

Why is it Mind that heals, saves, cares for, aids, helps? Why isn't it Spirit or one of the other synonymous terms? Just as when we took up "Mind heals" and "Mind-healing," we can here again say that the corrective is the divine Mind. The divine Mind corrects everything that the human mind does wrong. Everything that is of the nature of discord—sin, sickness, disease, death—is always the effect of mortal mind's hypnotic suggestions. Since it takes the divine Mind to correct the inharmonies of mortal mind, therefore divine Mind acts as healing, saving, aiding, caring for the body, etc.

### **Mind Maintains**

"Mind maintains," "Mind sustains" and perhaps we could add "Mind supports." Why are these terms found under Mind? Why not under Spirit or Life?

A point in method: In trying to determine which synonym a term like "maintains" belongs to, start with the term "maintains" and not with the term Mind. Start with the tone of maintains, sustains, supports. What do they mean? What kind of a feeling do we have when we feel something is maintained, sustained? Do we get a sense of power? It takes a sense of power to keep something maintained in its present state, in its perfect state. We have a sense of control at work, an active sense, a sense that Mind is always alert, aware, alive, awake, never off guard for one second. Mind maintains that which it has created.

This is the way we must reason: "What does the term maintain imply? What does it mean that Mind, God,

maintains?" Next we have to get a feeling of what "maintains" implies. We see that in order to maintain, Mind must be aware, awake; it must be intelligent, must have power and ability, must be unerring in its action. In this way we find that in order to maintain properly, the term maintain implies all the ideas we have listed under Mind. Then we know Mind maintains. This way of reasoning tells us that "Mind maintains" should be the last sentence in our reasoning instead of the first sentence.

### **Mind is Limitless**

Mind is limitless, and here we need to be careful, because this is a term which also characterizes Soul. The limitless quality of *Mind* is through terms like fetterless, unsearchable, unfathomable. Limitlessness as a characteristic of Mind shows Mind to be limitless knowledge, limitless intelligence, limitless creative ability, limitless action, power, will, influence, etc. Limitless Mind includes all; it is within and without all things.

We can see that limitless is a term (among many others in the textbook) where we have to use judgment in deciding which kind of limitlessness is meant by the statement in the textbook. If the statement speaks of limitless substance, that would be Spirit or Life. In Soul we could have the limitless capacity of Soul. Truth is limitless while error is limited, *nothing*. Mrs. Eddy speaks of the limitless glories of incorporeal Life and Love.

Mind, likewise, is always limitless with reference to the qualities we studied under Mind, but in general the term "limitless" does not uniquely imply the qualities of