## CHAPTER IX TRUTH

## An Invincible Standard Affirming the Facts of Being

Truth adds another aspect to our understanding of being. It says, "What you have been seeing up to now, through the first five synonymous terms, are the *facts* of being. These facts are true; nothing else is true."

In Truth we come face to face with the *actuality* of the first five synonymous terms. Remember we said facts are stubborn things that never become irrelevant. That *isness* which we saw in Life cannot be gainsaid, cannot be disproved; it is what it is; it is the actual; and this we call Truth.

This actuality of Truth has an inward nature which is always claiming itself as Truth. It claims itself as Truth against all resistance, against all contrary propositions and opinions. *Truth cannot be destroyed or wiped away*, because it has within itself the affirmative nature of Life.

When we see the first five synonymous terms in their affirmative nature, affirming themselves as what they are; and we see they constantly remain what they are—nothing can disprove them—then we see that which is *factual* in being. This factuality is Truth, and remains Truth in spite of misrepresentation. It can't be changed.

Truth testifies for itself, affirms itself, claims itself, and this perpetual affirming, claiming, and testifying for itself destroys error. This is not the same as ignoring error. We are not talking about the strategy of the extremely nervous student who was taking a driving lesson and panicked whenever another car approached on a two lane road. One day, however, they got to the same stretch of road, and the student remained completely calm. "This time you're doing fine!" exclaimed the instructor. "Yes," the novice driver agreed. "Now when I see another car coming, I shut my eyes."

How true this is of the mortal. He shuts his eyes when he sees the Truth coming.

Truth is an invincible, unchangeable standard or measurement that can't be changed. Truth is the ideal, the maximum of excellency. Through "learning" and keeping our eyes *wide open*, we shut out error.

### Watch For Direct References to Truth

The following examples from the textbook show what Truth is and what Truth does. We should watch for these direct references to Truth as we study the synonym, Truth, remembering Truth's inner consistency. Truth is the effect of what was cause in Mind. Truth is Truth's own consciousness of itself.

### What Truth Is

21:1 Truth is overcoming error

117:27 Truth is revelation

118:10	Truth is the leaven ever at work
120:22	Truth is the basis of health
120.22	Truth is ever truthful and can tolerate no error
142:32	Truth is God's remedy for error of every kind
144:20	Truth is the power which says to disease,
	"Peace, be still"
174:20	Truth is revealed
191:31	Truth is able to cast out ills
282:32	Truth is the light which dispels error
316:9	Truth is made manifest by its effects
371:30	Truth is an alterative in the entire system
380:4	Truth is the victor
380:5	Truth is the rock of ages
410:12	Truth is the actual life of man
418:20	Truth is affirmative
535:17	Truth is "the way"
538:4	Truth is a two-edged sword
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### What Truth Does

72:12	Truth destroys mortality, brings to light im-
	mortality
143:1	Truth destroys only what is untrue
176:31	Truth handles contagion with perfect
	assurance
191:29	Truth never mingles with error
201:7	Truth makes a new creature
224:28	Truth brings the elements of liberty
225:3	Truth makes man free
282:1	Truth casts out evils and heals the sick
339:2	Truth destroys error

495:2	Truth casts out error
456:22	Truth does the work
542:7	Truth unveils error
542:8	Truth causes sin to betray itself
542:8	Truth sets upon error the mark of the beast

## Words Mrs. Eddy Uses to Describe Truth

abide	dominion	Messiah	whole
affirmation	example	Mission	way
appears	Exemplar	morning	work
awakens	expression	potent	
bread	follow	reaches	Opposites
brotherhood	followers	reflection	adversary
calculus	form	remedy	betrays
casts out	garment	resists	chemicalization
Christian	gospel	revelation	claim
Science	grace	rock	counterfeit
Christ	health	seed	darkness
claims	heals	son	disease
complete	honesty	star	dishonesty
conquers	ideal	sword	electricity
consciousness	judgment	theology	error
cross	justice	treasures	false
cup	key	triumph	false
cure	leads	true	theology
dawn	leaven	trust	lie
deliverer	light	uncovers	persecution
demands	makes	virtue	resistance
demonstration	man	voice	sickness
destroys	manifestation	on	

### Life — Truth

In making an in-depth study of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, and Life, we have arrived at the isness of God; and that which *is*, is Truth. Only that which can be described as true from the divine standpoint can have any claim to truthfulness.

The inner meaning of Truth is simple. Referring again to Mrs. Eddy's statement concerning gratitude for Life, Truth, and Love, it could mean, here, that Truth has a nature that can be relied upon, and this we should be grateful for. How would the universe be if there were no Truth? If there were no Truth we would never know what *is*; we wouldn't know what is a fact and what is not a fact. There would be nothing on which to build, nothing we could count on, or trust.

Truth is unalterable; it remains forever intact; it cannot appear and disappear. This is a sense of Truth and of Soul (for Soul never changes). That which is true and whole can never lose its wholeness, can never be gainsaid, and will always win the victory.

### What Truth Contends

Truth contends that Life, being, is, and that isness is factual. That isness cannot be overthrown or kept forever hidden. Mrs. Eddy shows the bridge from Life to Truth when she states, "the vesture of Life is Truth." In biblical times "vesture" denoted the office of a person. A priest had a different vesture from that of the high Priest. The Levites and the scribes each had a different vesture.

Vesture was the symbol for the "form" of a man—the form of his office, his job, his duties. Translating that into being, we can see that as Life is isness, the vesture of Life is Truth, the form of Truth. The form of Truth is that which gives to Life its true nature or office. It says to Life, to isness, "You are the only facts that are. These facts are indestructible, and cannot be suppressed."

The facts we have established in consciousness, through the synonyms up to the point of Life, live in the realm of being, and we experience these facts as a divine state of consciousness. We are constantly conscious, at this point, of divine ideas—the ideas of Mind that have been unfolded in Spirit, made definite in Soul, made one Principle in Principle, shown as isness in Life, and realized as scientific divine consciousness in Truth. The ideas we have established in the foregoing synonyms are facts, they have the form (Truth) of being factual; this is the vesture of Truth. We can also say the vesture of Mind is Truth; the vesture of Spirit is Truth; the vesture of Soul is Truth, and so on for all seven synonyms because the form, which the ideas of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love have, is always Truth and brings freedom. If we build up a consciousness of Mind, Spirit, Soul, we are actually building up a Truthconsciousness, a consciousness of Truth.

## Truth Must Be Sought

Truth must be sought. While Truth is the "rock" and the standard, and that which is true gives freedom, and can be relied upon, still it must be sought. My friend's great-grandfather came to the United States seeking freedom. "But it didn't work," he told my friend, "because your great-grandmother came over on the next boat."

Seeking Truth does work. It lands us on the firm soil of a new world and sets us free. Through seeking Truth we come to such qualities as righteousness, freedom, sincerity, true motives. These are all attitudes that have to do with the human approach. They are necessary qualities in the human in order to touch Truth.

Why isn't sincerity, for instance, a quality listed under Mind? Dictionary definitions of sincerity are: "not feigned or affected; true; presenting no false appearance; not hypocritical; honest; clean; pure; genuine; unmixed; real; not artificial; open; frank; candid; straightforward; wholehearted; guileless; truthful; upright; direct; plain; veracity; earnestness; being in reality what it appears to be; devotion to true values." Mind has right motives, but Truth is that sincerity, that righteousness, that is always what it appears to be.

In Truth we don't scatter our fire; everything is directed to that which is of value.

## Truth the Key to Harmony

Why is key an idea symbolizing Truth? What does "key" mean? A key is something that can unlock, that can open up what is actually there, so we can see the facts that are, that may have been hidden by ignorance. The key to a code opens up what otherwise would be unintelligible. With the key to a code everything makes sense, like the Key to the Scriptures. The periodic table was the key to understanding chemistry; it unlocked the myster-

ies of chemistry. Religions thought that doctrines would be a key; or perhaps ceremonies, rituals, certain prayers, pilgrimages, rosaries, etc. Religions have all sorts of keys to open up the door to heaven. In Christian Science we see that *Truth is the key*.

### Claim Truth

Because there is Truth in being, things remain facts that never change. This is because Truth claims itself. It is the nature of Truth to claim itself. It says, "That which is, is what I claim to be. I don't lose that claim." Truth says to Life, "Life, you are, and I, Truth, claim what you are. I claim it constantly, and therefore it remains factual." This explains why Mrs. Eddy uses the wording: "the claims of Truth."

In the human sense we use "claiming" the Truth, meaning we claim it. This is the claim of Truth translated to the human as a human motion towards Truth; and so we claim Truth—claim that I am "incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love."

The human motion toward Truth was the first motion Mrs. Eddy saw in teaching Christian Science. She had seen the whole influx of Truth, the whole effulgence of Truth. Then she asked, "How am I going to teach that? How can I convey this wonderful revelation to the students who have not experienced this tremendous influx of Truth?" She finally decided it could be done if she watered it down to the form of arguments. Of course this watering down to arguments was not her discovery. It was the translated

form of her discovery, which she used as a bridge to higher and higher understanding. As a bridge she taught students that they must claim Truth, and the students began "claiming" the Truth. Unfortunately, all too often they stopped there. This wasn't Science; it was metaphysics, where we have affirmation and denial.

But Truth has the ability to testify for itself, to claim itself, to affirm itself, and this is what makes Truth, Truth.

### **Trust Truth**

Why should we trust Truth? Why isn't trust used with Mind, Spirit, or Soul? What is the meaning of the term *trust*? Trust, the dictionary says, means confidence, reliance, faith, firm reliance, to rely on; assured reliance on another's integrity, veracity, justice; trustworthiness; the person or thing trusted. Trust is an absolute and unquestioning resting on that which is its object, and is often more instinctive than "having confidence" which is apt to suggest definite grounds of assurance. To trust, or trust in, implies assurance based on faith that another will not fail one.

We trust Truth because it is built on the five synonyms that went before, and Truth can never change. The "rock of Truth" symbolizes a trustworthy foundation on which to build.

### Standard of Truth

Mrs. Eddy speaks of the *standard* of Truth and the *stature* of Truth. Why should standard be an idea of Truth? What is a standard? Webster's Dictionary tells us "stan-

dard" is a model, criterion, an exact measurement. Standard applies to an authoritative rule, principle, or measure by which the qualities, worth, or nature of something can be measured. A related idea is "touchstone," which, according to Webster, also stands for a means of determining what a thing should be. Touchstone implies something (as a superior exemplar) by which the authenticity or value of an intangible can be tested. For example, consistency is a touchstone by which the basic doctrine can often be distinguished from the propaganda line. Criterion, another related idea, denotes the thing—whether formulated into rule or principle or not—by appeal to which one reaches a decision or judgment. (Webster).

Truth is the most reliable measurement. We can measure everything according to Truth. We can measure everything according to the ideas of Mind, the ideas of Spirit, the ideas of Soul, the ideas of Principle, of Life, of Truth, and of Love. If something conforms to that measurement it is true, it has the form of Truth, it has the standard of Truth.

# Does It Conform to the Ideas of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, and Love?

When we look for a solution to a problem we begin to measure up the situation according to the standard of Truth. Does it conform to the ideas of Mind? Does it conform to the ideas of Soul? of Principle? Does it conform to the ideas of Life? If it does, then in the sixth stage it has met the standard of Truth; it is true. We use this standard in consciousness to measure

any situation confronting us to see if it measures up to the ideas of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love. If we want to measure it in a scientific way we have to take the measurement of Science, of Truth, and ask, "Does it conform to Mind? to Spirit?" etc. If it does, then in the sixth synonymous term it has the form of Truth, the standard of Truth, the stature or the true idea of "man," God's manifestation.

Here we must take into consideration that there are many dimensions, many levels, and that we are not concerned with only one level.

### Ideal

Having seen that Truth is the standard, we can also see that Truth is the ideal. Ideal, model, example, pattern, all mean something set or held before one for guidance or imitation. "Ideal" implies the best possible exemplification either in reality or in conception. Mrs. Eddy says, "The absolute ideal, man, is no more seen nor comprehended by mortals, than is his infinite Principle, Love." Again, she says, "...immortal manhood, the Christ ideal, will appear," and, "The Revelator saw also the spiritual ideal as a woman, clothed in light."

How is ideal different from idea? Ideal falls into a different category from that into which idea falls. We saw that ideal means model of perfection, a standard of absolute perfection, excellence, or beauty; an honorable or worthy principle existing only in the mind, existing as a perfect exemplar, a perfect pattern, the excellence of which cannot be surpassed. *Is an idea ideal? Yes*, an

idea is the ultimate excellence when applied to the right situation. Idea just means that being is constituted of ideas; being is constituted of ideas and not of matter, not of illusions, or hypnotic suggestions. Are these ideas ideal? Are they of an excellence that can't be surpassed? Yes, they are ideal ideas. They have the highest form of perfection and excellence. In a right situation an idea is always the ideal idea.

So every idea, whether it be health, government, business, mutation, intelligence, etc., if it is an idea, it is always the ideal form. It means this idea that is coming to us carries within itself everything that is necessary in order to have the maximum of good in itself. It is ideal because it has the standard of Truth. Every idea has an ideal form.

### Son

Mrs. Eddy often uses "Christ, Truth," indicating that Truth is the whole Christ; Truth has it all, not just a portion of it. Son is a biblical term for this, and arises from the custom of the first-born son being the heir. Even if there were several sons, the first-born inherited everything. Since *each one* is the Son of God, the first-born Son, each one inherits all that God has. And since each one inherits every quality and attribute of God, then each one has the whole stature, the whole standard. "Heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ, we are partakers of an inheritance where there is no division of estate," says Mrs. Eddy in the first edition of Science and Health.

Each is the whole reflection of God. God is always

saying, "Son (heir) thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine, for 'the kingdom of God is within you." As the Son of God, I am the full measure. I have the consciousness of the fullness of God. If I claim and affirm for myself the whole of God, infinite good, then I am at the point of Truth. In Spirit we give *birth* to an idea, whereas in Truth we are the *heir* to all ideas. The Son takes the Father's place, and that is why you have the fullness, the claiming of all ideas, because you are, in reality, Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love and so "the kingdom of God is within you"—Jesus.

### **Consciousness**

We already considered Christ as the ideal Truth, meaning that we can claim everything. Christ symbolizes the agreement between God and man. We therefore agree we have everything God has, and therefore we are the consciousness of Truth. We are what Mind is, what Spirit is, what Soul is. These three, taken as one, is our governing Principle, which expresses itself as that which is, and that which is, is Truth. The ideas of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, and Life, reaching a pyramid in Truth, analyze, uncover, and *annihilate all that is contrary to Truth*, all the counterfeits of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love.

That Truth is *consciousness* is one of the main ideas of Truth. Why should it be? We said Truth is factual. If being was just Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, and not Truth, what kind of a universe would we have? We would have a completely unreliable universe, where there would

be no factuality. Thus we see the need for Truth.

But what about consciousness? What has consciousness to do with Truth? Awareness is another term for consciousness. To be aware suggests vigilance in observing and alertness in interpreting what is observed. To be conscious of something may imply a calling into the forefront of awareness of something already perceptible to the mind or senses. What is consciousness doing? What would we have without consciousness? Without consciousness we wouldn't be aware of anything. We wouldn't be able to claim or affirm Truth. We wouldn't have a factual sense of it. Take away Truth, and take away consciousness, and we have nothing. Therefore if Truth alone is my consciousness, then I have only a consciousness of the facts, of the factuality of being. I have no other consciousness.

### What Does Consciousness Do?

What does consciousness do? Consciousness is actually that which affirms, makes me *aware* of what is; consciousness is making me aware of Life. The isness of Life can exist without awareness. There are many things of which we are not aware, but they exist even though we are not aware of them. The moment we see that there is also consciousness—the consciousness of Truth—then everything that exists, is aware, and this builds up a whole universe, a whole consciousness. It makes us realize that everything that is, is also affirming itself, making itself aware, making itself conscious, because Truth is consciousness itself. The nature of Truth is consciousness itself, because without consciousness itself, nothing would be af-

firmed, and therefore we would have no consciousness of it. In practice and treatment we have to see that consciousness (what we are as Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love—"the kingdom of God within [us]") is really establishing the facts, the truth, the health.

### **Consciousness Establishes Facts**

How does consciousness establish the facts? On the ground of what quality in being, is it possible that the true facts of being are established? Only because Truth is conscious of all the facts of being can the true facts be established. John Doorly immediately associated Truth with consciousness. Consciousness is that which makes us aware of that which is always there. Life said, "I am isness." Things are; divine things are. They have the nature of being; but they would be of no value if there was no awareness of them. Truth says, "I am aware of it; I am constantly, continually aware of it. I claim that awareness constantly. Because I am of the nature of Life I am perpetually aware of all the facts that are. These facts are in their most excellent, most ideal form. I, Truth, am aware of every fact in being." This is Truth-consciousness, divine, scientific, spiritual consciousness. This is our consciousness, in reality.

### Our True and Real Consciousness is Divine

We must not confuse mortal consciousness or human consciousness with divine Truth-consciousness. Mortal consciousness is the counterfeit of our divine consciousness. Mortal consciousness is conscious of illusions, hypnotic suggestions. If we are conscious of the opposite of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, we have a mortal consciousness, an erring consciousness, what Mrs. Eddy called "animal magnetism."

"Human" describes a consciousness that is working out of the mortal but has not yet reached the divine. When our consciousness is partly conscious of ideas and partly conscious of illusions, when it is in a transitional stage, we call it the human consciousness. Only Truth's own consciousness of itself is called the divine consciousness but that is our true and real consciousness.

### **How Does Truth Heal?**

Being is of the nature of Truth. What does this mean? It means that it is Being's nature to be conscious of itself in its highest excellency. It is because of this fact that we can heal with Truth. Without this fact we could never really demonstrate anything, because if there weren't facts, and if we couldn't be conscious of facts we couldn't demonstrate facts.

An idea is not an isolated idea, or a solitary idea. An idea is always blending with all other ideas. Every idea of Truth blends with all the ideas that have already been studied in Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life. Every idea of Truth will blend with Truth and Love. Every idea reflects every other idea. But at the point of Truth, that idea, being aware of all the other ideas, is conscious of itself. It is conscious that it is a consciousness. Here the infinite reflection of idea becomes consciousness.

You might have asked yourself, "What is the difference between idea and consciousness?" Ideas are ideas that are created by Mind; Mind is the power that forms an image. Consciousness means that every idea knows every other idea. Each idea is aware of every other idea and therefore has a whole consciousness.

### What is True?

Truth asks, "What is true?" and answers, "All that we have seen as ideas of Mind, as ideas of Spirit, Soul, Principle, and Life, are true, and they are gathered into one consistent whole." How are they consistent? They are all interrelated and inter-reflected through the awareness of the whole. In this way they build up a web of consistency that is error-excluding. This divine scientific consciousness is not only conscious of its own nature, of what is true, but it is, at the same time, the self-exclusion of error. This is why we learn in Truth that Truth will deal with error of every kind. It doesn't deal with error because it is Truth, but rather does it deal with error because it is self-conscious of everything that is consistent with being. Everything that is consistent with being is naturally saying, "Everything that is not of the nature of being is excluded." Thus error is excluded. Error isn't something per se. Error is just not seeing the consistency of Truth. Error is imagining a "seam or rent" in the garment of Truth. Not having the consistency of Truth, is error. Nothing that really happens is erroneous; error per se doesn't exist. When something looks like error it means we are not aware of the consistency of Truth—not aware

of the consciousness of the facts that are—we are not seeing them all interrelated in one whole.

Error, therefore, can be defined as inconsistency, as a belief in inconsistency. Even physical scientists are beginning to see that chaos does not exist, that chaos is simply a situation in which we do not see the order. If not seeing the higher order, the more complex order, is chaos, then it is the same thing as Truth's saying, "There is no error." When we don't see the consistency of Truth, it looks to us like error; but seeing the consistency of Truth excludes error. We must see error as nothing, make it nothing, and keep it nothing.

## What is Man? Truth Being Conscious of Itself

Truth, the sixth synonym in the Word order definition of God, represents the sixth day in the "days of creation." Man was created on the sixth day, and thus we have "man" as an idea characterizing Truth.

Because consciousness is Truth—the Truth that we are—we can see why "man" is associated with Truth. In Christian Science we learn that Truth is conscious of itself, that is, Truth created man in its image and likeness. What is an image and likeness? It is something reflecting back on itself, and in the realm of idea that means thinking of itself; it is Truth being conscious of itself. Truth—the Truth that I am—conscious of itself, is man. That happens in the sixth stage.

In the sixth day (or stage) we begin to see that everything that happened in the first five stages, in Mind, Spirit,

Soul, Principle, Life, is now brought together in a *compound* idea, into the consistency of consciousness where, from the point of view of these synonymous terms, we consider the consistency of all these ideas, taken together into one structure. *The terms "God" and "man" and "image and likeness" are mystical terms; we should drop them.* What actually happens in Truth is that Truth is conscious of itself; and the only thing that is going on is Truth's own consciousness of itself. If religionists want to call that "man" or any other name, they can, but it tends to hide the truth from them when they do. *We have been building up a divine consciousness*, and we see the only thing needed is true consciousness—Truth's own consciousness of itself. That's the sixth stage in the development of the idea.

## Words We Value Most Do Not Appear In the Bible

What we have been building up in this work is *divine scientific spiritual consciousness*, which the Bible calls "man." Can you imagine Truth having a "man" or that Truth creates a "man"? That there is a "man" involved is a mystical concept. Mystical concepts were all right for a certain age; for instance, in the age of the Prophets, before most people knew anything about abstract ideas. The word *consciousness* does not appear in the Bible. The terms we value most in the textbook do not appear in the Bible, words such as *consciousness*, *idea*, *ideal*, *order*, *rule*, *system*, *structure*, *method*, *plan*, *or calculus*. The word "Science" is used only once. The Bible speaks in parables, in illustrations, in symbols. It doesn't have an exact lan-

guage such as we have in the textbook. The people of Biblical times could only use symbols for ideas. *Mrs. Eddy lifted thought out of that symbolism*, and gave us an abstract metaphysical language.

### Health

One of the less abstract ideas characterizing Truth is *health*.

Health is a general term not limited to bodily health. We can have a healthy business, a healthy family life, a healthy relationship, etc. But what is health and how does it relate to Truth?

What does health mean? Health is wholeness, an ideal condition. Health means nothing is missing; no error is involved. Truth expresses itself in health, because Truth says, "I have all ideas. I am consistent within myself." To be inconsistent within oneself is to be in an unhealthy condition. In psychosomatic medicine they define sickness as falling out of order, out of divine order. We, in Christian Science, could say sickness is falling out of the inner consistency of Truth. The moment we are inconsistent in any way, an error is involved, and health is lacking; we no longer have a whole mentality. Health, then, can be equated with inner consistency. The man who has inner consistency is usually a very healthy man. People who are always torn to and fro are subject to much friction which affects the organs. Truth is health, wholeness. Wholeness is built on the ideas of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle and Life. It is built on making them our isness.

## Form — The Difference Between System and Structure

Doorly equated Mind with law; Spirit with order; Soul with rule; Principle with system; Life with method; Truth with form; and Love with plan or design. Form in connection with Truth doesn't mean a limited outline; "form" means that something has everything necessary to be what it is, at the right time and in the right place.

What is the difference between *system* and *structure*? The key element is form.

A principle in order to be a principle must be able to explain and interpret itself. To evidence a system our Principle must show forth categories. Our Principle must show what the categories are, and how these categories are interrelated. *That's system*. When we have categories and the interrelationship of categories we get system.

In Christian Science we have the system of Christian Science. We have our three great categories: the seven synonyms and the four-fold calculus of Word, Christ, Christianity and Science, and the four levels of Science: Science itself, divine Science, absolute Christian Science and Christian Science. But we don't just leave these categories next to each other. We show how they interlock, how the seven, the four, and the four interlock to give us Christian Science. *That's system in Christian Science*.

### Structure

Structure is something else. Structure is the form the system takes in any given instance. Structure is infinite because there are infinite ways in which the form of a structure can restructure itself. How does a structure restructure itself? Every time we change the elements we have another kind of interrelationship of the categories of the system. In other words, system is fundamental; structure is the way we use the system. Structure is the way the system is constantly re-systematized, restructured. We therefore have one system but infinite structures. This means every idea has its own structure, but all are based on the same system—on the one system. We don't have many systems of Principle. We have one system, but structure means the way the system operates, the way the system shows how and in which new ways the categories can be interlocked.

The new ways of interlocking the categories give us structures. With each new interlocking of categories we get a new form, but we always have the same system. Each time the operation of Principle puts these categories of the system into a different relationship we have a new form, a new structure, and the whole of the structure is called the form. That is why we have infinite forms—everything appears in a different form, a different structure. Truth always appears in a different form. Fundamentally, Truth is form because Truth says, "I give form."

### **How Does Truth Give Form?**

Truth gives form because of Truth's inner consistency. Truth says, "I can gather all ideas together into a compound ideal, into a compound idea, that has all the ideas necessary for that idea to be an idea. For example, even though both "government" and "health" are ideas of God, the idea "government" needs different qualities to make it complete, than the idea "health" needs to make it complete. If this were not so we could not distinguish between government and health.

The idea, government, is a compound idea constituted of various ideas that are qualitatively so arranged that they form government. This arrangement is very different from the qualitative arrangement constituting the idea health. In government, the ideas are compounded in such a way as to bring forth the idea government, while in health, the ideas are compounded in a way to bring forth the idea health.

# Difference Between A Compound Idea and *The* Compound Idea

We need to be careful here.

Mrs. Eddy makes a distinction between *the* compound idea and *a* compound idea. Government is a compound idea. It is not *the* compound idea. That distinction falls to man alone, as the *full* reflection of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love. To take another example, Earth is a fact in being, an expression in being; earth is a compound idea, but again, it is not *the* compound idea.

In fact, everything we demonstrate is a compound idea. It is always compound, never isolated, and according to how we structure that, we have another form, therefore another demonstration. What we demonstrate is always something else. Each demonstration is different.

What is it that makes it something different in each case, if every idea is a compound idea? It is the structuring of it. Here we must interject a note of caution; here perils lay in wait; we can't combine things that can't be combined. We can't try to make things fit. This trying to make everything "fit" almost killed the Doorly teaching. Individuality doesn't mean everything has to arbitrarily fit with everything else. Spirit diversifies; it doesn't make everything fit. Spirit classifies, it doesn't make everything fit. It individualizes, makes every expression new, so it doesn't have to fit with something else. The only fitting there is, is in the inner structure which holds things together.

## System Structures Itself Infinitely

We need to see that every expression is different from every other expression even though everything comes from one root, one system. It all comes from one system, but that system structures itself infinitely.

Truth is inner consistency. This is why it is the form of Truth, the garment of Truth, the vesture of Truth. Each one of us has a vesture, each has a *different* vesture. According to the combination of this vesture we see who is who. Each one has an ideal combination. Each part of the whole combination is there to express the whole. Everything in us expresses the whole.

We have come as far as to see Truth is Truth's own consciousness of itself. This means Truth is conscious of every idea—of all the ideas of Mind, of Spirit, of Soul, of Principle, and of Life; and *all that together is the compound* idea of what Truth knows; and therefore it always gives the whole garment, the whole form. In Truth we always have the effect of what was cause in Mind. Mind is cause, but Truth is always the effect. We will see that better when we come to combinations, and see how Mrs. Eddy combines the synonymous terms Mind and Truth. We will see that it is always Truth giving the effects, the health, the forms of everything through the medium of Mind.

### The Voice of Truth

The voice of Truth runs the gamut from "the infantile lispings of Truth" to the "trumpet-word of Truth." Could "the voice of Truth" mean the promptings, the urgings, of Truth? Perhaps we can see the meaning of "the voice of Truth" better when we consider the idea, "Truth is revelation" as another idea characterizing Truth.

### Revelation

**Revelation** is the message that comes. The voice of Truth is a message that comes. It takes spiritual sense, Soul sense, to hear it. The voice is the presentation of all that answers. It is stating something that needs to be stated, as adapted to the situation, as specific to a situation. The truth about a situation is voiced.

Revelation is an idea of Truth because revelation reveals that which is true. Revelation *unveils that which is true*. In revelation that which was hidden is coming to the surface. Truth has the ability to make itself known. *The voice of Truth* is Truth saying: "I have within myself the ability to state what I am, to declare what I am, to reveal what I am. I have the inner ability to bring out the Truth about everything. The Truth can't be hidden away. I am conscious of myself and I will establish what I am. I will see to it that the facts of being are shown."

Truth breaks through. It says, "I am only Truth when I affirm myself, claim myself, as what I am."

Truth awakens us, knocks at the door, and continues to knock. It doesn't say, "Oh, the door is closed, I'll go back." It is not the nature of Truth to ever sound retreat.

Truth has the key, Truth is the key, to revelation. Truth pierces through.

## The Light of Truth

The light of Truth pierces every darkness.

How is this light of Truth different from the light of Mind?

Mind says, "Let there be light." Truth is the form of that light, the radiance of that light. Mind comes to the darkness and says, "Let there be light." The light of Truth lights up every corner showing the true facts of being everywhere. The light of Truth penetrates the darkness. Mind says, "Let there be," but Truth brooks no interference; it penetrates in spite of resistance. Mrs. Eddy speaks of "the blaze of Truth," the sunlight of Truth. These words give us

the full sense of light. Mind just states that there is light; Truth is the full impact of that light. It is the irradiance, meaning the light from within, and *this light of Truth unveils error*, *uncovers error*. It causes error to betray itself. Truth opens the seven seals of error, it sweeps down the centuries gathering together everything that is true.

Truth is irresistible. In Truth we have a different power sense than we had in Mind. Mind says, "I am power. The power is invested in Mind." Truth says, "I am that power that can overcome every obstacle."

### The Utilization of Truth

The utilization of Truth neutralizes error. What is it in Truth that is able to neutralize error? It is the self-consistency of Truth; it is the wholeness of that consciousness of Truth that says there is no seam or rent in the whole. This means that when we weave all the ideas together through reflection, our consciousness becomes a web of consistency. When our consciousness is this web of consistency we see that each idea is reflecting every other idea, and in this way we get the calculus of ideas in Truth. This calculus of ideas is in itself so consistent that it allows no error. This is why Truth destroys error.

### The Seed of Truth

Many of the ideas listed under Truth have been biblical symbols, like seed. Why do we have seed as a symbol for Truth? *A seed has all the necessary constituents within itself*. A seed is a compound idea. It has every state and

stage already programmed into it. Every idea, like a seed, is a compound idea. As we saw when we discussed the synonymy principle, every idea in one way or another blends with all other ideas, and that is what makes it a compound idea. Man, alone, is THE compound idea because "man" is the full reflection of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love.

The seed of Truth is a symbol standing for the fact that every idea has all that is necessary for its full fruition programmed into it, in order to make it be what it is—to make it complete within itself.

### The Leaven of Truth

When we studied Spirit we saw that Spirit was characterized by the leaven of Spirit. There it was contrasting the leaven of Spirit with material leaven, with the material calculus. But when Mrs. Eddy has to deal with the calculus of erroneous belief, she uses the leaven of Truth.

## The Sword of Truth

The "sword of Truth" is another biblical symbol. These biblical symbols will eventually be dropped. In our work we need scientifically exact symbols.

What is the sword of Truth compared with the sword of Spirit? The sword of Spirit is used as a combination to show that material weapons are not sufficient. "Mortals try in vain to slay Truth with the steel or the stake, [with material weapons] but error falls only before the sword of Spirit" (S&H 37:6).

You would expect "error falls only before the sword of Truth" wouldn't you? The second part of the sentence, if considered without the first part, would call for the sword of Truth. But the proposition here is: "How can mortals slay Truth? Can mortals slay Truth with material means?" The moment Mrs. Eddy talks about material weapons she has to show that error falls only before spiritual weapons, the sword of Spirit.

On page 458:17 she says "The two-edged sword of Truth must turn in every direction to guard 'the tree of life.'" Here we have a positive sense of the sword of Truth. It doesn't destroy anything. It guards. The sword of Spirit is a combination.

What are the two edges of the sword of Truth? The sword of Truth affirms Truth and destroys error. It guards Truth, establishes Truth, maintains Truth. The two edges are the affirmation and denial.

### Truth's Power to Prevail

Mind is divine power; from the standpoint of Spirit, power is strength. In Soul it is capacity. In Principle it is spiritual power. In Life it is the Life or sustaining power. From the standpoint of Truth the power of Mind manifests itself as divine energy, potency, or the power to prevail, before which error must yield. An idea of Truth enforces itself. It contains in itself the power before which error shrinks back. Truth is the power of Mind to destroy error and heal sickness. Truth is the healing power.

Mrs. Eddy shows Truth's power to prevail by such expressions as: Truth causes error to disappear; Truth dis-

pels error, deprives error, annihilates error, removes error, obliterates error, consumes, swallows up, overcomes error, conquers, vanquishes error, triumphs over error, wipes out error, quenches error, drives out, casts out error; error yields to Truth; error disappears before Truth, error goes out before Truth, and so on.

This gives the feeling that the main office of Truth is to destroy error, prevail over, triumph over error, and *as the two-edged sword, to claim Truth*. This goes through the whole tone. We get Truth as the victor; Truth is always triumphant; Truth is always the saving power, the potency of Mind. Truth is compelling, effectual; it is the healing efficacy. Truth is the energy that is compelling the true ideas.

There seems to be a great relationship between Mind and Truth; Mind and Truth seem to work together. Mind says, "I am power, I am the power," while Truth says, "I am the potency; I am the potency that never lets go until the power of Mind has fulfilled its job." This is typical for Truth and Mind. Truth is always showing that the cause of Mind has an effect. Mind says, "I am power;" but Truth says, "I use that power with all potency up to the point where there is no longer an opposing power. I utilize the power of Mind to the point where every error is destroyed." This is the difference.

## Truth is the Remedy

As we learned in Mind, Mrs. Eddy says Mind is the medicine. She never says Truth is the medicine; she says Truth is the remedy. Why? Because just any old medi-

cine might not be the remedy. A medicine is only a remedy when it is the right medicine. The wrong medicine might be bad for the patient. Mind is the medicine. We heal through Mind. As a medicine, as a means, we use Mind. We don't use matter or material methods such as hypnotism, electricity, manipulation, etc. We use Mind. But we have to use Mind as Truth or it doesn't heal. If it is not adapted to the situation it isn't a remedy. Mind alone doesn't heal; Truth alone doesn't heal; but Mind and Truth together do heal. For instance, Mrs. Eddy says, "I have demonstrated, through Mind, the effects of Truth on the health...of man" (S.& H. 126:24). This is typical: "I have demonstrated . . . " Through what? Through the medicine of Mind. What have I demonstrated? The effects of Truth on the health of man. So Truth, then, is actually the healing process; Mind heals, Mind is the healing medicine, but the actual healing taking place is in Truth. It must be the right idea, or it is not a remedy. We can't take just any old truth. It must be that truth that is adapted to the situation. Mrs. Eddy said that much of the healing was faith-healing. Yes, faith can turn trials into triumphs, and gloom into gladness, but Christian Science has a higher mission.

## Mind, Through Truth, Subdues

On Science and Health, page 145:11 Mrs. Eddy says, "Mind, through Truth, subdues human belief in disease." *Mind, through Truth, subdues*. Mind needs the truth about the belief, the specific truth that is behind the belief. Mrs. Eddy could say Mind subdues human belief in disease,

but then she wouldn't be explaining the process. Very often she doesn't explain the process, and just says, "Mind heals," and it is Mind-healing. But when she is interested in letting the reader know how that healing process goes on, then she shows it is not sufficient to just say, "Mind heals," but that it is necessary to know the specific truth in that case, the specific truth that applies to that case, not just any truth. A truth is only a scientific truth when it is seen in its context. If we have  $6 \times 6 = 36$  we have a truth, but it doesn't help if the calculation we need is  $5 \times 5 = 25$ . The balance of Mind and Truth must always be present. S&H 170:14 says, "The demands of Truth reach the body through Mind." How does Truth reach the body? Not through Truth, but through Mind. It reaches the body through Mind because Mind is the medicine. Ideas are Mind, and ideas resolve illusions. This is what has to happen; illusions must be resolved or there is no healing.

## Mortal Mind Must Be Set Right

Where does a disease come from? Mortal mind, Mrs. Eddy says, is the cause of every disease. Since mortal mind is the cause, mortal mind must be set right. How can we set mortal mind right? Only through the divine Mind. However, we also have to determine which belief in mortal mind was at work in order to bring about a certain disease or a certain inharmonious situation. So far we have only said mortal mind was the cause, but we haven't yet investigated which specific belief or error of mortal mind brought about this particular disease or inharmony. Just to say mortal mind is the cause isn't enough. In belief,

there is a reason for disease or inharmony, meaning that a specific error was entertained in mortal mind. Mortal mind is a combination of the counterfeit of Mind and the counterfeit of Truth. Therefore the healing must take both into consideration. The divine Mind must understand the right truth, and only then is Truth the remedy.

### The Forces of Mind

We will always heal through Mind, but each time the truth will be different.

"Mind manifests all that exists in the infinitude of Truth" (S&H 258:15). It is always Mind that manifests, but the forms of Truth are always different, so it manifests all that is in the infinitude of Truth.

Mrs. Eddy speaks of the forces of Mind whose potency is in Truth. This shows the difference between power and potency. *The power of Mind only becomes really potent when it is the Truth*—when the Truth-power is applied to the situation.

She speaks of "troublesome Truth." "I wound to heal." Truth says, "I want to save, to heal, to help you," but if we resist Truth, then it appears as "troublesome Truth," and we feel the wounds of Truth. Whether Truth saves or wounds, it is the same Truth; it is only seen on a different level. If it wounds it is seen on the level of mortal mind. If it heals it is seen on the level of Christian Science, but it is still the same Truth. We hear the dimensional sense—how the identity of Truth changes itself as phenomena according to the level on which it appears. We should live so that the preacher won't have to tell lies at our funeral.

## Thinking in Dimensions

In this work we haven't talked about levels but we have been touching on them. (For further study of the levels see Appendix for Max Kappeler's: The Four Levels of Spiritual Consciousness.) We can see how important it is that our consciousness becomes acquainted with thinking in dimensions. We must have that flexibility that can recognize when we are on the plane of mortal mind, or when we are on one of the four levels of spiritual consciousness. We should be able to go through every level and see what Truth is, on that level. The identity of Truth on the higher levels brings out all the wonderful infinitude of Truth, but the same Truth on a lower level begins to heal, and on a further lower level it is the "troublesome Truth" (when we don't understand it). We could call this Truth's version of April Fool's Day,—the day when we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred sixty-four days.

In one go we should hear all those possibilities of Truth, and not feel they are contradictory, but rather that they are complimentary. All those possibilities of Truth have the same identity, but since being is dimensional, the possibilities look different in accordance with the level on which they are seen.

In every science today a great point is the attention given to the dimensional sense vs. reductionalism. Reductionalism is what we have been doing mostly in Christian Science until the last few years, because we generally only saw one level, and therefore we measured ev-

erything according to the phenomena of that one level. That meant that an identity could only have one kind of phenomenon; whereas dimensionalism shows an identity can have many different phenonema and still remain that identity. Once we are aware of that, seeming contradictions in the textbook disappear.

Today it is no longer enough to say that Science has to do with laws embodied in a system. It no longer fits into our analysis of the textbook. We need a dimensional definition of Science, a definition that takes in the dimensional sense.

### **Dominion**

Truth itself doesn't know anything about dominion, in the sense of dominion over an opposite. Truth doesn't know any opposite so it doesn't need to have dominion. Yet, dominion is how Truth appears as the Christ, namely, that Truth has dominion over an opposite; dominion is how Truth appears as the Christ, because the Christ has dominion over.

There is another sense of dominion, the sense of mastery. Consider for instance, Mrs. Eddy's statement on page 90:24 of Science and Health, "The admission to one's self that man is God's own likeness sets man free to master the infinite idea." Here the word "master" does not mean dominion over, but to become proficient, in the sense that one can master a foreign language, a musical instrument, or that one becomes a master in the arts and sciences.

In the sixth day, when man was given dominion over all the earth, that earth was not an opposite since the first record of creation has no error in itself. The dominion given in the sixth day of creation is a different kind of dominion than the kind that has dominion over error. [As Truth] "Mind is the grand creator, and there can be no power except that which is derived from Mind. If Mind was first chronologically, is first potentially, and must be first eternally, then give to Mind [as Truth] the glory, honor, dominion, and power everlastingly due its holy name." (See S&H 520:3)

### **Counterfeits of Truth**

We come now to the negatives of Truth. "Because Truth is infinite, error should be known as nothing. Because Truth is omnipotent in goodness, error, Truth's opposite, has no might" (S&H 367:30). Truth demands conformity to its standard and therefore wipes out what is not in accordance with its ideal. Truth and error are irreconcilable opposites. Truth is real and error is unreal, illusion. Error, animal magnetism, is the name for all discord, for all that isn't in harmony with Truth, and Truth's standard.

Error is the noumenon counterfeit of Truth. Other counterfeits of Truth are, for example: contradiction of Truth, false claim, denial of Truth, false theology, lie, betrays, sickness, disease, darkness, Adam man, subjection, and adversary. Truth, of course, gives us dominion over all these counterfeits.

As we come to the end of this Truth section, let us "look away from the body into to Truth and Love, the Principle of all happiness, harmony and immortality. Hold

thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionately to their occupancy of your thought (S&H 261:2).

Dear Reader, please review the beginning of this chapter for what Truth is and what Truth does.

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