Legal Notice

NOTICE

HAVING THIS DAY QUALIFIED as Administratrix c. t. a. of the estate of GEORGE KEMPER ROPER, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at her home in Black Mountain, North Carolina, on or before the 26th day of December, 1964, or else this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 17th day of June, 1964.

HELEN D. ROPER, Administratrix c. t. a. of the Estate of GEORGE KEMPER ROPER, deceased.

June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 1964

NOTICE

HAVING THIS DAY QUALIFIED as Administrator of the estate of WALTER B. GREGG, deceased, late of Black Mountain, Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned at his office at 108 Broadway, in Black Mountain, North Carolina, on or before the 26th day of December, 1964, or else this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 19th day of June, 1964.

R. E. FINCH, Administrator of the Estate of WALTER B. GREGG, deceased.

June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 1964

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of CHARLES C. McKINNISH, deceeased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the Office of George Pennell, Esquire, Attorney at Law, 509 Jackson Building, Asheville, North Carolina, on or before the 25th day of December, 1964, or else this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 25th day of June, 1964.

GEORGE PENNELL
Administrator.

June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 1964

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE
IN THE GENERAL COUNTY COURT

NOTICE

LAVERN ELLER, Plaintiff
vs
ALICE DOLINGER ELLER, Defendant

The above named defendant. ALICE DOLINGER ELLER, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the GENERAL COUNTY COURT OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon the grounds that the plaintiff and the defendant have lived continuously separate and apart from each other for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear in the Office of the Clerk of the General County Court in the Court House in Asheville, North Carolina, within thirty days after July 16, 1964, and answer or demure to the complaint or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 2nd day of June, 1964.

Zebulon Weaver, Jr.
Clerk of Superior Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina, Ex-Officio Clerk of General County Court.

June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 1964

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as Executrix of the Estate of DANIEL LOGAN NANNEY, SR., deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified ,on or before 6 months from the date hereof, or else this Notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 12 day of June, 1964.

Johnnie C. Nanney
North Fork Road
Black Mountain, N. C.

June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 1964

LEGAL NOTICE

Having this day qualified as Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of ELEANOR W. WILDER, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before 6 months from the date hereof, or else this Notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 10 day of June, 1964.

W. B. STONE
120 State Street
Black Mountain, N. C.

June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 1964

NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE
IN THE GENERAL COUNTY COURT

NOTICE

CLAUDE J. FRIZZELL, Plaintiff,
vs.
MAXINE H. FRIZZELL, Defendant.

TO:—MAXINE H. FRIZZELL, take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action.

That the nature of the relief being sought is a divorce, A Vinculo Matrimonii, based on two years separation.

You are required to make defense to such pleadings not later than the 9 day of August, 1964, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 8 day of June, 1964.

Zebulon Weaver,
Clerk of Superior Court
(Ex-officio Clerk, Gen Cty. Ct.)

June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 1964

NOTICE

HAVING THIS DAY QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of LURA HARRIS, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at his home on Route 2, Arden, North Carolina, or to Ronald E. Finch, Attorney-at-Law, 108 Broadway, Black Mountain, North Carolina, on or before the 11th day of December, 1964, or else this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of June, 1964.

BILLY HARRIS, Administrator of the Estate of LURA HARRIS, deceased.

June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 1964

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as Administrator of the Estate of ELLA YOUNG PRAYTOR, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before 6 months from the date hereof, or else this Notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 28 day of May, 1964.

Richard B. Stone
120 State Street
Black Mountain, N. C.

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 1964

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as Executor of the Estate of PHILLIP A. BAILEY, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before 6 months from the date hereof, or else this Notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 18 day of May, 1964.

Earl Bailey, Executor
Richard B. Stone, Attorney
120 State Street
Black Mountain, N. C.

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 1964

NOTICE

HAVING QUALIFIED as Administratrix of the Estate of MARY MATILDA ROBERTS, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, or to Ronald E. Finch, Attorney, 108 Broadway, Black Mountain, North Carolina, on or before the 11th day of December, 1964, or else this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons having claims against said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 5th day of June, 1964.

MYRTLE R. MORGAN, Administratrix of the Estate of MARY MATILDA ROBERTS, deceased.

June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 1964

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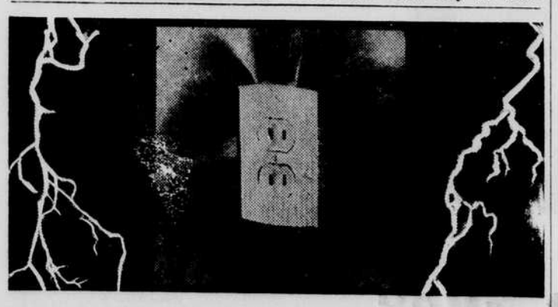

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A Lecture
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The Healing Mission of Christian Science
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Naomi Price, C. S.
of London, England

Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts

This Lecture was Given at First Church of Christ, Scientist Asheville, N. C., Sunday, June 21st at 3:30 P. M.

The lecturer was introduced by Mrs. Charlotte M. Cordtmeyer, Second Reader of the Church.

The lecturer spoke substantially as follows:

Today's growing interest in spiritual healing has caused many to wonder what Christian Science is and how it heals. Let me begin by quoting to you the definition which Mary Baker Eddy, its Discoverer and Founder, herself gives in answer to the question "How would you define Christian Science?" She writes (Rudimental Divine Science 1: 2): "As the law of God, the law of good, interpreting and demonstrating the divine Principle and rule of universal harmony."

Healing in Christian Science takes place through the utilization of this law of God, this law of good. When the divine law of harmony is understood, accepted into thought, acknowledged as the only law, and lived in daily life, the inevitable consequence is healing.

Sometimes those who are not well acquainted with the teachings of Christian Science ask why its adherents lay so much emphasis on the healing of physical disease. Let us see how Christ Jesus, the originator of Christian healing, viewed this particular matter.

You will recall that John the Baptist, wanting assurance of the authenticity of Jesus' mission as the Messiah, sent his disciples to ask him (Luke 7:20): "Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?" Without hesitation the Master immediately healed many who were infirm, blind and sick of many diseases. Then, turning to his inquirers, he said: "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached" (Luke 7:22). This was his answer. Jesus knew that these healings were the sign of the appearing of the Christ, Truth, and he foretold that in the future those who believed what he said would perform even greater works than these.

Healing is likewise the sign of the authentic Christlike nature of Christian Science. This healing is, as in Jesus' time, wholly spiritual. It takes place through prayer—through turning to God, acknowledging the perfection of His universe and steadfastly denying the evidence of the senses, which would testify to the presence of some evil condition unlike God and contrary to His law. The resulting purification of thought is manifested to human view in the destruction of disease and discord of every kind.

Christ's Healing Power Available to All

Christ Jesus told his disciples (Luke 10:19), "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy." Christian Science demonstrates that this great power "over all the power of the enemy" is within reach of us all. We may all have it right now through the scientific understanding of God's universal law of harmony and the regeneration which accompanies this understanding. Spiritual power meets all human needs. It is "over all the power of the enemy." It applies to every form of discord. Sin, insecurity, poverty, loneliness, sorrow, slavery to any form of human tyranny, even world unrest can be overcome through the utilization of spiritual power.

Christ Jesus gave his disciples power. How may we also have this healing power? Christian Science shows us how and explains its operation. The power that the Master gave his disciples was derived through understanding—the understanding of God's nature as omnipotent Love, the Father of all. He taught them that man is the beloved child of God, inheritor of all the divine qualities, and he demonstrated how the expression of these qualities endows one with divine power to cast out evil.

Christian Science further explains that because all mortal [illegible] of the carnal or mortal mind, it is effectively destroyed by the expression of the Christly qualities derived from God, such as wisdom, love, integrity, joy, steadfastness, humility, purity. This expression of good restores the normal condition of man in God's likeness, thereby healing both sin and sickness.

The Great Discovery

From the first glimpse of Christian Science, the eternal Truth has been accompanied by signs of healing. The revelation came in 1866 to Mary Baker Eddy as she lay dangerously ill after a fall. Accustomed as she was throughout her life to pray to God and to turn to her Bible for comfort and help, she called for it now, and in her extremity opened it at the passage which relates the healing by Christ Jesus of the man sick of the palsy.

While pondering this account Mrs. Eddy suddenly gained a glimpse of the Principle underlying the healing power of God which was manifested by Christ Jesus. She saw that God, divine Mind, is the first and only cause and that adherence to the First Commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," casts out the evils of mortal mind thus healing the sick.

As immediately as the palsied man was restored to health, she herself rose up and walked. Thereafter, her life was devoted to the discovery and elucidation of the Christly method of divine healing and the utilization of it for the benefit of all mankind.

For twenty years prior to this experience, Mrs. Eddy had investigated the methods of medicine and homeopathy. Her experience in these fields of therapeutics had convinced her that the cause of disease is mental and that the divine Mind alone can produce a cure. Now it was revealed to her that while all real being is the manifestation of God, the divine Mind, and is therefore perfect, the discords of human existence—even material existence itself—are images of erring, mortal thought. They are the opposites of Truth, evolved by mortal mind. This erring mortal, so-called mind, falsely believing in a power, presence and law apart from God, good, produces its own phenomena in the material body and the woes of the flesh. These are never more than the subjective state of mortal mind which seem real to the senses but which, in fact, have no more substance and permanence than shadows in a dream.

Consequently, because material inharmony is produced mentally through fear, ignorance or sin, it can be removed only through the action of the divine Mind. When one denies these errors and replaces them with love, understanding, and other qualities of God, spiritual regeneration takes place, and this finds its outward manifestation in the healing of material inharmony.

In order that the understanding of God's law might never again be lost, Mrs. Eddy then recorded her discovery in detail. Her main work, the textbook of Christian Science, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," contains a full explanation of the Science of divine healing and, as its name implies, is intended to be read in conjunction with the Bible. On the cover of this book and of all her other writings, appears the emblem of the cross and crown encircled by Jesus' words: "Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cleanse the lepers. Cast out demons."

When Christ Jesus sent out his disciples to preach the gospel to mankind he gave them instruction to heal, and we hear that they returned full of joy and gratitude for the wonderful works they were able to perform. We have no record in the Bible that he withdrew or modified this instruction, and by healing the sick herself and showing us how we may likewise demonstrate the healing Principle through the acknowledgment and application of God's law of universal harmony, Mrs. Eddy was faithful to the Master's command.

The Bible foretells the appearing of the Comforter, the divine message of Truth which would lead mankind into all truth. Thousands whose lives have been transformed through Christian Science bear witness that this divine Science is that promised Comforter. Recognizing that it is through her discovery that they have gained a true understanding of God and of man's unity with Him, Christian Scientists love and are grateful to Mary Baker Eddy. They acknowledge her to be the revelator of Christ, Truth, to this age; they revere her because she discovered the Science which Christ Jesus demonstrated; they trust her as their Leader and daily strive to practice more effectively the divine Truth which she revealed.

Explaining the source of his power to heal, Christ Jesus told his disciples (John 14:10): "The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." He knew that it was through the Christ, the divine nature, that God gave him this power. This same Christ-power is available to all men in proportion as they also reflect the divine nature,—this is the great discovery that Mrs. Eddy has given to the world. Her own remarkable power to heal the sick sprang clearly from the spiritual qualities she derived from God through Science—qualities wonderfully evident in her life.

Christian Science reveals that Spirit acts through its qualities to destroy not only the beliefs and propensities of mortal mind, but also the woes of the flesh which are the manifestation of these errors. Mrs. Eddy says in Science and Health (p. 243): "Truth, Life, and Love are a law of annihilation to everything unlike themselves, because they declare nothing except God."

Accounts of Mrs. Eddy's early childhood show the budding of the qualities [illegible] ciple, of Truth and Love, which were later to come to fruition in her great achievements. One of the governing impulses of her life had always been an intense love for mankind, a deep compassion for human suffering and a desire to annul it. From this love grew the selfless, hard-working, dedicated life which brought forth the Church of Christ, Scientist, which in its turn is dedicated to the salvation of the world from sin and suffering.

The Church of Christ, Scientist

This Church, whose branches now encircle the globe, was originally conceived in 1879 on this simple and profound basis (Church Manual, p. 17): "To organize a church designed to commemorate the word and works of our Master, which should reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing."

The element of Christian healing permeates every activity of the Christian Science Church, indeed its many branches in all parts of the world are formed and established by grateful people who have themselves already experienced healing. The several thousand practitioners listed in The Christian Science Journal, the weekly Lesson-Sermons, the Church services and Sunday School exercises, the Reading Rooms, periodicals and lectures have all this same purpose of healing. For example, a friend of mine was healed of a severe condition of eczema when she attended her very first lecture on Christian Science.

A Healing of Eczema

One Sunday morning a newspaper advertisement for this lecture caught the eye of this young woman. She was an active member of an orthodox Christian church, but when she saw the notice she felt drawn to attend the lecture and find out more about Christian Science. At the time she had been under medical care for several months for the condition of eczema which covered both her hands, and was using various remedies for its relief, but, knowing very little about Christian Science, it did not occur to her that her physical condition could in any way be improved by it.

Leaving her household tasks she put on her hat and hastened to the lecture. Throughout the hour she listened intently, enjoyed what she heard and felt she would attend another lecture as the opportunity occurred.

On her arrival home she went to the medicine cupboard to treat her hands with their usual lotion when suddenly she realized that the rash had almost disappeared. One hour of learning about the Science of God, Spirit, had achieved more for her than months of reliance upon matter. Without further material treatment the condition entirely vanished within two days, never to return. That was the end of the trouble.

Healings such as this are normal and scientific, they are not supernatural. They come about through the operation of divine law, for, when spiritual understanding takes the place of false mortal belief; when kindness, compassion and forgiveness replace criticism, animosity and resentment; when the light of love outshines the shadows of fear and hate, and spiritual satisfaction and peace replace discontent and rebellion, then the real nature of man in God's likeness is revealed in all the beauty and grandeur and harmony with which he was endowed from the beginning by his heavenly Father.

Christ Jesus said to Nicodemus (John 3:7): "Ye must be born again." In order to gain the health, happiness and harmony which constitute the kingdom of heaven, our thinking must be transformed. We must forsake mortal error and material theories, and by reversing the testimony of the physical senses, learn anew what God, Spirit, is.

The Nature of God as Love

Christian Science assists in this rebirth by defining God in seven synonymous terms, and I quote from Science and Health (p. 115): "God: Divine Principle, Life, Truth, Love, Soul, Spirit, Mind." Reasoning from the basis that God is the creator of the true, spiritual universe, including man, Christian Science deduces that the real man is, in fact, God-like,—he is God's expression governed by divine Principle. He is spiritual, altogether lovely, forever perfect and good. He is not, as the material senses would claim him to be, material, changeable, discordant, mortal.

When we grasp this true understanding of man's being and let it take possession of our thinking, we are transformed. Our whole outlook and behaviour are changed. Our experience in daily affairs becomes grander, nobler, sweeter. We are at peace with ourselves and each other. Disorder, disease, discord, dissatisfaction vanish in this spiritual transformation, and we come into an enjoyment of life never before imagined.

This transformation comes gradually as the result of a deep desire to know and do the will of God. It comes through prayer. Christian Scientists pray daily in the words of the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come." This prayer acknowledges the presence and power of God and expresses the longing to live in accord with the pattern of true, Godlike being shown in the life of Christ Jesus. This involves daily watchful care to eliminate from our thinking all that is unlike God and to express only the divine qualities implied in the seven names for God which I have just quoted.

St. John wrote (I John 4:7): "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and [illegible] portant step in our rebirth and transformation is taken when we learn to understand God as divine Love! God's infinite, all-inclusive, compassionate love embraces every one of His children. We can know that we are all beloved children of the Father, made in His likeness, safe in His tender care, with all needs supplied. What a wonderful truth!

Then, we are faced with the need to love our neighbour as ourselves—to see him likewise as God's beloved child, made in His likeness, loving, lovable, eternally expressing the wisdom, purity and perfection of divine Mind. Sometimes this does not seem so easy. Jesus said (John 15:13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Loving involves the giving up of all mortal belief concerning others. It demands that we abandon our false sense of life in which our neighbour appears as a physical, erring, finite human being. It calls upon us to exercise spiritual sense and thus to see him as the perfect man made by God.

Christian Scientists pray daily to have this love in their hearts. They strive to bring it into every aspect of their lives—their homes, business affairs and their churches—and in proportion to their success in bearing witness to the presence of God and His perfect universe are they rewarded in seeing the healing influence of the Christ manifested around them.

The Pattern of True Manhood

This healing Christ which the Bible refers to as "Wonderful" is fully explained in Science and Health. Here "Christ" is shown to be the spiritual expression of God—the divine image and likeness which comes to human thought and dispels the illusions of the senses. It manifests the divine Mind in perfect consciousness and demonstrates true, sinless being in the expression of the qualities of eternal Life and Love.

Jesus expressed the incorporeal, spiritual Christ the divine qualities of his Father, God, to such a degree that the fleshly elements derived from his human mother were entirely in subjugation to them. Humanly he manifested no evil because he was spiritually at one with good. His sinless nature, the pure expression of the Christ in his every thought and deed, endowed him with divine power. It enabled him to exercise dominion over the errors of matter; to overcome the limitations of time and space, and to cast out the demons of sickness and sin which claimed to hold others in bondage. By expressing the qualities of God, the Master bore witness to the true nature of man in God's image—the true nature of us all.

One of the religious tenets of Christian Science as laid down by Mrs. Eddy in Science and Health reads as follows (p. 497): "And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure." What higher goal could anyone have than to think as Jesus thought and to express the divine nature as he did?

This mind "which was also in Christ Jesus" imbues everyone who seeks it not only with mercy, justice and purity but with such an all-embracing, impartial, compassionate love for mankind that it becomes an overwhelming urge to help all who are in need. Christ Jesus yearned to lift the burdens of discord and sickness from the world. In the Bible we read (Matt. 9:36): "When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

Every student who in some measure puts the teachings of Christian Science into practice is a practitioner, but there are those who are so "moved with compassion" that they give up all other occupations to devote their full time to the healing work. This work is a sacred ministry. The method of healing employed—Christian Science treatment—is wholly spiritual. Any compromise with matter, a desire to examine the forms its assumes and the use of material remedies, renders its efficacy null and void. It is prayer in which thought turns wholly away from matter, the physical body and discordant mortal conditions, and rests in the consciousness of the presence of God's perfect universe, the spiritual man of His creating and His law of harmony which governs all.

A Healing of Heart Trouble

A student of Christian Science was visiting in the home of a sister who was under the care of a physician. She was more than 80 years of age but active, vital and full of the enjoyment of living. During her visit, she was suddenly stricken with a heart condition—a thing which had never happened before. The doctor attending her sister, in his concern, insisted upon an examination even against her wish. His verdict was grave, and he warned her of the need to rest, telling her on no account to rise from her bed.

Thanking him for his interest, the woman waited for his departure and immediately took steps to send a message to a Christian Science practitioner requesting metaphysical help. The practitioner at once reached out in prayer to God. According to the orderly procedure laid down in Science and Health under the heading "Mental Treatment Illustrated," she began by handling fear. Mrs. Eddy says (p. 411): "Always begin your treatment by allaying the fear of patients."

She gratefully acknowledged the allness of God, good, the [illegible] ized that there is no cause for fear because the divine Mind, God, maintains throughout eternity the beloved child of His creating. Denying the physical evidence of inharmony which according to medical diagnosis was dangerous to life, she claimed the present operation of the divine law of harmony in every action and function of her patient. This Christlike understanding of true, spiritual being she knew to be a law of annihilation to the false beliefs of human frailty of mortal imperfection and discord of every kind, and she claimed the presence here and now of the evidence of man's strength and harmony in God's likeness.

She continued for some time with this line of thought, reasoning from perfect cause to perfect effect, reversing the testimony of the senses and realizing the present perfection of man, until she felt a wave of joy in the knowledge of the infinitude of divine Love.

The following day the patient was out picking flowers when the doctor called to see her sister. Seriously he begged her at least not to go out of the garden. But within a few days, completely healed, she traveled home alone several hundred miles, and thereafter enjoyed an active life free from trouble with her heart.

Man's Spiritual Being Appearing

The practice of Christian Science does not involve the alteration of a belief of discord by a mere belief of harmony. It is the recognition and demonstration of man's true being as described in the first chapter of Genesis where it is recorded that God made man in His image. This man of God's creating is purely spiritual because he is the expression of God, Spirit; he is intelligent because he is the manifestation of God, divine Mind; he is upright, symmetrical, governed by the law of harmony because he is the image of God, Principle; he manifests the unimpaired, spiritual senses of Soul, God; he shows forth the indestructibility of eternal Life, the absolute perfection of immutable Truth, the grace and attraction of divine Love—all the beauty, grandeur and glory of God belong to him because man is made in the image of God and is maintained in His likeness. He is unfettered by human theories of material limitation. His capacity to express the substance of spiritual qualities is infinite.

This is the true nature of man, the spiritual manifestation of God, the only man there really is. This is the truth of each one of us, yesterday, today and forever—the true nature which we learn in Christian Science to claim and to demonstrate.

Need for Spiritual Development

Perhaps some may say: "But what about the mortal, material body? How do you reconcile the Biblical record of spiritual man with the apparent fact that mortal man exists as a material body? Where did this come from?" Mrs. Eddy was conversant with current theories of evolution and discusses in her writings the theories of Darwin. But from the heights of spiritual vision she draws a clear distinction between the true, spiritual man derived from God, Spirit, and the false, mortal belief of man appearing as a material body which begins as an unconscious, microscopic chemical organization and later develops into a complicated, articulated, highly sensitive body. By this explanation man is a mortal, evolving through the accumulation and reorganization of material atoms, becoming more complicated at each stage of development.

But is man primarily dust? If so, what is the explanation of one's spiritual nature? How can one have, as he plainly has, the capacity to think, to love, to be happy, to express the qualities of honesty, joy, patience, serenity and the like? Can dust express the qualities derived from Spirit? Why, no. What, then, is this material body? Christian Science shows it to be only a human concept, the subjective state of mortal thought which changes according to the mental condition of the individual. Mrs. Eddy says in Science and Health (p. 199): "Mortals develop their own bodies or make them sick, according as they influence them through mortal mind." The responsibility for mankind's unfolding health and happiness—indeed its survival—therefore rests upon spiritual development, upon the ever-increasing expression of the characteristics of God, Spirit, the one and only creator of the immortal universe.

Thinkers of today are seriously considering whether sufficient emphasis has been placed upon the importance of spiritual growth and evolution, for without this development in grace there is small hope of mankind's survival.

Christian Scientists are dedicated to the activity of spiritual growth and to obedience to the laws of Spirit. They look for and pray daily for the development in their own lives of divine Science. This development they recognize to be the Holy Ghost which now, as in the days of Christ Jesus and his disciples, is accompanied by signs of great spiritual power and works of healing. Mrs. Eddy defines "Holy Ghost" in Science and Health as (p. 588): "Divine Science; the development of eternal Life, Truth, and Love." Is not this the solution to all our problems? The development of man's true spiritual selfhood which has existed in God's likeness throughout eternity, but which the belief that man is materially evolved has seemed to obscure? As the qualities of God, eternal Life, Truth and Love, develop in our experience we inevitably enjoy increasing health and happiness. What this spiritual growth does for us individually it will likewise do [illegible]

Our Work for the World

My friends, let us not delay in doing our part to restore a balance on the side of spiritual growth in the world today. Let us bear witness in thought and deed to the presence of eternal Life and its manifestation, spiritual and perfect man; to the truth of all God's creation in His image and likeness, and to the omnipotent action of divine Love through the expression of Love's qualities. Above all, let us strive to realize the supremacy of God's government. Let us have faith in His disposal of events and gratefully acknowledge each sign of healing which points to His rule of universal harmony appearing in present-day experience.

Who can estimate the far-reaching effects of such prayer on our part? Addressing a class of 65 students Mrs. Eddy once said (Miscellaneous Writings 279:27): "We, to-day, in this class-room, are enough to convert the world if we are of one Mind; for then the whole world will feel the influence of this Mind."

As we pray for that Mind to be in us "which was also in Christ Jesus" we discover that the quality of gratitude becomes increasingly active in our thinking. Gratitude has an important place in the lives of Christian Scientists. Each Wednesday meetings are held in their churches at which testimonies of healing are given.

A Business Problem Solved

A friend of mine gained her first ray of light on a serious business problem while attending a testimony meeting. At the time her thought was overcast and stormy with resentment, for, that very week, she had received an alarming report of the failure of a business from which she and her family derived their income. This business had prospered over a long period on a solid foundation of service to the public, but subsequent to the passing of the management to other hands had seriously deteriorated. Dividends ceased and final liquidation at a total loss seemed inevitable. Reports from accountants and lawyers showed the utter hopelessness of the position, and in spite of the many healings she had experienced in Christian Science my friend felt helpless to tackle a problem which had proved beyond the power of competent business advisers to solve.

At this Wednesday evening meeting she heard the account of a physical healing from the effects of a fall which had been brought about by the individual's reversing the testimony of the material senses and maintaining the true facts of spiritual being. A second speaker gave thanks for the solution of a problem concerning the selling of a house through the application of divine metaphysics.

These two testimonies awakened my friend to realize that she, also, could solve this business problem through Christian Science. She wrote out on a piece of paper all the references she could find in Mrs. Eddy's writings to the reversal of the evidence of the senses, such as (Science and Health 120:7): "Science reverses the false testimony of the physical senses, and by this reversal mortals arrive at the fundamental facts of being."

For several months she studied these passages daily and faithfully corrected her concept of the business and those responsible for its direction. She now saw it as representing an idea of Soul which could not be curtailed or be insecure or impeded in any way. She reversed her thinking about the directors of whom she had thought so bitterly, and she saw them as expressions of God, manifesting intelligence and alertness. Moreover, she gained a great sense of spiritual peace on the whole question, realizing that, as Christian Science teaches, she could never be separated from what was really hers as the manifestation of divine Love. In fact her whole thinking on the matter was transformed.

Then, one morning, to her joy she received a letter saying an offer had been received to take over the business at a sum running into six figures, and not only that, but dividends were to be paid up for the past three years. The problem was solved.

Gratitude Brings Healing

Now all this good flowed to my friend through the gratitude expressed at a testimony meeting. Gratitude is a powerful healing agent; it is a joyous affirmation.

When faced with a multitude to feed in a desert place Christ Jesus prayed, he lifted up his eyes, away from the material evidence of lack, and gave thanks to God. Reversing the evidence of the senses, he expressed gratitude for the abundant supply which he knew God is always pouring forth to His beloved children. The result was immediate. The mortal picture of lack was reversed. All were fed and satisfied and there was plenty over.

Christ Jesus is the Way, and his method is the pattern for us all to follow in our need. Christian Science has revealed to us the divine law of universal harmony underlying the Master's great words. It has restored primitive Christian healing to the world. It has shown us the way to be well and happy and fearless. Let us go home today with hearts full of gratitude for all God's spiritual gifts—gifts which perhaps we have not yet seen but which we know must be flowing from the infinite source of all good. Let us live in accord with the perfect law of Love, having that Mind in us which was also in Christ Jesus. Then the prophet's words will be fulfilled (Hab. 2:14): "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

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