

## ADDENDUM I

### **The Word, Christ, Christianity and Science**

The following notes from Max Kappeler are a short summary of the Christian Science textbook showing that the Word not only expresses itself as the Word, but also reflects Christ, Christianity and Science.

#### **Word**

In the first four chapters we are approaching God, seeking an answer to what God is. Thus we operate from the starting point of Word.

Chapter I, "Prayer," presents the necessary qualities for an ordered approach to God. *This is "Word reflecting the Word."*

In Chapter II, "Atonement and Eucharist," Mrs. Eddy shows us that the demands of Christ are to reconcile our mentality with God in order to be at one with God: Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love. The Christ reconciles. *This is the Word reflecting the Christ.*

In Chapter III, "Marriage," we are shown the exaltation of everyday life, since Christianity is always the outcome of the Christ-idea. *This is the Word reflecting Christianity*, since seeking the spiritual involves a higher sense of humanhood.

In Chapter IV, "Christian Science vs. Spiritualism," the textbook shows us what is real and what is unreal. It declares Spirit to be real, the only; and shows that the

mortal, the material, the human, are not factors in the Science of Spirit. *This is the Word reflecting Science.*

## The Christ

Next we come to four chapters which uncover the claims of duality, of evil, translating error back into true being. In this they are operating as the Christ.

In Chapter V, "Animal Magnetism Unmasked," the textbook gives the reader a definition of the nature and operation of animal magnetism, the anti-Christ. With a knowledge of the Christ, Mrs. Eddy in this chapter shows the nothingness, the powerlessness of error; that it is merely hypnotic suggestion. *This is the Christ reflecting the Word.*

In Chapter VI, "Science, Theology, Medicine," the textbook reveals the Christ as the true idea of God, coming from God, infinite good, to man, uncovering and translating false existence back to the divine Being, our true being as Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love. *This chapter is the Christ reflecting the Christ.*

In Chapter VII, "Physiology," the reader begins to sense the effect and outcome of the translation—the translation of mortal man, so that what seems in illusion, in hypnotic suggestion, to be a mortal man, is translated into an immortal. *This is Christ reflecting Christianity.*

In Chapter VIII, "Footsteps of Truth," the textbook shows that the translation of the mortal takes place in consciousness. Here it is seen that an unscientific mortal consciousness must be translated into a scientific divine consciousness. God—our true Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle,

Life, Truth, and Love—is translated to the point of divine consciousness. This equips thought to perceive a new universe, a spiritual universe, the true creation—the realm of ideas, the realm of metaphysics. *This is Christ reflecting Science.*

## Christianity

The next four chapters, the Christianity chapters, deal with ideas. They deal with the demonstration of Christianity. Here the universe of ideas is viewed in its Christ office as the dynamics of ideas. This section shows that an idea has the power to dispel *invisible* error as well as visible error through the establishment of the realm of spiritual ideas.

Chapter, IX, “Creation,” gives a statement of what constitutes creation, or the true universe. It shows creation to be of the nature of ideas; and tells us we need to drop our mental swaddling clothes. *This chapter is Christianity reflecting the Word.*

Chapter X, “Science of Being” views the universe of ideas in its Christ office, as the dynamics of ideas. It shows that an idea has the power to dispel invisible ideas as well as visible ideas and that it operates as a divine infinite calculus. *This chapter is Christianity reflecting the Christ.*

In Chapter XI, In “Some Objections Answered,” we take a further step and see that this universe of ideas consists of an infinite relationships of ideas that form a divine coherent whole. This Chapter XI is *Christianity reflecting Christianity.*

Chapter XII, "Christian Science Practice," deals with the application of this realm of divine ideas. It explains how a knowledge of the nature of ideas, and the coherency of ideas can be scientifically used to solve everyday problems. The textbook tells us to be a law to ourselves, not merely to use laws, but far more, to *be* law, law-abiding, law-obedient, law-disciplined; to be the idea of Science, expressing Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love,—to be "the kingdom of God within you." This is Science, so *this chapter is Christianity reflecting Science.*

### Science

The next four chapters speak from the standpoint of Science.

Chapter XIII, "Teaching Christian Science," teaches us how to become a Christian Scientist. It shows us how to be one with Principle. *This chapter is Science reflecting the Word.*

Chapter XIV, "Recapitulation," starts with the definition of God. It shows that Principle cannot be understood as a whole (anymore than math can be understood as a whole). Principle can be understood through its idea. This chapter is *Science reflecting the Christ.*

In Chapter XV, "Genesis," Principle's expression is placed within the infinite divine Principle. Principle is shown as including within itself, within its infinite embrace, the forever genesis of ideas—including within itself its infinite idea. This chapter is *Science reflecting Christianity.*

In Chapter XVI, "The Apocalypse," the textbook tells us that Principle is forever active as its idea. It is active on every level of thought—on the material, human, and divine levels. It is active as understanding and demonstration; it is active objectively and subjectively. The idea of Principle is omni-active. *This chapter, "The Apocalypse," is Science reflecting Science*, giving us the purest sense of what Science means.

This chapter ends with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, and leads us to the point where divine Love comes right down to the seeking thought; and meets the human need. Then thought turns back to the first chapter, "Prayer," but now with a deeper insight, and from a higher standpoint. The idea of Life drives us back to the first chapter. And then we start again, but with a more inspired, exalted attitude.