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INTRODUCTION

Today we meet anew in the joyous, profitable understanding of the one Mind, one Being. This Association of students has assembled here in demonstration of that one indivisible Being. This meeting, then, is no ordinary event. We may know and expect that the ideas which are here today revealed in individual consciousness, or the individual expression of Mind, will help change world beliefs in sin, disease, death, and war. This is our purpose. This is our reason for being.

You have not come merely to listen to someone read a paper. You are here to unfold the one infinitely good Mind, your Mind, which Christian Scientists understand as God.

The Lord's Prayer says, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Where is this heaven? It is the appearing of divine ideas in your divine consciousness.

In my paper today, I am presenting for your consideration and our unfoldment the following points:

1. **The handling of the belief of war from the standpoint of divine Being.**
2. **The importance of individual freedom and the divine basis of this idea.**
3. **The need to protect the *Constitution of the United States* because of its relationship to the Christian Science Movement.**
4. **The understanding of our individual divine consciousness as**
 - **the Kingdom of God within**
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 - **the demonstration of its complete fulfillment**
-- as universal Being or generic man.

BELIEF OF WAR

Inasmuch as we are all faced with a belief of war, it is important for us to discuss the beliefs concerning it from our understanding of the oneness of Being.

We know that the annihilation of warring beliefs lies only in the application of Christian Science. Because of the innumerable subtle suggestions which present themselves in our daily experience, we ask ourselves this question, "What is my duty and position today as a Christian Scientist and as a citizen?"

The first part of my address has been devoted to the answering of this question.

Opening Questions Is the divine idea of the unreality of war appearing in your consciousness? Are you seeing why God is not divided? Why He is not fighting Himself. Are you understanding that God consciousness, your consciousness, is looking out upon the universe and man and seeing His own ideas and blessing them? Are you doing this? If not, you are looking to something outside your oneness with God into the future, hoping and praying something will end the war. The Christ appeared as Jesus. Christian Science appeared as Mary Baker Eddy. Is the end of the war appearing as You?

**Heal
Hate** You cannot get rid of war somewhere else until you get rid of it *where you are thinking*. Anything you see as war, rivalry, or revenge, is an impersonal thing. If you were to heal one, two, or three persons manifesting hate, would you handle persons or hate? It is hate, impersonal evil made unreal at the door of your divine consciousness. If millions seem to be fighting, it is still hate which needs to be healed, not nations.

**Mental
Element
Important** Beginning with the last belief in war -- now called World War I, war has not been fought solely on a material basis. The importance of the mental element was recognized. It is not uncommon to hear commentators say something is enemy propaganda. The last war was one against autocracy; This one is against totalitarianism. Properly, it should be classified in common with all other materialistic and hypnotic efforts as *the flesh warreth against the Spirit* -- error claiming the power which alone is God.

**Christian
Science vs.
Hypnotism** The war in heaven is only the contest between Christian Science and hypnotism. Hypnotism claims to be power, but Christian Science is the presence and will of the divine Mind. Shall we wait for war to cease? Or shall we learn the unreality of it, even in the seeming midst of it? One may say, "How shall we learn it?" There is one way only. Learn the peace, presence, infinity, divinity of your very being. If you will magnify that fact and stand on it, the nations will stop warring. Something will happen because being conscious of what constitutes your being breaks the belief in hypnotism.

**Evil
Chemical-
ized by
Good** **Evil is a chemicalization produced by good.** That sounds paradoxical, does it not? Yet, unless we believe in two creations, that is what it must be. That good is the scientific understanding expressed as the consciousness of Christian Scientists in the realization of "**All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation.**"¹ Evidently, it is **very** good when we see what evil is claiming to do. The present state of chemicalization should be handled by Christian Scientists so clearly that they will not lose their peace, poise, and love, no matter how threatening things may appear to be from day to day.

Wherever actual Christian Scientists are, there is no war. In Europe, in Asia, in the islands of the Pacific, Christian Scientists, with others, go to war to defend the freedom of man, but right there the living God cannot be killed; and right there, our friends and allies are safe.

"Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God."²

Being is one and indivisible and is not at war with itself. Mind being all, there is nothing outside to strike at Mind. This indivisible Being, including noumenon and phenomena, is One.

¹ S&H 468:10

² Hosea 1:10

There is no need for men to die for their countries when Life is God, and this includes all countries. Rather, should he live *as* his country, thus bringing to pass the kingdom of heaven on earth through understanding the potentialities of his own consciousness of being.

When war is mentioned in Revelation, "**And there was war in heaven,**"³ it evidently is meant to indicate the conflict which appears to take place in the mental realm between good and evil. It would also seem to indicate the uncovering of the highest form of evil -- malpractice -- described as "deceiving and deceived." It is further illustrated by "**Michael and his angels fought and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.**" It is useless for us to put the blame for war on any one person or persons. ***Mortal mind is the culprit and so-called mortal man is the victim.*** The remedy lies with us, not alone with the tanks, boats, and airplanes. We question ourselves, "Are we Christian Scientists availing ourselves of the opportunity to prove the infinite power of Mind?" Does not Mrs. Eddy say,

"Beloved Christian Scientists, keep your minds so filled with Truth and Love, that sin, disease, and death cannot enter them."⁴

It is difficult at times to avoid a feeling of resentment toward many phases of the present war condition; yielding to this belief, we will not be able to prevail over the war. We cannot overcome evil by making it real, and that is what we do when we resent any phase of it. Evil is scientifically destroyed by knowing its unreality. As one of the lesson sermons says, "Ancient and Modern Necromancy; alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced," -- unreal.

As a preliminary step toward the overcoming of war, Christian Scientists must show more love toward one another. The thinking of the Christian Scientists is the highest type in the world. In order that the demonstration over hate by Love be not intellectual or theoretical, it must be done in the individual's consciousness, establishing love and peace within himself toward his neighbor and thence into the whole world.

The position of an active Christian Scientist in war is a difficult one. He does not want to go to war. Because of world conditions and preponderance of thought on the side of war, he finds himself having to do these things which to him do not express Principle. Still, the Bible says, "**If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.**"⁵ In war, one has to go with the better beliefs although there are no sides to Mind. It is not difficult to see that some beliefs in war are warring better than others. Instructed as we are by Christian Science, we cannot do other than stand with and as the better beliefs. With our nation now involved in war, and attacked as we have been, we cannot by any possible means find ourselves justified in taking a neutral attitude. We love all mankind, but we do not love mortal mind *which assumes to be* mankind; especially is this true when we see all humanity and chivalry removed from it.

We cannot deny that if Christian Scientists fully realized the allness and goodness of God, the belief of war would be destroyed instantaneously. This failure to do this must not interfere with their constant and persistent application of pure metaphysics to reject and destroy the error little by little just as

³ Revelation 12:7

⁴ My 210:2-4

⁵ Psalms 139:8

sometimes is done in healing sickness. We will see right gaining and greed, hatred, deceit, occultism, being reduced to their native nothingness. While this involves a great deal of time and is much slower than the idea we have in view, yet, in this manner today we are performing our duty as Christian Scientists, deeply conscious that Christian Science, alone, will save the situation.

In the face of much evil and confusion Science alone gives us hope and confidence, and nothing is Science but Principle and its idea. What is Principle and idea if it is not the divine fact that all good is now and already accomplished? Persistently and constantly asserting and maintaining this will bring about the necessary military and naval victories. Anyone who thinks a legitimate victory can be accomplished in any other way is mistaken.

The people and nations standing for the freedom of man have a superior moral fiber; therefore, the insolence, arrogance, and deceit of mortal mind will be met and mastered by victory in battle. Mrs. Eddy says "**...nor did the breath of freedom come from the cannon's mouth. Love is the liberator.**"⁶ In the demonstration of Principle in present affairs we find ourselves arrayed on the side of right. We find ourselves unavoidably obligated, because of the extent of mortal mind, to fight for individual freedom rather than endure domination. **But we have the right to see, must see, and certainly shall see, that *Love is the liberator.*** It does protect its own. It saves even our enemies, but it does not save enmity in order to save.

All men are to be saved by Christian Science. If all the mental suggestions of the enemy be taken to Principle, as it were, they would be found utterly lacking in Truth and vitality, therefore powerless. They cannot reach thought individually or collectively. They cannot assert themselves in the consciousness of men, women or children silently or audibly. Christian Science, thus, blesses and mothers the whole world, which seems to be in great difficulty.

Let us remind ourselves that throughout the centuries, following the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, nothing was accomplished for the destruction of sin, sickness, and death after the third century. On the other hand, consider the aspect of the world since the discovery of Christian Science in 1866. Observe the immense change in consciousness relative to the three measures of man -- science, theology, and medicine. We admit it is far greater than in all the preceding five thousand years.

At these times, we need encouragement. Even while abhorring war and finding ourselves obligated to take sides and fight, we need only to look back over world history to be reassured. We need not fear we shall lose our hold on divine Principle because of our position. We know that Principle, Love, reigns and rules. We know as we daily maintain this position, that mortal mind claiming to act as a combination of mental suggestion and physical force, is offset and destroyed everywhere. This war will end, of course, in the triumph of those nations whose ideals of thought and government are allied to God, because God is All-in-all and the only power.

Considerable perturbation is seen, even now, in the thought of those who long for a true universal and lasting peace, when they consider the complications already looming up of new and unknown dangers after the war. We Christian Scientists are

⁶ S&H225:22

not surprised at this, for a lie never destroyed a lie. It takes Truth to do that, or as Mrs. Eddy states,

"The despotic tendencies inherent in mortal mind and always germinating in new forms of tyranny, must be rooted out through the action of the divine Mind."⁷

We, who have eyes to see, cannot help but recognize that the very systems which democratic governments are accepting as necessary to win the war are in themselves as tyrannical and dictatorial as anything that has appeared in Germany or elsewhere. This is the difference; mark the point well. We think of them as evils, though they may be temporarily necessary. Totalitarianism views these things as legitimate parts and functions of government. The tyranny of mortal mind, not the tyranny of some particular government or people is the basic claim. It can only be met by Christian Science.

Are we preparing ourselves to be what Mrs. Eddy says we must be, **"the light of the world?"** We go to war to destroy totalitarianism, and, in the process, we find ourselves involved in more and more materialism. For instance, in war, medicine and surgery are essential, and the greatest skill in these beliefs must be evolved for everyone. *Materia medica*, because of this, gains ascendancy in human thought and in human government, and immediately it assumes dictatorial powers under the law.

The mild forms of animal magnetism are disappearing, and its aggressive features are coming to the front. The looms of crime, hidden in the dark recesses of mortal thought, are every hour weaving webs more complicated and subtle. So secret are the present methods of animal magnetism that they ensnare the age into indolence, and produce the very apathy on the subject which the criminal desires."⁸

ISSUES OF WAR

The issue of this war and the state of present world conditions must be understood and analyzed by the student of Christian Science because he is a determining factor in the termination of warring beliefs.

The Axis powers believing that they lack natural resources and land upon which to live, have started out to acquire them by gangster methods. They have attacked countries and subjugated the peoples in order to increase themselves. Some nations with little or no defense have not been able to offer resistance. Other nations, better defended, have united and are determined to end this aggression. None of these things would be happening today if men understood their true being -- the scientific reason for freedom of man, the spiritual and eternal individuality of God expressed.

It seems a strange paradoxical thing is going on at this time. Here we are involved in a war to defend the freedom of man, and at the same time, much discussion and argument are heard on all sides as to whether the complete freedom of man can be attained. The idea of individualism is quite generally accepted by those we designate as the Anglo-Saxon race.

⁷ S&H 225:25

⁸ S&H 102:16-23

Socialism and totalitarianism find a common meeting ground in the theory that individual thoughts and rights should be pooled for the common good. Think what this latter would mean so far as Christian Science is concerned! It would eventually try to put a stop to thinking; as that would not be possible, it would mean a constant suppression . . . resulting in possible extinction.

Individuality, as understood in Christian Science, is the correct evidence that God is. The modern philosophers, statesmen, and political economists are in an endless discussion over the question of the individual freedom which must be restrained in order to control ambition and willfulness. Even a partial understanding of true individuality on the part of the Christian Scientist means self-government through divine Principle.

However impossible this may seem to the human race, it is its only hope. Jesus said,

"I am come that they might have life and that they may have it more abundantly."⁹

Christian Science teaches us not to look outside for assistance, but look inside to the kingdom of God. The individuality of Mind is an essential fact to the demonstration of scientific existence. We are not to be redeemed or even helped by government control, government ownership, and all that. In proportion as we find out true individuality, understand it, and demonstrate it, our kingdom of God within is revealed, self-sufficient, and self-complete. We find we are constantly expressing, not absorbing. We are turning from the belief that the "kingdom of God," or good, is "lo here or lo there." This would be objective being. We are accepting the scientific fact that our individuality with God is all sufficient unto itself -- or true subjective being. More and more, must this understanding constitute the true character of being and government. We need not fool ourselves, however, into believing that mortal mind, tyrannical, vain, and limited, will yield without a struggle.

OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE

Dictators say that the men of a democracy are soft and do not want to fight, that religion makes men weak. Their attempt is to destroy democracy and build up military madness to overcome this deficiency. History shows that Christianity and democracy go hand in hand. The Christian has been taught to live in peace and abhor war. When a democratic nation is attacked by the brutal dictator nations, the Christian people of a democracy have to act counter to all their teachings about God and their fellow man. It is not easy.

We hear a great deal today about offensive and defensive warfare. The words *offensive* and *defensive* must be understood to see our correct position in this seeming sense of war. The word *offensive* is generally given the meaning of something which offends. In Webster's the word *offensive* is given thus: "the prefix *of* meaning 'in front,' and *fen* 'to slash as thrust.'" The divine Mind being Itself, expressing its own idea, is a constant thrust at the material belief of things of which it is entirely unconscious. This truly mental offensive recognizes nothing unlike itself, nothing outside itself. From the teachings of Christian Science we learn that ***our position is and always must be the offensive.***

⁹ John 10:10

The word *defend*, on the other hand, means "to avert a blow." Now, if we take this position, God is not our Mind, because we are believing in the presence of evil. In averting the blow, we are actually believing that something exists besides Mind, and we are striking at it. The belief in evil cannot be seen as unreal so long as there seems to be a need to avert the blow. Evil must be seen through, thus proving its nothingness. This is done by the scientific understanding of offensive work.

There is but one way of warfare in Christian Science, and that is offensive. A true divine offensive is the consciousness which knows God is the only Mind. It understands that the presence of that Mind is a constant attack on the belief of evil because it has no consciousness of anything outside its own glorious self. The Truth of the divine Mind is constantly annihilating the fables of material belief, knowing nothing but its own divine Being. The very presence of that Mind, our Mind, repels and annihilates anything unlike itself. ***Consciously knowing the one Mind – looking out from that Mind – is the true offensive.***

In the US Army it is taught that attack is the surest defense. The pages of history point to the fact that wars have never been won by a defensive stand. They have been won only when one side took the offensive and maintained it. In World War I a true story is told of the first battle of the Marne. The German hordes had been pushing the Allied armies back toward Paris until at the Marne the Allies said, "They shall not pass this line," and they never did. At the conclusion of the war, this battle of the Marne was called the first of the eleven decisive ones of the war. Why? Because the Allies took an offensive position.

It may seem difficult for a Christian to take an offensive position, but not for the scientific Christian or Christian Scientist. He understands there is only one Mind, and this being his Mind, he is a law to himself and to the world. **"I am the Lord and there is none else."** He knows that because of his oneness with Mind, his very presence is offensive. He is the character of Michael and Gabriel. To explain:

"And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought, and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."¹⁰ "The Old Testament assigns to the angels, God's divine messages, different offices. Michael's characteristic is spiritual strength. He leads the hosts of heaven against the power of sin, Satan, and fights the holy wars. Gabriel has the more quiet task of imparting a sense of the ever-presence of ministering Love. These angels deliver us from the depths. Truth and Love come nearer in the hour of woe, when strong faith or spiritual strength wrestles and prevails through the understanding of God. The Gabriel of His presence has no contests. To infinite, ever-present Love, all is Love, and there is no error, no sin, sickness, nor death. Against Love, the dragon warreth not long, for he is killed by the divine Principle. Truth and Love prevail against the dragon because the dragon cannot war with them. Thus endeth the conflict between the flesh and Spirit."¹¹

These mental characteristics of Michael and Gabriel deliver us from the beliefs in evil, whether it is a claim of sin, sickness, death, or the belief in warring nations, but neither Mind nor God works defensively. Michael, or spiritual strength,

¹⁰ Revelation 12:7,8

¹¹ S&H566:25-13

leads and is determined that there is no power opposed to good. Gabriel is not conscious of a contest. Gabriel knows nothing but his infinitely good being.

Just as the sun shining is a constant annihilation to the fog, so the conscious presence and power of Mind and its idea is an annihilation to the belief in evil. With this analysis in mind, it is interesting to study the temptations of Jesus in Matthew 4. The word *temptation* has a Greek derivative which means *decision*. The temptations of Jesus, then, were three decisions which he made. In the third and fourth verses it says,

"And when the tempter came to him, he said, if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Evidently, the belief in evil still lingered, for it is recorded that again,

"Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

But, still, the belief in evil tempted him, for the record continues,

"And again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him and behold, angels came and ministered unto him." (Matthew 4)

In these records it is clear that Jesus' healing of evil in the first two instances was not as positive and forceful as the third one. We might say the first two were on the defensive side -- defending good, and they were stated in the negative, **"thou shalt not."** The third was completely offensive -- stated in the affirmative, and after that, the devil left him.

Wherever the conscious presence and power of God is, there is a constant offensive force in operation. Wherever you are is that force in operation. Your being, reflecting God, repels and annihilates the illusion of evil. To *know* there is no evil -- to be that presence and power that knows no evil -- is an offensive force in operation.

Belief of Bombing

There is no bombing Mind, and Mind cannot be bombed. Make these decisions in this way. **The hypnotic effort to manacle the mind through fear and expectancy of evil is the mesmerism which precedes the outward blow.** To meet a mental argument within the individual consciousness and rout it there is to **"hold crime in check"** as Mrs. Eddy tells us.¹² In this way, bombing is held in check.

¹² S&H96:32-2

Individual consciousness is the expression of God, and works as power. Wherever a Christian Scientist is, there is the expression or presence of God. He may know that he is all-sufficient. Where he is, evil is repelled and destroyed. As the individual looks out from God, he finds himself saying what Jesus said many centuries ago. **"My Father worketh hitherto and I work."** In other words, the I or Ego works as the Father. The power, presence, infinity, peace, and power of Mind becomes the activity of that Mind's idea; no longer a God afar off, but the very presence of the living God.

The expectancy of evil and the inevitability of bombing of America must be refuted by the individual Christian Scientist. He can prevent it. He is the only one who knows himself as the expression of Mind, and has, therefore, "dominion over all the earth." Just because bombing has seemed to happen in other countries, that is no reason why it must happen here. In view of the spiritual history of this country and what she means to the whole world, it must be seen that she is free to keep free.

We Christian Scientists understand the power of thought when it identifies itself with God. We must stand for the law of God -- as that law -- so that these seeming errors will not be manifested.

Belief of invasion

Being cannot be invaded now or at any time, because all Being is God. God cannot, and does not, invade Himself. Nothing can come to any nation but God, and God constitutes all Being. Being which is **"I and my Father are one."**¹³ **"Principle and its idea is one,"** is all there is and there is no other being. This understanding is the "all-out" to ourselves and to the people of all nations. This knowing is what we all want and what we must supply by knowing everyone already has all.

The "all-out" to any nation is the understanding which goes forth from Mind, that all Being is whole and complete within itself. Where is this being of activity taking place? Is it over there? Are we working to objectify something in other countries? If so, we are working incorrectly. The demonstration is to be made here in your consciousness and not anywhere else. There is no here *and* there. *Here* is all there is to there. When *here* is satisfied that all is well, it will be so *there*.

Evil cannot invade good. Evil cannot invade God. The divine Mind needs no defense. As we see that God is the Mind of man, we can understand our position at this time. ***Wherever man is, there is Mind. And wherever Mind is, there is God.*** Mind which is infinitely good, recognizes no power unlike itself, recognizes no sinning evil man, no war. This determination of Mind to be Mind is an offense to the belief in evil.

Say many times a day to yourself, "Where God is, I Am, and where I Am is the power of God." Where the power of God is, there is no other power, no war, bombing, hatred or invasion. There is the freedom of infinite Being -- valiant in its own strength, goodness and power.

"All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and

¹³ John 1:30

eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual."¹⁴

Belief of Shortage

What is each one of us doing as we are daily met with this suggestion of shortage? For the moment, we are required to act as if we thought there was a shortage of many things and that it will increase. Remember shortage is a belief. It is not truth. For the sake of ourselves and for the whole world, we must refute and dispute this testimony. If there is a shortage of anything, then God has ceased to reflect Himself. **"Creation is ever appearing and must ever continue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source."**¹⁵

We are at the point of the most tremendous creative epoch. A president of a large sulfur company said recently, **"Today, we are actually creating resources from the air, sea, and earth beneath our feet."** He tells us that bromide from the sea has yielded a one million dollar a year industry, has employed many, and supplied what we all needed -- anti-knock gasoline. Tons and tons of magnesium will soon be drawn from the Gulf of Mexico by a new technique in prospecting. A million gallons of oil are yielding immense wealth. These ideas express the wealth of creative Mind. They have been materially interpreted, but Christian Science teaches us how to behold the spiritual fact of whatever the material sense beholds, the basis of immortality. See the definition of . . .

"ELIAS. Prophecy; spiritual evidence opposed to material sense; Christian Science, with which can be discerned the spiritual fact of whatever the material senses behold."¹⁶

All sorts of new things are and will be appearing. One bit of evidence of the new ever-appearing of creation I saw for myself last summer when we visited Grand Coulee Dam. The lecturer told us there would be no aluminum shortage -- you remember that was heralded about last spring and summer. He told us that aluminum is one of the two most prevalent minerals, and that common backyard dirt contains at least 10% aluminum. It can be secured from any part of the earth's surface. All that is needed is the process. We in Christian Science know that what seems to be the discovery of a new process is but the ever-present unfolding of infinite Mind. **The law of supply and demand is understood by Christian Scientists as *supply* only.** Did not Jesus say, **"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."**¹⁷

It makes no difference whether the belief is shortage of material, transportation, labor, or what not. Shortage is a belief, not the truth. Do not accept it, no matter what you seem to have to do to save.

BELIEF OF WAR -- Conclusion

I would not have us leave this discussion of warring beliefs without referring to the omnipotence of Good. You are individually and collectively safe because your understanding of the infinitely good God gives you dominion over the evidence of the

¹⁴ S&H 468:10

¹⁵ S&H 507:28-29

¹⁶ S&H 585:9

¹⁷ Mark 11:24

senses. You are not in material surroundings fraught with danger. Any belief that you are ceases through the understanding of the living God. *Thou also art the son of the living God.*

Are you realizing because of this understanding of your divine and individual being that you possess the power and ability to reveal the true nature of your universe? Is your universe filled with warring nations, deceit, trickery, false religious beliefs, a belief in evil so great that it seems to defy all the laws of Love? Is this your universe? Do you have to have it? Are you waiting for something or *somebody out there* to change it, thus thinking of yourself as one of many men on the face of the earth, struggling and praying *to* God to do it in some way separate from yourself?

What **made Jesus say to the man with the withered hand, "Stretch forth thy hand," or of the leper, "Be thou whole,"** or to Lazarus, **"Come forth?"** He waited for nothing *out there*. Evidently, he saw something within himself as the deciding factor. To the tempest he said, **"Peace, be still and know that I am God."** He did not wait for the winds to abate *out there*. Here we are reminded of a statement by Mrs. Eddy,

"Sooner or later, we shall learn that the fetters of man's finite capacity are forged by the illusion that he lives in body instead of in Soul, in matter instead of in Spirit."¹⁸

"God will overturn, until 'He come whose right it is.'"

Has He come to your universe? Are you looking out from God, and is God seeing the perfect man, man and the universe, in contradistinction to what seems to be going on? Has He come so that you see as He sees that there is no evil, only good? Do you expect because of the Truth of being -- your being -- that these errors shall cease?

Jesus went about revealing the perfection of his universe, the kingdom of God within him in the midst of seeming evil, sin, disease, and death. Is that not also required of us that we reveal the perfection of our universe, the kingdom of God within us, even while the errors of material sense seem to be? The Mind we are determines the universe we have and is the law to it. Let us decide today, more than ever before, to let that Mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. Let the perfection, beauty, and infinite goodness of Mind's universe appear in our universe, so that we may be the law of its being.

Evil has no presence or activity in Mind or Mind's universe. This knowing or being, on the part of an individual who understands his individuality to be God, is the power and presence necessary to overcome the belief in evil. This is effectual work. This work is not based alone upon faith in God or how God works. How is it possible otherwise to understand God and His rule over His own universe and man? This also teaches us how to eliminate those characteristics and beliefs which are not God-like. They have nothing to do with our individual being, and so governing ourselves, we govern the universe.

Does not this understanding give us a clearer, more demonstrable meaning to the following excerpts from "Spirit and Law."¹⁹

¹⁸ S&H 223:3

¹⁹ Mis 256:26-258:26

Wherever law is, Mind is; – The distinction between that which is and that which is not law, must be made by Mind and as Mind – Our great Ensample, Jesus of Nazareth, met and abolished this unrelenting false claim of matter with the righteous scorn and power of Spirit. When, through Mind, he restored sight to the blind, he figuratively and literally spat upon matter; and, anointing the wounded spirit with the great truth that God is All, he demonstrated the healing power and supremacy of the law of Life and Love. In the spiritual Genesis of creation, all law was vested in the Lawgiver, who was a law to Himself. In divine Science, God is One and All; and, governing Himself, He governs the universe. This is the law of creation; 'My defense is of God, which saved the upright in heart.' And that infinite Mind governs all things. On this infinite Principle of freedom, God named Himself, I AM. Error, or Adam, might give names to itself, and call Mind by the name of matter, but error could neither name nor demonstrate Spirit. The name, I AM, indicates no personality that could be paralleled with it; but it did declare a mighty individuality, even the everlasting Father, as infinite consciousness, ever-presence, omnipotence; as all law, Life, Truth, and Love."

Unless you believe that you are a presence, consciousness, individuality or power separate from God, you must accept the truth of this infinity as the power of your own being. It is God individually unfolding to Himself the perfection of His own universe and man. You have dominion over your individual kingdom because God is the only and therefore infinite individuality. Mind, conscious of its own infinitude, its own goodness, its own beauty is all that is going on. Is this not what Mrs. Eddy meant when she gave us the *Daily Prayer*?²⁰

Thy kingdom come; let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin, and may Thy word enrich the affections of all mankind and govern them."

God's kingdom does come through the individual understanding or science of God. The reign of God, Life, Truth, and Love is established, therefore, as me, and thereby rules out all belief in sin or evil and causes me to understand that I am not a human being . . . one of many men on the face of the earth seeking God. It is rather that God is individually expressing Himself, Herself, as me. I, too, as Jesus did, understand that His word does enrich the affections of all mankind. Because God is my individuality, I possess the same power to the wave, "**Thus far and no farther,**" Verily, the kingdom of God is come, is in me.

INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM

Christian Science is the only science or religion which explains the freedom of man. Jesus said, "**Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.**"²¹ Paul said, "**I was free born.**" Jefferson, speaking for this nation, stated in the *Declaration of Independence*, "**All men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.**"

Now, Lincoln told us this was a country "**of the people, for the people, and by the people.**" Mrs. Eddy writes,

²⁰ Man 41:4

²¹ John 8:32

"Discerning the rights of man, we cannot fail to foresee the doom of all oppression. Slavery is not the legitimate state of man. God made man free. Paul said, 'I was free born.' All men should be free. 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.' Love and Truth make free, but evil and error lead into captivity. Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and cries: 'Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sickness, sin, and death!' Jesus marked out the way. Citizens of the world, accept the 'glorious liberty of the children of God' and be free! This is your divine right."²²

These statements reiterate the one primal fact -- the spiritual freedom of the individual. Why is this important to see and understand? Because the freedom of the individual is scientific existence. The individual is free because he individually expresses God. **The individuality of man, being God, is why man is free and must forever remain free.** God is not fully understood until man understands individual being. The only people in the world today who scientifically understand individual freedom are Christian Scientists. That is a big statement; but it is correct because Christian Science is the only science that actually teaches what individual freedom is. It teaches that **the individual is free because God made man in his image and likeness, and he is the expression of His individuality.**

Christian Science establishes the spiritual individuality of man, therefore, the freedom of man. To change the whole world means we have to change opinion in the whole world. This looks like a pretty big task, but it has to be done; so we might as well begin. Where do we begin? We begin with ourselves. Each one is his own individual being or consciousness.

We ask ourselves is there any other way for God to be demonstrated and understood than by individual consciousness? Mrs. Eddy says, "**God is individual Mind.**"²³ Each individual in this room today is a mental power for good . . . may we say *yet undiscovered to himself or in the state of discovering it.* This is true because of the scientific fact that **individual consciousness is God, or God individually conscious.** This understanding is *true reflection and true humility.*

Individual consciousness possesses the potentialities of Mind, and one begins to understand how he is a divine factor in the overcoming of evil beliefs. Each one of us is not a good man working for the kingdom of God; each one is the kingdom of God individually expressing itself and of which he is the King by virtue of the fact that God is his individuality. **"He is my individuality and my Life. Because He lives, I live."**²⁴

Until we credit ourselves with divine and individual being and see that it is scientific being, we haven't done much to help the world out of its belief of bondage or to establish the freedom of man. When we speak of God's full universal expression, we have to see that it is the expression of infinite individuality. Because God is Mind, He is conscious. Because He is conscious, He is individual consciousness. Then, now or eventually, the individual must awake to the fact that his individual being is the expression or activity of God. Hence man is free.

Because God is infinite, the idea of God expresses this infinity. This is the proof that man is free and will forever remain free, and that the finite material sense of man and freedom will yield to the divine fact. The divine individuality of man is as divine, indestructible, and perfect as God is. The divine individuality of

²² S&H 227:14-26

²³ Mis 101:31

²⁴ Unity 48:8

man is not a personal gift to man, but is the very manifestation of God. It will never be destroyed, restricted, or deprived of its rightful freedom.

The understanding of divine and individual being will make wars cease. Each one will then realize that, because of this truth, he has his own wheat field -- the kingdom of God within himself -- that he does not have to go to war to achieve something which for the moment he may believe he does not possess. God being the individuality of man, he thus expresses the infinite goodness of God and has all. Here let me quote Mrs. Eddy,²⁵

"How can we do this Christianly scientific work? By intrenching ourselves in the knowledge that our true temple is no human fabrication, but the superstructure of Truth, reared on the foundation of Love, and pinnacles in Life. Such being its nature, how can our godly temple possibly be demolished, or even disturbed? Can eternity end? Can Life die? Can Truth be uncertain? Can Love be less than boundless? Referring to this temple, our Master said: 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' He also said: 'The kingdom of God is within you.' Know, then, that you possess sovereign power to think and act rightly, and that nothing can dispossess you of this heritage and trespass on Love. If you maintain this position, who or what can cause you to sin or suffer? Our surety is in our confidence that we are indeed dwellers in Truth and Love, man's eternal mansion. Such a heavenly assurance ends all warfare, and bids tumult cease, for the good fight we have waged is over, and divine Love gives us the true sense of victory. 'They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house; and Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures.' No longer are we of the church militant, but of the church triumphant; ... Perchance some one of you may say, 'The evidence of spiritual verity in me is so small that I am afraid. I feel so far from victory over the flesh that to reach out for a present realization of my hope savors of temerity. Because of my own unfitness for such a spiritual animus my strength is naught and my faith fails.' O thou 'weak and infirm of purpose.' Jesus said, 'Be not afraid!'

What if the little rain should say,
So small a drop as I
Can ne'er refresh a drooping earth,
I'll tarry in the sky.

Is not a man metaphysically and mathematically number one, a unit, and therefore whole number, governed and protected by his divine Principle, God? You have simply to preserve a scientific, positive sense of unity with your divine source, and daily demonstrate this. Then you will find that one is as important a factor as duodecillions in being and doing right, and thus demonstrating deific Principle. A dewdrop reflects the sun. Each of Christ's little ones reflects the infinite One, and therefore is the seer's declaration true, that 'one on God's side is a majority.' A single drop of water may help to hide the stars, or crown the tree with blossoms. Who lives in good, lives also in God, -- lives in all Life, through all space. His is an individual kingdom. His diadem a crown of crowns. His existence is deathless, forever unfolding its eternal Principle. Wait patiently on illimitable Love, the lord and giver of Life. *Reflect this Life*, and with it cometh the full power of being. 'They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house.'

According to history, ages of darkness seemed to succeed the divine appearing of Jesus. Yet, the light was never wholly lost. Mrs. Eddy speaks, in the

²⁵ Pulpit and Press 2:30

Preface, of "Immanuel, or God with us," in these words: "**a divine influence ever-present in human consciousness.**" Because of this unrecognized influence, thought was and is ever struggling upward. We have the Magna Carta and the Reformation, the birth of religious freedom, the rebellion against intolerance, the exodus of the Puritans, their attempt to establish their ideal of religious and social liberty in the New World. Then, the independence of the colonies, the war of the rebellion in the US, and many other great earmarks in history show that the gradually improving thought was tending to one supreme event -- the discovery of Christian Science.

With that event, human existence became a new thing. Because of that event, even though it is not universally recognized, human life and its history are experiencing complete change in the state of error we call mortal mind. It feels this change; it chemicalizes under it and resists it in a blind way. The resistance of error to the action of Truth accounts for all the inharmony that is going on today. The Bible says, "**Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and the dragon fought and his angels and prevailed not.**"²⁶ Here the action of Truth upon error is graphically described. The attempt of totalitarian nations to subjugate men and nations of certain governments to socialize and regiment men is but material resistance to the great fact which has already been born upon the earth -- Christian Science -- **the understanding that man is free because he is the expression of God. God individually knowing Himself constitutes individual being.**

With the exception of the Christian Scientists, who are taught the divine individuality of man, the world, generally speaking, swings between two extremes: *one* . . . that the freedom of the individual is a just and humanly right thing or *two* . . . that it is an outgrown, outworn theory. The governments of the nations would be better if they understood the primal fact that individual freedom is based on God. Thus we can see that the forces in the world which oppose totalitarian aggression oppose it not because of personality or nationality, but because of something within themselves which naturally resists it -- something which may be for the moment undefined, but which the Christian Scientist clearly sees because he understands the spiritual basis for individual freedom.

The life and works of Jesus illustrate the power, perfection and glorious possibilities of being understood as expressing God. He expressed the true idea of God and showed that this idea was personally available to sick and sinning humanity. Jesus also prophesied the universal achievement of the same impersonal power that you possess. In Christian Science we heal sin, disease, and death because we know the healer is God -- that our individual being expresses the power, perfection, and indestructibility of God. When Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, or when we behold in Science the perfect man, we behold the perfect individual expression of Mind, the one Mind, our Mind. That is, looking out from God, God sees the perfection of his own creation. ***Whatever God is is individually demonstrable. Whatever is universally true is universally demonstrable.*** This is the glory of individual being.

²⁶ Rev 12:7

GREATER, NOT LESSER

The education of the centuries in Science, Theology, and Medicine has been that we think separately from God; hence, the two-ness which is unscientific and undemonstrable. God is the only Mind. Intelligence is a quality of that Mind, and that activity belongs to God.

"The appeal of Jesus was made both to his divine Principle, the God who is Love, and to himself, Love's pure idea."²⁷ Here is indicated that the individual consciousness of Principle includes idea. There are not two egos or entities, and we conclude that it is Principle conscious of Itself as idea which Jesus knew to be the Science of his existence. The intelligent action of thought belongs to God alone; otherwise, there would be two egos.

The appeal of Jesus was not made to an objective Principle or ego outside himself. This is not scientific. Can one demonstrate something *over there*, outside himself? The only actual reality anyone has is his *own consciousness, that he has, that he is. There*, he has dominion and demonstrates. Because God is Mind, consciousness is Mind or God, even as Mrs. Eddy tells us,

"All consciousness is Mind; and Mind is God, -- an infinite, and not a finite consciousness. This consciousness is reflected in individual consciousness, or man, whose source is the infinite Mind. There is, can be, no evil mind, because Mind is God. God and His ideas -- that is, God and the universe -- constitute all that exists."²⁸

Our attainment is to let that Mind be our Mind, or consciousness, our appeal must be not only to that Mind which is God but to know ourselves as that Mind individually appearing, the individual consciousness that God is All. Herein is a glorious, accurate and loving Science, *glorious* in that it glorifies God and His idea as All-in-all; *accurate* in that it is demonstrable; and *loving* in that it demonstrates good for all.

"Science reveals Spirit, Soul, as not in the body, and God as not in man but as reflected by man. The greater cannot be in the lesser. The belief that the greater can be in the lesser is an error that works ill."²⁹

As one begins to understand that the life or activity of a spiritual idea is not in that idea, but in the divine Mind or Principle that knows the idea, one's outlook is completely changed. The responsibility of the situation, then, begins and ends with Mind. Soul is not in body; body reflects Soul; God is not in man, man reflects God; Principle is not in idea, idea expresses Principle. This must be made a demonstrable fact on the part of each Christian Scientist. Salvation is individual.

How is this to be demonstrated? As one accepts the divine Mind as his Mind, the Life of all the ideas of which he is conscious is Mind. Herein is nothing with which to contend, nothing to change, nothing to add to or take from -- just Being one infinite indivisible Being.

"Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being."³⁰

²⁷ S&H 50:12-14

²⁸ Unity 24:12-15

²⁹ S&H 467:17-22

³⁰ S&H 465

ADVANCING FOOTSTEPS

To understand Christianity scientifically is a progressive step; that is, progressive from the merely religious aspect of Christianity. By the religious aspect of Christianity I mean that state of thought which accepts the power of God as a present possibility, more in faith than in understanding. Most of us have come into Christian Science that way. We came in the hope and expectancy that God would help us with whatever seemed to be our difficulty. Then, as we went forward, we felt we must know how our healings were accomplished, thus came the unfoldment of the scientific idea in our experience. Clearer and clearer appears the science of our oneness with God.

As we read the life of Mary Baker Eddy we discover that the three years she searched for the principle of her healing was that period of her life of which she says,

"For three years after my discovery, I sought the solution of this problem of Mind-healing, searched the Scriptures and read little else, kept aloof from society, and devoted time and energies to discovering a positive rule. The search was sweet, calm and buoyant with hope, not selfish nor depressing. I knew the Principle of all harmonious Mind-action to be God, and that cures were produced in primitive Christian healing by holy, uplifting faith; but I must know the Science of this healing, and I won my way to absolute conclusions through divine revelation, reason, and demonstration."³¹

We, too, must know the actual Science of how these things are accomplished. We shall never lose the faith and expectancy of our early healings in Christian Science, but *to know the actual Science of existence is the demand of Christian Science.*

In attaining this complete understanding, a realization comes to the student that he must *be* something, instead of just praying to *get* something. During this period of ascendancy, there often tries to enter into thought the feeling that it was much easier to pray to God than to make the effort to be like God. Perhaps the student may even wish he could go back to that time and yet he knows he cannot, for he has outgrown that position. Sometimes he may feel discouraged and disheartened and say, "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid him;" in other words, "I feel lost." Things seem not as easy as they were. Analyzed, the student finds he is being required to drop a little more of old theology, the praying to God afar off. The Science of individual being was never in these beliefs.

In dogma, doctrine, and ritualism, the scientific idea of man's oneness with God is not to be found. The adherents of these beliefs accused Mrs. Eddy of taking away their Lord and they knew not where she had laid him. In teaching and explaining the science of an indivisible Being, this will be said of me and you. Be prepared to answer the accusation. In her early days when this was said of Mrs. Eddy, her reply was,

"I don't blame them for thinking I have taken away their Lord and they know not where I have laid him." But she says also, "Because Christian Scientists call their God *divine Principle* as well as infinite Person, they have not taken away their Lord and know not where they have laid Him."³²

³¹ S&H 109:11-22

³² Mess '01 7:18

This seems to be part of the advancing footsteps as we unfold subjective understanding of objective being, being the deific presence instead of praying to one "out there."

One might say the advancing footsteps in Christian Science and the experiences of the Children of Israel are similar. Looking back, the Children of Israel realized they could not return to the bondage of Pharaoh, yet complaining to Moses, they trembled to go forward. Going forward with our understanding of subjective being seems mountainous, yet forward in the Science of Being we must go, for Mrs. Eddy says, **"Progress is the law of God."**³³ Under Moses' direction, the Children of Israel started forward, and the water parted. So the advancing student of Christian Science, seeking to go forward with the new idea -- that of his oneness with God or subjective being -- finds that the obstacles confronting him recede and vanish even as the Red Sea did before the Children of Israel.

What is it that says, **"I have lost my Lord and know not where they have laid Him?"** Could that be Mind speaking? Could Mind yearn for itself and wonder where this self was laid? Could God ever be lost? If so, then that God never was. Because **"I and my Father are one,"** we are revealed evermore complete, satisfied, and perfect.

To show the differentiation between religious and scientific Christianity, let us take as an example so simple a thing as walking up a hill. The religious belief that we are an existence separate from God says we feel it as accelerated action of the body. Now, we may know with some measure of relief that God, being all, is caring for the functioning of our bodies. *Scientifically* understood, consciousness is not *walking up a hill*. All that we see, hear, feel, is a mode of consciousness, and the experience we have is according to the sense we entertain of it. We know consciousness is God, and it becomes science to the situation . . . instead of expecting help seemingly outside of ourselves.

This scientific point is clearly seen in the experience of Mary when she went to the sepulchre seeking Jesus after the crucifixion.

"But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus said unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni, which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God and your God."

This must be the experience of all of us . . . if we look for the deified Principle where it is not. The disciples did not really understand Jesus and his work until he appeared to them on numerous occasions after the crucifixion. Why was this? We see immediately that his re-appearing was the point upon which the understanding opened to receive the new idea. They had undoubtedly seen him only as a good man,

³³ S&H 233:6

showing them how to believe in God as the healer of sin, sickness, and death. When he appeared to them alive untouched by the experience on Calvary, they saw *his Life was God*. Then they understood his great work as the reflection of that Life.

How much clearer now is Jesus' answer to Philip's question, "Show us the Father." "Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

This scientific understanding does not take away your Lord and you know not where they have laid Him. You shall not find the loving God in the sepulchre of dogma, doctrine, and rituals. You know there is one indivisible Being. Jesus said, **"As Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they may be one in us."**³⁴

THE KINGDOM OF GOD WITHIN

The test of whether one knows and is demonstrating the oneness of Being is when there seems to be something disturbing in the experience. Is one disturbed when something seems to be sick and needs to be made well? . . . something sinful which needs to be made pure? . . . something poor which needs to be given supply? In other words, is there *something out there to contend with*? If the kingdom of God is within and not **"lo here or lo there,"** if **"ours is an individual kingdom and our diadem a crown of crowns,"**³⁵ then it is *within* where one must look and be satisfied -- satisfied that all is well because **"I and my Father are one."**

To *return to the kingdom of heaven within us* in seeming times of stress indicates that one has unknowingly (we might say) left the *kingdom of heaven within* in his endeavor to do good. Perhaps he has been pulled out through the belief of evil into the *pageant* of material mind. He finds out that the answer or solution to mortal mind lies not in getting into it or being part of it, but *remaining in the kingdom of heaven within*. Then, strengthened by the experience, he returns to the *kingdom of heaven within*, which he sees then that he has never left. This kingdom of God has and knows only good for all, and is spoken of in this way by Mrs. Eddy.

"Think of this inheritance! Heaven right here, where angels are as men, clothed more lightly, and men as angels who, burdened for an hour, spring into liberty, and the good they would do, that they do, and the evil they would not do, that they do not."³⁶

When Jesus said, **"The kingdom of God cometh not by "observation" or "lo here or lo there,"**³⁷ we can see how he was indicating that we are scientifically to know the kingdom of God within -- that it is divine consciousness. When we believe there is something *out there* separate from the only "I or Us," in need of help, we are not realizing that the kingdom of God is within. Turning away from that so-called outside testimony to the kingdom within, we find all is well, safe and secure.

³⁴ John 17:21

³⁵ Pul 4:21

³⁶ Mis 251:20-24

³⁷ Luke 17:20-21

SCIENCE OF CHRISTIANITY

Mrs. Eddy tells us that Jesus dated the Christian Era. What did she mean by that? Undoubtedly she meant Jesus was the first one who understood the Christ, was the first to see the Christ as his true being, and because he lived according to it, was the first Christian. He became Christ Jesus, Jesus being the form in which the Christ appeared. Mrs. Eddy tells us, **"The proper name of our Master in the Greek was Jesus the Christ; but Christ Jesus better signifies the Godlike."**³⁸ When Jesus said, **"Before Abraham was I am,"** he could also have said, "Before Jesus was, I am." The Christ is the understanding of the one Ego, the one Mind, the eternal self existent Being without beginning or end, your being and mine.

Jesus also dated the church era because he said to Peter, who recognized him as the "Son of the living God," that he would build his church upon that understanding, so from the time of Jesus have come all the so-called Christian churches based upon what each denomination thought it knew of the Christ expressed by Jesus. Thus, we have what is known as Christendom, the religious aspect of the Christ. But no church received the whole complete message which Jesus left in his life and his works. No church healed and saved as he did until the time of Mary Baker Eddy when she healed herself by spiritual means and established thereon her church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, which carries on the healing work of Jesus.

Mrs. Eddy dated the scientific Christian Era. She gave the world the science of Jesus' Christianity, the science of the Christ or Christian Science. The Mother Church is presenting to the world the science of Christianity and Christianity of Science, for it is called The First Church of Christ, Scientist.

That Jesus appeared in Palestine in the richest, most cultured part of the world at that time, is not chance. Also, that Christian Science appeared in the United States, the protector of individual freedom, is not chance. Thought has to be prepared for the appearing of a new idea. We know that Jesus' coming was prophesied in the Old Testament, and that to some extent he was expected. Jesus prophesied the appearing of Mary Baker Eddy when he spoke of *the Comforter* which he would send to explain all things, whatsoever things he had said unto his disciples. It would explain his life and work scientifically. Mrs. Eddy speaks of the preparation of thought necessary to the acceptance of a new idea, even her own experience.

"God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute divine Principle of scientific mental healing."³⁹

We all know that nineteen centuries elapsed between Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy. Please pause with me to consider this point. Nineteen centuries! Nineteen hundred years, over six hundred and thirty three generations from Jesus to Mrs. Eddy! This period of nineteen centuries is evidence that thought was slow in preparation for the science of Christianity until the founding of this nation. Even here, there were two hundred years of thought preparation necessary between 1621

³⁸ S&H 333:13-15

³⁹ S&H 107:3

AD., the landing of the pilgrims seeking freedom to worship God individually, to 1821 AD. when Mrs. Eddy was born.

Does anyone think it was a chance of fate that Mrs. Eddy appeared in this country? If he does, I beg of him to relinquish that opinion, because it is not true. Thought had been educated to be free from the very beginning of the founding of this nation. This is a nation of nations, a blood of bloods, a language of languages, and Mrs. Eddy's appearing here is proof that her Science of the Christ is a world science or a salvation for all men. Is it not clear that we must hold and maintain that which we have accomplished -- that which the individual freedom of man has accomplished? **"Hold fast that which is good."**⁴⁰

In another article I have shown that this belief in war is basically an attack on individual freedom. Now we are also to see that mankind had to protect individual freedom legally before the revelation of man's divine individual Being, as proclaimed by Christian Science, could appear.

Reviewing briefly our national steps toward individual freedom, we remember that Washington led the colonies out of taxation without representation. Then was established the basis of the republican form of government -- the Constitution -- whose premise is the equality and freedom of man. While the establishment of these basic principles in the Constitution was the greatest step mankind had ever taken for the protection of the individual equality and freedom, these principles, nevertheless, had to be protected and understood by the nation. Consequently, our next national step toward a better comprehension of these principles was the freeing of the slaves and the uniting of this nation under Lincoln. "One nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The struggle this nation had to accomplish these decisions is the key to why there were nineteen centuries between Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy. No other nation had been willing to set forth in written law, for all to see and know that man is free. The founders of this nation knew the primal importance of the freedom of man and his individual enterprise and therefore gave us the Constitution, which sets forth the government which magnifies and maintains the spiritual idea, the freedom of the individual.

In 1866, after this nation had become enlightened enough to receive it, Mrs. Eddy discovered Christian Science. There is no doubt that Mrs. Eddy realized the importance to the progress of Christian Science of our constitutional government, because she says, **"Religious liberty and individual rights under the Constitution of our nation are rapidly advancing, avowing, and consolidating the genius of Christian Science."**⁴¹ This is comparable to saying that Christian Science grew and developed under the free scientific protection of the Constitution of the United States.

Today, we seem to find ourselves regimented, and there must be those who understand this regimentation is a temporary measure so that after the war we will regain the government which magnifies and protects individual freedom, and, therefore, the Christian Science Movement. The belief of regimentation and socialized government opposes scientific existence or **"I and my Father are one."**

⁴⁰ I Thes 5

⁴¹ My 200:1

Scientific government, as Christian Science teaches us, means *self-governed by understanding God*. The individual must be taught to be responsible for everything of which he is conscious, understanding this from the standpoint of divine Principle from which he proceeds. The individual seemingly faced with evidence contrary to Principle cannot depend upon group demonstration to change this. He can only depend on God, his oneness with God, to change it or break the mesmerism. Had Jesus or Mary Baker Eddy waited for groups to make their demonstration for them, we would never have had the Science of Christianity, as given to us by these two revelators. They both stood alone -- *all-one with God* -- and demonstrated their true and divine individuality. Shall we be true to their teachings today? Jesus said, "**The kingdom of God is within you.**" Mrs. Eddy says, "**Who lives in good lives also in God -- his is an individual kingdom.**"

Although our Constitution is being replaced momentarily by government control so that business may win the war quickly by great production, I believe Christian Scientists will hold dear to their hearts the Constitution which gave their Movement its freedom. We don't want to maintain the Constitution of the United States only for selfish reasons, individual or national, but because its law gives the Christian Science Movement freedom to operate for the world. Without the Constitution, Christian Science will not be free even for us here in the United States.

The Christian Science Movement is not only a religion and science, but a very large business. For instance, as the government controls the paper, leather, metal, and rubber industries, what of our publications and Mrs. Eddy's works? They will have to be published according to the government's allotment of these materials, rather than the demonstration of the Christian Science Movement. Hence, it is to be seen that the laws of our country very definitely affect our movement. These regulations have the state controlling the church, which according to Christian Science is just the reverse of its teachings. **Man is not in the government, but the government is in him, because consciousness is fundamental and all inclusive.**

Before discussing the science of Christianity which appeared in this country, let us recognize the importance of constitutional government to Christian Science and understand why we must protect individual freedom. Remember, it was in the United States that Truth first found expression to announce real democracy, which is man self-governed. It is here, not because of place, but because of quality, freedom of thought. This government first gave complete legal protection to Christian Science healing. It must never be forgotten that Christian Science had its birth in the United States. This means more than is fully understood. "**The earth helped the woman.**"⁴² For this reason, it is our country's destiny to rise in thought and democratic ideals which constitute our government. Organized evil cannot be permitted to interfere with this destiny.

It is our work to maintain and demonstrate individual freedom, because our country may be likened to the remnant spoken of in the Bible. It is the sole hope of the human race. All there actually is to any nation is the Christian Science in it.

What are we to understand by the Science of the Christ? It is the scientific understanding Jesus had of his own true being in relation to God. It was what

⁴² Rev 12:16

accomplished the mighty works of the Master. Because of it, he proved the unreality of evil for himself and for all men.

Mrs. Eddy said seventy years ago that mortal mind and body are one. She had to write and explain much on this subject because no one had completely understood it before. Mrs. Eddy scientifically proved mortal mind and body are one by the healing of sin and disease and death. As a result of her discovery, so-called material sciences have undergone great changes. We hear Sir James Jeans, Eddington, Einstein, and others, say all matter is mental energy.

Let us reiterate the need to be scientific in our religion. The difference between the merely religious aspect of Christian Science and the scientific aspect is that the religious student more often prays to God and stops there; whereas, in the scientific understanding of the Christ Science, the student finds it is demanded of him that he *know* and *be* something.

"It has been said, and truly, that Christianity must be Science, and Science must be Christianity, else one or the other is false and useless; but neither is unimportant or untrue, and they are alike in demonstration."⁴³

It is therefore incumbent upon us to be as scientific in our living as we think we are religious.

Last year, I sent out a letter to the students, asking how they were applying the understanding of the oneness of being to world problems. This was one reason why I did so -- to see whether the students were only praying religiously for world conditions or whether they were being the Science of *I and my Father are one*.

What wipes out the error of $4+4=9$? The science of mathematics, the actual understanding that $4+4=8$. We don't only hope and pray for the right answer; we *know*; we *be* something. It is required of us to see our existence as divine -- therefore, having dominion over the seeming error with which we are confronted. One's own being must be eternal, indestructible individuality, that oneness with God in contradistinction to the testimony of material sense. The I that I am is God, because Mrs. Eddy says so in the definition of "I or Ego" in the Glossary.

"There is but one I, or Us, but one divine Principle, or Mind, governing all existence; man and woman unchanged forever in their individual characters, even as numbers which never blend with each other, although they are governed by one Principle. All the objects of God's creation reflect one Mind, and whatever reflects not this one Mind, is false and erroneous, even the belief that life, substance, and intelligence are both mental and material."⁴⁴

When Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, he did not behold that perfect man with his eyes; he understood that perfect man to be the idea of his own consciousness, because God was his Mind. This was in opposition to what he seemed to see with his eyes, -- a sick, sinning, or dying man. This same Science is demanded of us. ***We must see the perfect man and universe as the idea of our own consciousness -- because this I or Ego is God. "The Lord He is God and there is none else."***

⁴³ S&H 135:21

⁴⁴ S&H588:9

In John, Jesus said, "**The prince of this world cometh but hath nothing in me.**"⁴⁵ *Jesus so detached himself from the material sense of things that the sick, sinning, and dying beliefs had no cause for existence.* We must detach ourselves from the material beliefs with which we seem to be faced, that these likewise will find nothing on which to live. They exist only in a supposititious mortal mind. There can not be error *and* the I AM that is God. This minute, choose ye! In Christian Science we know that only one is true. It is the I or Ego which is God.

Because the belief that Lazarus had died found no response in Jesus, Lazarus came forth. Jesus understood Lazarus did not live in his body; he knew Lazarus lived as idea in him, Jesus' consciousness, God being his Mind. Naturally, the evidence of that divine consciousness appeared. This treatment by the divine Mind which heals a sick, sinning, or dying belief is required to heal the universal belief in evil.

There may be those who do not understand this science of God and would call this kind of work transcendental. We must not be disturbed or fooled with these criticisms. They would only tempt us to forget our true being or individuality which is required to heal. We must see our own being -- the understanding that Principle and idea are one -- as paramount to the beliefs in evil. As Lazarus walked forth, so will all the nations of the world, in obedience to this law of divine reality.

God is the only I or Ego. This little anonymous poem which you have heard me quote often and which is found in the Third Edition of Science and Health is so important at this time.

I, I, I, I Itself I

**The inside and outside, the what and the why,
The when and the where, the low and the high,
All I, I, I, I Itself I.**

This little poem implies a wonderful working basis. *First*, if "the inside and outside, the what and the why, the when and the where, the low and the high" are expressing error to us, what is wrong? This is a belief in an "I or Ego" separate from God. Mrs. Eddy says, "**The belief in a life separate from God is a dying error.**" That false I, then, is seeing what it believes. *Second*, knowing that the I or Ego is God, the Christian Scientist realizes "the inside and outside, the what and the why, the when and the where, the low and the high" are all subject to God. God is All-in-all. This only I or Ego, divine Being, sees Its perfection expressed everywhere.

In an early Journal is an article by Mr. Tomlinson in which he gives a statement made to him by Mrs. Eddy.

"Did you but know the sublimity of your hope, the infinite capacity of your being; the grandeur of your outlook, you would let error kill itself. Error comes to you for life, and you give it all the life it has."

As we consistently **detach ourselves from the beliefs in evil**, these errors become non-existent. They only seem to live in supposititious mortal mind.

This mortal mind becomes non-existent just in the way one may seem to have a bad dream and awaken to find all the ugly figures that were in the dream have disappeared. As we lose the so-called consciousness of evil, all the evidence of that consciousness fades with it, such as sin, disease, death, bombings and warring

⁴⁵ John 14:30

nations. As from the dream, one awakens to normal living so do we demonstrate divine Mind and its idea by awakening from the dream of mortal mind. That awakening is here and now. This is the Science of Christianity.

"God's interpretation of Himself furnishes man with the only suitable or true idea of Him; and the divine definition of Deity differs essentially from the human. It interprets the law of Spirit, not of matter. It explains the eternal dynamics of being and shows that nature and man are as harmless today as in the beginning when 'all things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made.' Whatever appears to be law, but partakes not of the nature of God, is not law, but is what Jesus declared it, a 'liar, and the father of it.' God is the law of Life, not of death; of health, not of sickness; of good, not of evil. It is this infinitude and oneness of good that silences the supposition that evil is a claimant or a claim. The consciousness of good has no consciousness or knowledge of evil."⁴⁶

CITY FOUR SQUARE

"The sacred city is described in the Apocalypse as one that 'lieth foursquare' and cometh 'down from God, out of heaven.'"⁴⁷ Christian Scientists understand this to be a type of divine and individual consciousness or God individually understood. Then that means each one of us here. In this light it would be well to see what is requisite in understanding this divine consciousness, the city whose four sides Mrs. Eddy says, **"are the Word, Christ, Christianity, and divine Science."**⁴⁸

Northward Mrs. Eddy tells us that **"Northward, its gates open to the North Star, the Word, the polar magnet of Revelation."** The Word is the Bible, the basis of Jesus' life and works and the basis of Christian Science; so we find it is necessary for us to understand the Bible and its relationship to Christianity.

Eastward **"Eastward, to the star seen by the wisemen of the Orient, who followed it to the manger of Jesus."** The three Magi are not the only ones who have been to the manger of Jesus. Every Christian Scientist, as he recognizes man's relationship to God in scientific oneness, sees in Jesus the appearing of the Christ. Jesus was the Way Shower, for he first demonstrated the science of existence.

Southward **"Southward, to the genial tropics, with the Southern Cross in the skies, -- the Cross of Calvary, which binds human society into solemn union."** This we may understand as the fruit of consciousness which destroys the belief in evil at the door of thought. This is the cross, we may say, not the evil which we seem to see -- persons, places, things -- but which we see impersonally and destroy at the door of our own consciousness, thus recognizing the importance of the life and works of Jesus.

Westward **"Westward, to the grand realization of the Golden Shore of Love and the Peaceful Sea of Harmony,"** which indicates the ultimate demonstration of consciousness in the understanding of Love and peace as the only realities of Life.

⁴⁶ Mis 258:27-10

⁴⁷ S&H 575:7-9

⁴⁸ S&H

Mrs. Eddy says further, **"This city of our God has no need of sun or satellite, for Love is the light of it, and divine Mind is its own interpreter."** May I repeat the last half of that statement? "And divine Mind is its own interpreter." Consciousness understanding itself is Mind conscious of its own idea, its own beauty, its own perfect universe and man. This is the light. This city foursquare is descriptive of our own individual consciousness. God individually manifesting Himself, God individually conscious of Himself. Then the thought reaches out from a boundless basis and sees as its own the possibilities of the power which Jesus felt when he said to the tempest, **"Peace be still and know that I am God."** or when he said to the man with the withered hand, **"Stretch forth thy hand and the man stretched it forth whole."** Mrs. Eddy says, **"Spirit is spiritual consciousness alone. Hence this spiritual consciousness can form nothing unlike itself, Spirit, and Spirit is the only creator."**⁴⁹

The proof of the perfection of Mind appears individually by individual healings. This is why each one must work out his own salvation. God, Truth, is an individual revelation. The individual consciousness of God, called Mary, produced Jesus. The individual consciousness of God called Jesus began the Christian era. The individual consciousness of God called Mary Baker Eddy produced Christian Science and the Christian Science Movement, or the scientific Christian era. I am stressing this point because I believe events are demanding of us a clearer, greater understanding of the power of our own existence, our own being that we may be able to express the power and potentiality of Mind and annul the beliefs in the world today. When Jesus said, **"I am come that they might have life and that more abundantly,"** he was certainly recognizing the godliness of his own being, his own life and the life of all of which he was conscious. This power of Mind is ours today if we would but awaken more and more to the reality of our own divine being. Within this sacred city, or individual consciousness of God, is revealed all the glory and beauty of His universe and man: also, it is at the door of this sacred city or individual consciousness that all beliefs in evil are seen as unreal. It is within this city of God that the sick are healed, the dead are raised, the lepers are cleansed, the demons are cast out -- where we know there is no war and where we know all are safe. Nothing that defileth or maketh a lie shall enter. And the Psalmist said,

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following."⁵⁰

We have seen and understood that the city foursquare is consciousness, individual consciousness, and that the four sides of the city are *Word, Christ, Christianity, and divine Science*. That which we call a nation or a country is but an infinite expression of individual being. As with an individual, so with a nation each must work out and demonstrate its own salvation. A Christian Scientist, beholding this nation, does not see it as millions of human beings with minds many, but as the infinite expression of his own God-being. He therefore perceives that he includes his nation and that his nation's demonstration -- nationally, internationally, its social, political, and economic affairs -- are the reflection of his existence. In this light,

⁴⁹ Unity 35:24

⁵⁰ Psalms 48:1,2,13

when we Christian Scientists in America gaze upon our nation, we see that the four sides of the sacred city, its individual consciousness, have been demonstrated.

North We have seen that the north stands for the Bible, the Word. England encourages Protestantism and from this came the translation of the Bible, the King James version, which we use today. The north side of America is Canada, the child of England.

East. On the East we have the birthplace of Christian Science, the dual appearing one might say of the science of Christianity which Jesus brought. Mrs. Eddy in one of her works says that the star of Bethlehem is the star of Boston.⁵¹

South. Now we come to the southern side which speaks of "**the cross of Calvary, binding human society into solemn union.**" In the experience of the Civil War in this country, the nation suffered a crucifixion by going through a war in order to free the colored slaves, and this demonstrated for all mankind the band of union.

West. History tells us that civilization has ever advanced westward, and the west side of the city foursquare Mrs. Eddy defines as **the "Golden Shore of Love and the Peaceful Sea of Harmony."** The Christian Science Journal shows us that California is the largest local field of Christian Science in the Movement and that the west coast is the most active. Mrs. Eddy says the "Golden Shore of Love" and the world says the Golden West: the peaceful sea of the Pacific Ocean is what the word *pacific* means.

We have now arrived at the universal demonstration when the belief of an occult mind must be met and overcome. This city foursquare is actually reaching out into the Palestine where it seemed Jesus was born. The earth will be encircled. Mrs. Eddy, in further describing the city foursquare, says, "**Its gates open toward light and glory both within and without, for all is good and nothing can enter that city which defileth or maketh a lie.**" Here we have the Golden Gate through which the ships of all nations in peaceful times pass in and out.

What the Christian Scientist demonstrates for himself individually, universally, expresses itself as a nation. Truth will encompass the world, first as individuals and then as nations. Thus we see that the nation which prepared its thought for the appearing of Christian Science is demonstrating the consciousness of the City Foursquare. It is the "**light of the world – a city that cannot be hid, whose light will shine before men and nations that they may see its good works and glory the Father which is in heaven.**"⁵²

GENERIC MAN

We have been seeing today that a better world appears only as a better state of consciousness is evolved. That is, consciousness must rise higher in the apprehension of spiritual ideas before the world will appear improved. We hear much about constructing a better world after this period of war is over. If we expect to demonstrate scientific, individual existence, then the true idea of individual being must appear as our consciousness. If we expect to see righteous government, then

⁵¹ Mis 320:23

⁵² Matthew 5:14

the correct idea of government must be unfolding *as our consciousness*. If we desire to see and know a world at peace, then the idea of universal being or generic man must be evolved *as consciousness*. Is that not what is implied in the Lord's Prayer where it says, "**Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven?**" As we consciously know -- so doth it appear.

The whole world seems to be at war. The understanding of universal Being is necessary to heal it. The term *generic man* is sometimes misunderstood by students of Christian Science. They often think it is impossible to understand and demonstrate it now -- that it rightly belongs to the future -- that it depends on the world's acceptance of the idea. Let us see what Mrs. Eddy says:

"Gen. 1:27. 'So God created man in his own image in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them' To emphasize this momentous thought, it is repeated that God made man in His own image, to reflect the divine Spirit. It follows that *man* is a generic term."⁵³

"God is one. The allness of Deity is His oneness. Generically man is one, and specifically man means all men."⁵⁴

"Through spiritual sense you can discern the heart of divinity, and thus begin to comprehend in Science the generic term *man*. Man is not absorbed in Deity, and man cannot lose his individuality, for he reflects eternal Life; nor is he an isolated, solitary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all substance."⁵⁵

The capacity to understand the one man, universally expressed, is generic man. Are you unfolding the idea of generic man? If we expect to see all nations come together in peace and understanding, this idea must *now* be developing in consciousness. We must see why there is one brotherhood. Mrs. Eddy says,

"The divine Principle of the First Commandment bases the Science of being, by which man demonstrates health, holiness, and life eternal. One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars, fulfills the Scripture, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself;' annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, -- whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed."⁵⁶

This actually is a statement of universal Being or generic man. Where is this taking place? God being Mind, it must be going on as consciousness. God being the Mind of man, this understanding is going on as your consciousness. It is the only place it can occur. Are you realizing your responsibility in maintaining this fact? Let each ask himself; "Is my consciousness realizing the nature of its divinity, unifying men and nations? Is it constituting the brotherhood of man? Is it ending wars? Am I loving my neighbor as myself? Am I annihilating whatever is wrong with social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes? Am I annulling the curse on man?" If not, this statement is an objective statement and lacks application. Remember, we are the temple of the living God which means God, Truth, lives as our consciousness. These ideas, then, must be going on as my consciousness.

We know there is just one man, yet seeming to see many men and nations suggests there is more than one man. That is not true according to the teachings of

⁵³ S&H 516:24-30

⁵⁴ S&H 267:5-7

⁵⁵ S&H 258:31-5

⁵⁶ S&H 340:22

Christian Science. Men and nations are but aspects of the one man "...**woman is but a species of the genera...**"⁵⁷ Christian Science teaches one God and one man; therefore, there is no plurality in God and His idea. As we see men and nations in this way, what is happening? The idea of universal or generic man is appearing in our consciousness.

I had a lovely experience when I was unfolding the idea of generic man. As I saw some new-old aspects of the one man universally, I thought that must have been the experience of Isaiah when he wrote,

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

First it appeared as idea, consciousness, and then, upon the earth. This is only one activity of thought, not two. Looking up what Mrs. Eddy might say about it, I found the following statement,

"When a new spiritual idea is born to earth, the prophetic scripture of Isaiah is renewedly fulfilled, 'Unto us a child is born...'"⁵⁸

If Christian Scientists had been more universally handling the false claims about nations as they have handled false claims about men, I feel sure that the experience we are now having would not have been the same. It is quite possible the war would have been averted. The lack of seeing the generic is why these things seem to be. Of course, it is never too late. We must begin now to understand our responsibility in this regard. We should handle the belief in evil and in evil characteristics of nations, just as we handle the belief of evil characteristics in the individual man. For instance, the German nation, we say, is aggressive, ruthless, cruel, and that it has always been handled by mesmerism. We say the Japanese nation is a heathen nation, that it has an occult mind capable of all deceit and treachery. We could go through the whole list of nations and something outstanding of this kind would claim our attention.

Bliss Knapp, some years ago, was lecturing in Honolulu when an educated Japanese woman came to him and asked if he would talk to a group of her friends about Christian Science. She said she would translate as he went along. He accepted and began to outline to her the basis upon which he would talk. First, he thought he would present God as Love, as everyone would understand that in any language. But she said, "No, do not do that because there is no word in Japanese which means *love*, and I cannot translate it for you. The nearest word we have means *filial obedience*, which we say when one means much to another."

Then he said he would choose some other quality and built up from it. He thought of *honesty*, but again, she said there was no word in Japanese meaning honesty. The nearest to it was a word meaning *policy*, that is, it is good policy to do the right thing, but it has no moral obligation. He went to the meeting feeling that he would just let it unfold spontaneously. He began, but in the middle of his talk he excused himself and stopped. He said, "All they are getting out of the meeting is theosophy, or mind-over-matter. They have no concept of spiritual qualities and no words in their language by which those qualities can be conveyed to them."

⁵⁷ S&H 482:18

⁵⁸ S&H 109:25

In view of the treacherous things done by the Japanese in the war, this is interesting. On the other hand, we have to *handle* this situation. Shall we believe this true of any nation any more than we could believe it concerning one individual man? Here the idea of generic man is revealed. It is required of us to heal nations as we would heal man, one man, so to speak. To believe that a national consciousness could have such a claim is to be handled in the same way as we handle individual consciousness, for someone who comes to us for treatment. Remember, what we call the Japanese, German, or any other nation, are not so many men but many aspects of the one man.

As we have already seen, there is just one hate -- the one claim of hate to be healed. One sees in this that evil claims to be generic for it is just one claim. How far reaching our treatment would be if we could see that it is always only one claim of evil, that the reality is always only one God and one man. Mrs. Eddy says,

"Question: Must mankind wait for the ultimate of the millennium -- until every man and woman comes into the knowledge of Christ and all are taught of God and see their apparent identity as one man and one woman -- for God to be represented by His idea of image and likeness?"

Answer: God is one, and His idea, or image, or likeness, man is one. But God is *infinite* and so includes *all* in one. Man is the generic term for men and women. Man, as the idea or image and likeness of the infinite God, is a compound, complex idea or likeness of the infinite *one*, or one infinite, whose image is the reflection of all that is real and eternal in infinite identity. Gender means a kind. Hence mankind -- in other words, a kind of man who is identified by sex -- is the material, so-called man born of the flesh, and is not the spiritual man, created by God, Spirit, who made all that was made. The millennium is a state and stage of mental advancement, going on since ever time was. Its impetus, accelerated by the advent of Christian Science, is marked, and will increase till all men shall know Him (divine Love) from the least to the greatest, and one God and the brotherhood of man shall be known and acknowledged throughout the earth."⁵⁹

Remember, we are not human beings. That is a trick of mortal mind, suggested to us day in and day out. The human sense of existence is a sense of limitation. It is a right and a wrong. Divinity is not a house divided against itself, half good and half bad. Divinity knows only good -- one infinite, one indivisible Being.

From this outlook, then, man is the manifestation of God. Nations are the manifestation of good, God. All is the manifestation of God. Paul says, "...**God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**"⁶⁰ This is the understanding of the one infinite good, God and His one infinitely good idea. Again, speaking of Jesus, Mrs. Eddy says,

"His affections were pure; theirs were carnal. His sense drank in the spiritual evidence of health, holiness, and life; their senses testified oppositely, showing how Jesus demonstrated the fact in contrast to the materialists of his age. The demonstration of good, God, from the infinitesimal to the infinite is man, generic man."⁶¹

All this brings us to the conclusion that generic man is our consciousness -- our own individual capacity to understand universal Being. It is the universal

⁵⁹ Miscellany 239:12

⁶⁰ Ii Cor 5:19

⁶¹ S&H 52:5

infinite idea of God, and God and His idea is one, or "**I and my Father are one.**" Also, we conclude that no longer do we look to the future to bring forth generic man, nor do we wait until the world sees it. It is a divine idea expressing infinity. Therefore, it is, and must be, unfolded as our consciousness.

CONCLUSION

To summarize and conclude, the following ideas are those which I endeavored to bring before you today in this paper.

- 1) The healing of war from the standpoint of divine being.
- 2) All men are free because individual freedom is in essence God individually manifesting Himself. Hence, the need to protect and maintain the Constitution of the United States which magnifies and protects this spiritual idea -- the freedom of man -- and gave the first legal protection to Christian Science healing.
- 3) Divine and individual consciousness, typified by the Kingdom of God within us and the City Foursquare. Then, its full and complete understanding and demonstration of the Science of existence in generic man or universal Being.

Let us go forward today with renewed effort and spiritual determination to be what we actually are -- the individual appearing of the infinitely good God. To know as Mind, to act as Mind, to embrace the universe and man as God does, as His beloved, clearly to realize the power of divine consciousness to overcome the belief in evil.

In the words of John may we close: "**Alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.**"⁶²

⁶² Rev 19:6