

Intelligence

Intelligence, Mrs. Eddy says, is the primal and eternal quality of infinite Mind. Webster defines intelligence as the ability to apprehend the interrelationships of presented facts in such a way as to guide action towards a desired goal. As a characteristic of Mind, intelligence means that Mind knows all. Intelligence is a quality of being. For Mind to comprehend, apprehend, perceive, foretell, and be all-knowing it must be of the nature of intelligence. Here again we see the synonymy of these terms and how each includes all the others—each reflects the others.

Since Mind is all-knowing and the only intelligence, it follows that the counterfeit of Mind, mortal mind and its mediums of intelligence in matter, in brain, are only false beliefs that must eventually give place to divine intelligence. The revelations of the Science of Mind are proving intelligence in matter to be merely a false belief, like believing that the earth is flat.

When confronted with something we have never done before and which we don't understand, we must fall back on Mind, realizing Mind *knows*, and that Mind is my Mind. With the human so-called mind I can do nothing, so I must stay with the divine Mind until that Mind begins to manifest itself by emanating ideas. These ideas come to us and form new vision in us, new apprehension, new perception and comprehension; we begin to discover something new. In this way the true intelligence is working in us and as us.

We have to work out the human belief of lack of intelligence by knowing we have the one Mind, and this one Mind imparts all information; it gives us all the ideas we need when we rely on it. It gives us new models of thinking about the world. It shows us everything in a new light, which the human intellect cannot begin to equal.

Nothing Is Created

When we say Mind is intelligence, how does that fit in with the other ideas we have had up to now? What about creator, for instance? The man in the street wouldn't think intelligence and creator are the same thing, but Mrs. Eddy puts them in the same category.

In the divine system of reference, that is, in reality, only that which is intelligent is actually creative, yet when we reason in the human system of reference we see—or imagine we see—a lot of things being created which don't make sense at all. On the other hand, when we reason in the divine we see that the creator can only create intelligently, since there is only one creator, an intelligent creator, the all-knowing Mind, that is my real Mind. In reality nothing is created, just as in mathematics, nothing is created. $2 \times 2 = 4$ always was. Harmony in music was not created, it always was.

This shows again that we are learning to speak another language. We use the same terms that are used in ordinary language but those terms mean something else to us. If the student of the textbook is not aware of this fact then the textbook won't yield much for him.