

people will not accept this, so we should find other proofs, other reasons, to show that what we are learning here is the nature of Being itself. If we can show that it is innate *in* Being itself, and so can be proved *from* Being itself, we put the authority for Mrs. Eddy's statements back into God, into the supreme Being, and then we shall have an even higher authority.

Through the synonymy principle we can prove that in Being we have the authority for what Mrs. Eddy has written. Demonstrating that "faculties" link up with the other ideas of Mind will prove that faculties must be a quality of Mind. Seeing this proof in Being gives us an even greater impact.

We too, want to find that higher authority, namely, Being, from which Mrs. Eddy took everything. If we can show that what is meant by *faculties* has something to do with the other qualities we have found in Mind, then we know that—even if Mrs. Eddy had not said so—faculties belong to Mind, to the nature of Mind.

### **What is Implied by Faculties?**

What is implied by faculties? What attributes does Mind need if Mind is to have all faculties? Faculty means the ability to do something efficiently, expertly, in a masterly way and with authority, so faculty must have intelligence and know-how embedded in its meaning. It also must imply action. Certainly it would need capacity, and power. It would also need knowing and intelligence, or its faculty isn't a faculty. It would need the characteristics of comprehending, apprehending; it must have knowl-

edge that it is sufficient in itself, and it must have a creative sense behind it. Without these qualities we don't attain the meaning of faculty.

These are all terms we have under Mind, and this gives us the authority for listing faculty as a quality of Mind.

### **Claim the Faculties of Mind**

Being Christian Scientists we should claim for ourselves all the faculties of Mind, but how often do we say "I can't do it" or "I don't know how to do it"? To the extent we think we can't do it, etc., we are not practicing what Christian Science teaches. We are not putting into practice the fact that we have the Mind of God, have all intelligence, have all power and comprehension, and therefore have all the faculties of Mind.

We must open ourselves up to the divine Mind or else we shut out our ability to image forth all that is in the divine Mind. Whatever the divine Mind has in the way of faculties we have also, since the divine Mind is our present state of consciousness. In reality, there is no other consciousness. Thus *we have all faculties* of comprehension, all innate ability to act and to do—we have the spiritual faculty of seeing, hearing, feeling, comprehending. Mind bestows the grand human capacities, faculties of Mind, that cannot be lost. These faculties of Mind are infinite and ever-present. Therefore we can do whatever it is right for us to do—we possess sovereign power to think and act rightly. We must free ourselves from all human reckoning and begin to compute divinely, having the divine infinite calculus as our natural state of being.