

ative authority, influence, and these are all ideas of Mind. Will requires power, because a will without power is not will; it is nothing. We have determination in will, determination to do; we have incentive and impulsion, creative impulsion. A will usually has an idea. It is determined to bring out something and has the will to bring it out. It must have within itself creative power, creative action. Reasoning thus, through the synonymity principle, we can prove that "will" is a quality of Mind and not of Spirit or Soul, or one of the other synonyms.

### **Mandate**

The will of Mind is the mandate of Mind. The mandate of Mind says, "I am the power of Mind and this is what I am going to do; this is the way it will happen." Mind has within itself the all-power and it is determined to do something, knowing it has the action to do it. Mind has the power, the guidance, and therefore it can execute its will. The divine will is the laying down of the law, the divine law, the divine mandate. God's creative mandate rescues us from believing in a counterfeit mind.

Remember, in this study we are dealing with Mind as a subject. This means that if Mind "creates," then creates is a quality of Mind. But when we say "Mind creates this and this," for instance, "Mind creates man and the universe," man and the universe are the object of Mind, and have nothing to do with establishing a quality of Mind. When we analyze the text of the textbook we only ask: "Through what qualities is the subject of the sentence qualified? How is Mind qualified?" not, "What is the

object of it?" We must watch that we don't confuse the subject with the object. The object does not qualify the subject.

Since *the plan of Love must be fulfilled*, we have the will of Mind operating as the mandate of Mind. Mind's ideas, obedient to Mind's mandate, are productive, active, powerful, influential and intelligent. They unerringly work and aim for Mind's goal, which is Love. Mrs. Eddy says growth is the mandate of Mind, your Mind; and that Mind, through its mandate, empowers and enlarges man. Man has no choice but to obey Mind's mandate which leads, guides and unerringly steers him until he sees the omnipresence of his present perfection.

## Law

This brings us to *law* as a characteristic of Mind. Why is law concerned with Mind? Why isn't it a characteristic of Principle?

To understand this we need to ask, "What is necessary for a law to be a law?"

Law would be impossible without cause, without power, action, direction, influence, faculties, intelligence. A law that doesn't embody these qualities is not a law. For a law to be a law it is understood there is a cause, that this cause creates and produces something. By creating an effect it must act, and as it is acting according to a definite aim and design it must be intelligent, not blind. Acting intelligently, this law steers and guides. In this term, "law," we again gather together the main ideas we have seen as Mind ideas. It is another good example of how all