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 REVEALING OF HEALTH

The initiation of Christian Science began with the proving of God's friendship by a Christian woman who exactly and intimately realized what the prophet Isaiah had declared regarding the divine power—"Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is he weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength."

When fainting down to the gateway of death Mrs. Eddy felt the impulse of Spirit which comes "unseen like the wind's breath." She was impelled to turn to the Scriptures, and guided to read the story of the healing of the paralytic man laid by his friends at Jesus' feet; and she was enabled to realize that the power then present to heal could not change through the ages, nor be ever absent. Upon this power of God she relied for her help, since all other aid was unavailing and God gave power to the faint, and increased strength for her, till with the thrill renewed life she awoke, declaring herself healed.

This experience illuminates the words of Paul when he speaks of "Christ the power of God," and the wisdom of God. It makes clear to us what Luke meant when from his standpoint as a physician he was trying to make clear the spiritual method of the Master, and said of his work, "The power of the Lord was present to heal."

**DISCOVERY OF THE LAW**

It is not claimed that the experience of Mrs. Eddy was unique in Christian history. Wherever there has been uplifted spiritual faith men have been able to discern and prove to some extent the goodness of God. In times of the revival of religion, healing has frequently accompanied the preaching of the gospel it was so in Germany in Luther's day. He was able to heal his friend Melancthon when he seemed to be dying. And in the great movement which resulted in Methodism there were many instances of healing, of some of which John Wesley speaks. While Mrs. Eddy quotes a modern poet in referring to her own experience, the vision of Longfellow describes the experience of men in all ages.

"But the feeble hands and helpless, groping blindly in the darkness touched God's right hand in that darkness and lifted up and strengthened."

In spite of the great number of those who found clarification of thought and the cure of bodily distress from the divine source through their uplifted faith, and their "prayer of faith," Mrs. Eddy was the only one who was enabled to translate her experience in such a way as to discover the law and the principle upon which the experience depended. She speaks of the experience being to her what the falling apple was to Newton. It was the occasion for the right reasoning which led to a discovery.

She was qualified like no other student or theologian of her time, to comprehend the basic truth in the Scriptures, because she had gained in her own life a proof of God's friendship to man of similar nature to the healings there recorded. Men have gone to the Scriptures with every sort of a theory, and have sought to prove their theories from the words of the record. She turned to the words recorded seeking to understand them by virtue of an experience of healing.

When her discovery was complete she made clear that its basis was "the teachings and demonstrations of our

great Master and the lives of prophets and apostles" (Science and Health, 126:27).

**ERA OF HOPE**

The era of the prophets was the time of promise—the era of the world's hope and expectation. But hope was not fulfilled. "These all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise." Perhaps the quality of the hope is best expressed in such a promise as that of Isaiah: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped; then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing." Furthermore of the ransomed of the Lord he says: "They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Such was the prophet's expectation.

**ERA OF CHRISTIAN FAITH**

Then came the era of the revelation of Christianity. The demonstrations of the Master and his apostles revealed man's government by God, whereby he is governed for his blessing, and the glory of God is achieved by the salvations of man. This became the era of the world's faith. The apostles saw the promises of the prophets fulfilled; but as the years went by men began to put away from them the fulfillment of the promises into the future life. It was the Christian era—but the era of Christianity doctrinal. Every man became busy saying to his brother "Know the Lord." Consequently there grew up sects with different theories as to the way of salvation.

**TRANSITIONAL QUESTIONINGS**

Then appeared signs of a transition. The churches began to make less of dogma and more of life. They added Christian service to man to their formal services in honor of God. Christianity appears out side of the churches in general awaking regarding to man's duty to man. Questions arose as to the power of evil, so long submitted to in this life, in the hope of a blessed immortality after death. Men were stirred like Gideon when his land was impoverished by the Midianites and he said, "If the Lord be for us, why then has all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of?" So amid the oppression of incurable diseases and evils apparently irremediable, many cried out, "If there be a God, why is His might not proven?"

The answer had long been made that disease and death originate with God, and that evil is of his sending or permission. Now men began to question their guides and ask, "How shall the physician's prescription avail to cure the disease, or how shall the priest's intercession make void the wrong, if God creates the agony and sends the evil? Can a drug thwart omnipotence? Can a man save from the ill of God's sending?"

**ERA OF DEMONSTRATION**

The answer to the problems and questions is found in Christian Science. During the forty years of Mrs. Eddy's ministry to mankind the world entered into the era of demonstration. Men know now that they can inherit the promises of the prophets, and maintain the revelation of God's friendship that came by Christ, Jesus and prove, as did the prophets and the apostles, "the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

The time was ripe for the discovery of Christian Science which reveals God, not as the personal ruler selecting courtiers for personal advantage or banishing or destroying enemies but as "savior Principle," or universal love, reaching all mankind with its warmth and goodness as the sun blesses even the unthankful. The Christian impulse in the hearts of men was awaiting guidance. Men had a desire that their Christian work should become sure of results, not haphazard. In fact, the world was longing for divine Love to be proven to it again as when the revelation first appeared.

**PROOF THAT CAME**

So the proof came: through a woman but according to eternal law. The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science first found her proof within her own life. She found the nexus between her experience and those recorded in the Scriptures; and thus to her consciousness was revealed "the law of God, the law of good, interpreting and demonstrating the divine Principle and rule of universal harmony" (Rudimental Divine Science, p. 1).

This was Christian Science. She verified her discovery by proving to others this law of good. She taught pupils how to bless their fellowmen by proving the law. As the years went by a great church appeared like a vine with branches in every land. For the guidance of its members she ordained the Bible, with her laboriously prepared text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", to be the pastor "on this planet" of all the churches (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 383). To carry to the whole world the gospel, the good news of God's friendship to man, she initiated the literature of testimony—the series of periodicals which record and relate the results of Christian Science. So we recognize the era of Christianity practical, that crowns the hope of ages, and carries the faith of centuries,

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**SOLVING OF PROBLEMS**

Truth is know by the result that it solves problems. The enduring truth of God's friendship is the solution for every human woe, distress, entanglement and error.

The sick find peace which is the remedy for their pain. To cite cases of healing seems needless in view of the fact that the Journal for thirty years, and the Sentinel for fifteen, have regularly presented a record of the healing of all manner of diseases. To encourage the hope of readers Mrs. Eddy added both to Science and Health and to her Miscellaneous Writings, a chapter of testimony to the healing results of the truth made practical in Christian Science. Ten thousand voices give thanks to God for healing at our mid-week gatherings. And yet I may be permitted to tell of one in my own family who first tried out the skill of physicians at home, and then sought help abroad, finally returning from Paris with no hope of any final recovery. There was help nigh at hand, however, for she found a helper in one with a clear knowledge of Christian Science who first took away the crutches upon which she had depended, saying, "You do not need them"; then supplied her with knowledge of Mind's supporting power, so that to her came the freedom and happiness of the man healed at the temple gate by Peter and John, who "entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping, and praising God." The life of praise to God has continued, and because of that one healing hundreds of lives have since been likewise blessed.

The mourner with a cherished bereavement who thinks no sorrow like hers, and so has a grievance against the sender of the sorrow, loses both grief and grievance on learning that the divine Friend is the origin of life, not death, and sends to man healing and resurrection.

The criminal tormented with dread while he seeks to find good as a deceiver of others, a trickster, a thief or a murderer, can be redeemed from the torment of his own self-deception, and find new life as a doer of good not harm to others, so soon as he recognizes God as the friend of man.

The libertine dwelling in agony with his poveried imagination, sunk down into bodily sensations like one in a jethsome pit, can be lifted out of "the miry clay," and have his feet set on firm ground and instead of foul images thought and foul speech expressing them, he can have "a new song in his mouth—even praise unto our God."

The perpetually disappointed man or woman who continually says, "Everything is against me," can learn the way of God's appointing, and become well.

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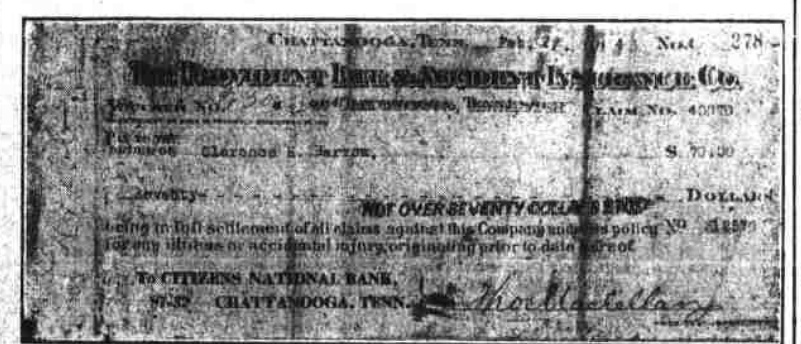
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