taught] to by-pass Mary Baker Eddy's teaching and leadership in order to perpetuate The Mother Church organization.

Bluntly, the [intent was] to silence Alice Orgain no matter where the chips fell in the process.

This writer has read the file of correspondence between the directors and Mrs. Orgain. It was clear at the outset that the directors were both furious and implacable toward her.

On January 27, 1930, the directors sent a lengthy telegram to Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, where Mrs. Orgain was a member, demanding that she be dismissed from its membership.

There was pandemonium in Fifth Church business meetings. Those who knew of Mrs. Orgain's loyalty to Mary Baker Eddy and her wonderful understanding of Christian Science objected. But those who feared [ecclesiasticism] more than they loved their "beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy," voted for her dismissal.

[Ecclesiasticism] was determined to silence Mrs. Orgain because of her incidental discernment that Mrs. Eddy actually meant that The Mother Church must be de-organized.

The directors removed Mrs. Orgain's card from the practitioners' registry in the Journal of February, 1930 [and] notified her that she had been dropped from membership in The Mother Church.

Mrs. Orgain's understanding was supernal. Her marvelous unfoldment of satisfying genuine Christian Science is in her books.

(Alice Orgain's Spirit of Freedom
and Conspicuous Loyalty to Mary Baker Eddy

After Mrs. Orgain's ordeal, with no word of recrimination for her persecutors, she became even more successful in her practice of Christian Science, to such an extent that she limited her patients to one visit only, healing them on the first visit.

Without saying so herself, it was obvious that Mrs. Orgain was healing patients practically without trying, in consonance with Mrs. Eddy's words:

The spiritual power of a scientific, right thought, without a direct effort, an audible or even a mental argument, has oftentimes healed inveterate diseases. (Rud 9:21)

She said that for years before closing her practitioner's office, she gave only one treatment per patient, not even contemplating a second, and that her practice was extremely successful. She turned every patient to reading the Textbook.

As the chapter "Fruitage" in the Christian Science Textbook is composed exclusively of recordings of healings through the reading of the Textbook only, Alice Orgain was truly following her leader, Mary Baker Eddy, in guiding patients to the study of the Textbook.

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