

Chapter 4 ~ Christian Science Versus Spiritualism

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Fallacious Hypotheses

9 A scientific mental method is more sanitary than the
use of drugs, and such a mental method produces perma-
nent health. Science must go over the whole
ground, and dig up every seed of error's sow-
ing. Spiritualism relies upon human beliefs and hy-
2 pottheses. Christian Science removes these beliefs and
hypotheses through the higher understanding of God, for
Christian Science, resting on divine Principle, not on ma-
15 terial personalities, in its revelation of immortality, intro-
duces the harmony of being.
Jesus cast out evil spirits, or false beliefs. The Apostle
18 Paul bade men have the Mind that was in the Christ.
Jesus did his own work by the one Spirit. He said: "My
Father worketh hitherto, and I work." He never de-
21 scribed disease, so far as can be learned from the Gospels,
but he healed disease.

Mistaken Methods

24 The unscientific practitioner says: "You are ill. Your
brain is overtaxed, and you must rest. Your body is
weak, and it must be strengthened. You have
nervous prostration, and must be treated for it."
27 Science objects to all this, contending for the rights of in-
telligence and asserting that Mind controls body and brain.

Divine Strength

30 Mind-science teaches that mortals need "not be weary
in well doing." It dissipates fatigue in doing
good. Giving does not impoverish us in the
service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us.
1 We have strength in proportion to our apprehension of
the truth, and our strength is not lessened by giving
3 utterance to truth. A cup of coffee or tea is not the equal
of truth, whether for the inspiration of a sermon or for

the support of bodily endurance.

A Denial of Immortality

- 6 A communication purporting to come from the late
Theodore Parker reads as follows: "There never was,
and there never will be, an immortal spirit."
9 Yet the very periodical containing this sen-
tence repeats weekly the assertion that spirit-communica-
tions are our only proofs of immortality.

Mysticism Unscientific

- 12 I entertain no doubt of the humanity and philanthropy
of many Spiritualists, but I cannot coincide with their
views. It is mysticism which gives spiritual-
15 ism its force. Science dispels mystery and
explains extraordinary phenomena; but Science never
removes phenomena from the domain of reason into the
18 realm of mysticism.