

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

these ideas hinge together intimately when examined closely.

We have seen that law, in order to be law, must have power, intelligence, and the authority to enforce itself. This shows why law is Mind and not Principle. We have law in Mind in order to have government in Principle.

Within Mind, we see that a law is only a law when it enacts itself, when it has within itself power to express itself. A law of Mind is unerring since it proceeds from the unerring Mind. Law is intelligence because it knows what it wants to do. Order, which, as we will see in the next chapter, characterizes Spirit, would not show the inner nature of law. However, order does show in which way law expresses itself and thus Spirit, in the next stage, takes law a step further.

Law is something that leads from cause. As we have been seeing, a great many ideas are involved in this little term "law." This term offers a good example of why we have to learn without speculation. We can't speculate; we can't say, "Well, law has to do with rule, or with issuing an order, or with government because governments govern through law, etc." This lack of right method leads into a wilderness. We have to stick to the inner nature of a term and see what the qualities are that are necessary for a term to be that term, not what they are going to be afterwards.

As we saw in our discussion of "mandate," we always need to ask, "What qualifies the subject?" The object is that which is outside the subject: Mind is the law of health; Mind is the law of government; Mind is the law of all

being; Mind is the law of order; Mind is the law of identity. The object is outside the subject. We are investigating Mind as the subject and not what it does to an object, or its connection with an object.

Considering *law* we have seen that without power there is no law, without action there is no law, without cause there is no law because the law is cause to effect. "All causation is Mind, acting through spiritual law" (S&H 417:13). Mind operates as a law of perfect cause and effect, thus law is that divinely intelligent force which in unbroken continuity directs the perfect cause unerringly into perfect effect.

Control

"Mandate" and "law" lead us to *control* as an idea characterizing Mind. Here we will see that Mind controls and regulates. But why? What does control have to do with Mind? We started out by saying Mind is creator. Why do creator and control belong in the same category?

Control needs power, force, regulation, guidance, intelligence, action, comprehension, influence. On the divine level of consciousness these terms intertwine with each other and are synonymous. Control, in order to be Mind's control, blends with and reflects Mind's creative ability in the language of Spirit—that divine language that we are building up, and which we feel, hear, and sense. It is not a language of terms, though terms are a help, a bridge, to gaining this language of Spirit.

In the spiritual language all the ideas of Mind come in and blend with each other, reflect each other, and they