

Here we have the verities of Spirit vs. the actuality of matter, so between the dashes Mary Baker Eddy has to use Spirit; she couldn't go back to Mind. She is saying that Spirit, not matter, is the verity, and as a sub-tone she is saying that Spirit has all power, fills all space, and constitutes all Science.

If what is between the dashes were the main subject, and Mrs. Eddy were actually asking, "What is it that is all power? What is it that fills all space?" you would have to answer, "Mind," but here that is not her main question or proposition. Here her main question is, "Here are the verities of Spirit; what do they contradict?" The answer, of course, is, "They contradict the belief that matter can be actual."

You can see that a sentence like this can't be interpreted at random, just as we happen to feel about it, or as inspiration might flow to us. We must depend on the structure of the subject to tell us what the primal proposition is and what the secondary proposition is. As we go on in the textbook, we find very few statements where only the intrinsic characteristics of a synonym are used. The synonyms are usually in combination such as this one, "Spirit possessing all power" and that is what makes it difficult at first sight, until we realize we can say, mentally, "*Spirit possessing all Mind power.*"

What the Three Verities Are

Note that in the statement we are considering, Mrs. Eddy also explains what the three verities are. "Omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience" characterize

Word, Christ, and Christianity. These terms are in the category of the *operation* of God, which is different from the category of the *nature* of God. When we analyze what is meant by the Word, we analyze it just as we analyze the seven synonyms, through their qualities. Thus in this statement we have further categories intertwined. This is why in the first reading we can only have an approximation.

Let's consider S&H 232:16, "In our age Christianity is again demonstrating the power of divine Principle, as it did over nineteen hundred years ago by healing the sick and triumphing over death."

The question we need to ask here is, "What can demonstrate?" We didn't have demonstration under Mind. It is the nature of Principle to demonstrate itself, to prove itself, (though under certain circumstances we also get demonstration with Truth.) However, in order to demonstrate something you need power, so we have "the power of divine Principle." (Divine is typically a quality of the Christ, describing the Christ).

Let Go of What You Learned in Church — Old Theology

We must take Science and Health as a textbook, and we must learn from it as from a textbook. Often people with long church background build their own conclusions; they go according to their own inspiration, and they mix everything up because they don't know categories. We must be willing to *let go of everything we have ever learned in old theology*, and we must have the