

While we shouldn't mix up the human qualities which open us to Mind with the qualities characterizing Mind, we should see they are concerned with Mind. They tell us, for instance, if we don't seek we don't find. If we study the synonymous term Mind without the seeking thought it can't reveal itself. If we don't study, if we don't let our thought be molded by the divine Mind, we will never find our oneness with it, we will never realize that *this divine Mind is our Mind*, our only Mind. We can therefore see the great practical value and importance of these qualities, even though they are not ideas of Mind itself.

Counterfeits of Mind

Another important set of terms which relate to Mind, but are not themselves ideas of Mind, are the counterfeits of Mind. At the end of the alphabetical list of terms pertaining to Mind, given at the beginning of this chapter, the reader will find a list of these negative terms which are *opposites* to Mind and Mind's attributes.

It is very important to become familiar with such a list of negatives because the negative or counterfeit will always tell us what positive idea we must use to offset the negative. By reversal, the counterfeits lead us to the truth. If we know the negative it gives us an easier way to know the fact about the negative, namely, its nothingness. We investigate the counterfeit so the error can be handled by the facts of the case, the spiritual facts.

Naturally every idea we have identified with Mind has a counterfeit, so there are as many counterfeits as there are ideas. If I have the idea action, I know the counterfeit

is inaction, false action, irritated action, apathy, etc.. If we contemplate the counterfeits of the various ideas of each synonymous term, we can come up with myriads of counterfeits, because there are dozens of counterfeits for every idea we have been studying. However, the simple counterfeit of the synonymous term itself is usually quite enough for the text analysis of the textbook in this initial study. In our study, therefore, we shall be mainly concerned with the counterfeits of the synonymous terms themselves, and not so much with the counterfeits of the ideas characterizing the seven synonymous terms.

Mortal Mind

A primary negative of divine Mind is *mortal mind*, because mortal mind is precisely the opposite of divine Mind. Other counterfeits Mrs. Eddy uses in connection with Mind are ignorance, illusion, human mind, carnal mind, negative mind, a mind of one's own, many minds, animal magnetism, mesmerism, hypnotism, and so on.

If we look closely, we see mortal mind behind all of them. Mortal mind is ignorance and is the source of all illusions and of all that is the opposite of the divine Mind. Mortal mind implies something untrue, unreal; it implies that which has no real existence but is hypnotic suggestion, and only *seems* to exist.

Mind is the root, the basis, the noumenon of all the ideas of Mind, and the ideas of Mind, our true Mind, are the phenomena of Mind or the way Mind expresses itself. As we said, the noumenon, Mind, also has its counterfeit—in this case mortal mind—and the phenomena or