

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

then give us a feeling of control that is powerful and unerring, and which restrains all anti-Mind forces and influences. Therefore only that which is in accord with Mind's images can come to pass.

Applying this criteria we see that control can't be exercised without power, without law, without action. It must reflect intelligence or it would be unintelligent control. To be Mind's control, it must be unerring, always operating to regulate, thus reflecting the cybernetic law of self-regulation and self-government.

### **Mind Governs**

"Control" brings us to "governs," another idea characterizing Mind. Here we need to note that later in our lists we will have "government" as an idea of Principle. When we come to Principle we will see more clearly why Principle is characterized by "government," while Mind is characterized by "governs."

Governs means to control, regulate, direct, influence, to exercise power and authority, to guide. Mrs. Eddy states that Mind governs all supremely, Mind governs man and the universe, it governs the Science of Mind. This gives us a vital sense of the power of Mind to govern.

When we speak about Mind governing we are speaking about that aspect of government that has to do with intelligent government, with the intelligence that can govern. Here we are putting the accent on intelligence, on the leading, guiding, directing, controlling, regulating, influencing characteristics of Mind. On the other hand, when Mrs. Eddy speaks of government to bring out the