

fact that every detail of that which is governed is under one government, then government is an idea characterizing Principle, because Principle governs all ideas and unites all ideas into one harmonious whole. This is the idea of Principle. In Principle we shall see that all ideas are gathered into one system.

With Principle's government the relationship of the governor and the governed is brought out, but when we ask, "What is that central intelligence that can lead every part, every phase and facet, in the right way so it makes sense and so it all harmonizes?" then we answer, "It is the governing power of Mind."

This governing power of Mind expresses itself in every idea harmonizing with every other idea. There is no situation and no problem outside the government of Mind. There is only an intelligent divine Mind governing, and it leads, directs, and controls every part of our system. When man finally discerns this, he will know that nothing unlawful, accidental, or ignorant can govern; and there is no haphazard government. On the divine level of consciousness Mind governs supremely.

### **Mind Heals**

Mind heals. Here again we have a term that fits equally well under another synonym, in this case Truth, and again we need to examine the difference between the two uses, between Mind heals and Truth heals.

"Heals" is a term susceptible of multiple interpretation. Why should Mind heal? What would be the more absolute term for Mind heals? Mind maintains. Why?

Because Mind maintains in such a way that nothing ever needs to be corrected. Mind maintains the ideal status; it maintains its own creation. Thus “Mind heals” would be a translated sense of “Mind maintains.”

Heals is such an important concept in Christian Science that we should see its relationship to Mind. Exactly how is “Mind heals” a translated sense of “Mind maintains”? Why doesn’t Mrs. Eddy say “Spirit heals,” or “Principle heals”? Mind is first, and Mind is the creator of all ideas; how is that related to healing?

Healing means healing disease. What is disease? Mortal mind. Disease is the objectification of mortal mind. The fundamental issue of the whole textbook is that mortal mind is the cause, the originator, of all diseases. Of course, *only Mind is truly cause* or truly an originator. Therefore we have mortal mind as the counterfeit originator, the counterfeit mind, and its apparent effect, disease, is merely aggressive mental suggestion, hypnotic suggestion. To solve a negative problem—in this case the problem of disease—we simply replace the counterfeit, mortal mind, with the real, the divine Mind. Thus it follows the divine Mind must be the healer.

### **The Medicine of Mind**

Because Mind is the healer we speak of the medicine of Mind. Why is Mind the medicine? Because “when thought is lost in the eminence of Mind,” as Mrs. Eddy once said, “the healing takes place.” Going to Mind and contemplating Mind and Mind’s idea is the medicine. All true conception is medicine. Medicine is