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Already, sincere Christian Scientists have been served papers from the lawyers of the Boston Church, informing the independents to cease using the name "Christian Science" to identify either themselves or their Internet activities!

The Boston lawyers threaten, "that you obey the Court's injunction, including immediately ceasing use of [the name]... 'Christian Science'....Otherwise, my clients will exercise all their rights and remedies, including without limitation seeking an order holding you in contempt of court, imposing fines and assessing attorney's fees."

THE TRUTH THAT FREES

A Swiss educator said, "If you want the student to get it and understand it, repeat it a hundred times." We will again, in this Mary Baker Eddy Letter, try to show that Christian Science is the most important and glorious thing that ever happened to what is called the human being. It reveals heaven here and now, because it shows us what God, our Principle, Love, is, and tells us that you, the reader, are Spirit, in reality, and therefore shows all that we, as Christian Scientists, are grateful for.

Christian Science is the revelation of what is true now. When we understand it we will do "greater works" than Jesus did, as he said we would. There has never been a night that could defeat the dawn or an error that could defeat the fact that $2+2=4$.

The Mary Baker Eddy Institute has but one ambition-namely to fulfill Mary Baker Eddy's dearest wish, that we all may learn the Truth that will set us free-free to see we are now "incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love," even while to mortal erring sense we seem to be mere matter beings. All the Mary Baker Eddy Institute's efforts are directed toward this sacred end.

Can you think of a greater treasure the world has ever received than the knowing that came when Mary Baker Eddy discovered the Science of our being, and taught us how to become one with this holy divine Science? Thanks to her and the revelation she brought we will all learn the Truth that frees.

WE ARE LEARNING THE TRUTH THAT FREES

At an athletic stadium we saw an athlete with a long wooden pole. "Are you a pole-vaulter?" we asked him. "No," he replied. "I'm German. But how did you know my name was Walter?"

Whether we are Polish, German, American or "none of the above," today we are going to be vaulters and leap to a higher, better understanding of our divine being.

We had intended this Letter No.15 to be entirely on the "system" of Christian Science that Mrs. Eddy speaks of (S&H 146:31), but since the "system" she discovered depends entirely on our becoming aware that we, in reality, ARE the Principle, Love, (God)-a subject these Letters in the past have dwelt on-let's in this Letter delve deeper and vault higher into this wonderful divine revelation that unfolded to Mary Baker Eddy.

All will eventually become aware that there is only one Mind, infinite Love, and that this Mind is our Principle, Love, which exalts us beyond the use of words, with the peace and quietness that comes when material sense is seen as hypnotic suggestion, illusion.

Under the marginal heading: “A higher discovery,” Science and Health declares: “...Gradually this evidence will gather momentum and clearness until it reaches its culmination of scientific statement and proof” (S&H 380:25).

Continuing (S&H 260:8), “Through many generations human beliefs will be attaining diviner conceptions, and the immortal and perfect model of God’s [Principle’s, Love’s] creation will finally be seen as the only true conception of being.”

Science & Health declares in “the scientific statement of being,” that “All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all.” Since God is Principle, Love, this statement teaches us that our Principle is Love and we are that Principle, Love. “One word frees us from the weight and pain of life; that word is love” (Sophacles, C 496-405 B.C.)

This is the great, great lesson we all must learn, and it will have its expression in God-like qualities. (Mrs. Eddy has many references in Science and Health to the fact that this Science must be learned.) What you call “yourself,” if it is rightly seen, is divine Mind, your Principle, Love, expressing its own true and infinite identification. We must think of ourself as Love because that is what, in reality, we are when we see ourselves rightly.

Why?

Because, as Jesus taught, “the kingdom of God is within you,” just as the principle of mathematics is within you. Don’t be afraid to take a big step. We can’t cross a chasm in two small jumps. Science and Health tells us that “If man ever existed without this perfect Principle or Mind, then man’s existence was a myth” (S&H 470:30).

“Man” is simply the term for all that God is being. Man is the Love that is Principle giving identity to itself; and the Love that is Principle is now and forever present. “Man” is Mind’s way of making itself known as the operation of good. “Spiritual ideas, like numbers and notes, start from Principle...” (S&H 298:20).

In Miscellaneous Writings, Mrs. Eddy, seeing what our divine Principle is, wrote:

“LOVE, WHAT A WORD; I STAND IN AWE BEFORE IT.”

Insightfully, poignantly, she taught we all must learn to see ourselves as this Love. We must see ourselves as being Love and lovely. “Love never loses sight of loveliness,” our Leader tells us. If I don’t see God, Principle, Love, when I look at you, I am not seeing you rightly. “Evil,” Science and Health tells us, “is a suppositional lie” (103:17).

Remember, Love is something we feel. A loving heart is the truest wisdom. It acknowledges divine, impersonal, universal Love, and the light in the shrine of Spirit lights it.

You read these Institute Letters because you want to be and to know what, in reality, you actually already are, namely, the Principle, Love, which makes you, in the human, a better friend, a better father, mother, child. All my books and Mary Baker Eddy Institute Letters are intended to unlock people’s potential to become better-to become what they already ARE divinely, as we go to our Leader’s instruction.

Our Leader tells us the healing demonstration is at the heart of Christian Science and instructs that if we, as Scientist, reach our patient through divine Love, the healing will be instantaneous. Anyone who has experienced Christian Science healing, such as I, myself, have, knows this to be true, and we are unfailingly grateful.

To the practitioner, the patient is what God is, since God is all. God, of course, can only express what God is, namely, Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love. Therefore the practitioner knows that since God (Principle, Love) is All, there can be no sickness, sin and death. The practitioner knows that the apparent ailment-what hypnotism, animal magnetism, is telling us-is illusion, hypnotic suggestion, and must be seen as such.

God, infinite good, is all power, and nothing apart from this all power is present or has reality. Again, the practitioner knows that the patient can't be anything but what God, his Principle, Love, is; therefore sin, sickness, every ungodlike thing, is illusion, hypnotic suggestion, unreal, because there can't be more than the ALL that God is.

You have "the kingdom of God within you," Jesus said. Let's know every day, every hour of the day, that the one Mind that is God, infinite Love, is our Mind NOW, 365 days a year. Always thank God that you now, in reality, have the only Mind there is. This Mind, your real Mind, is Love, ever present, omniscient and omnipotent, and has an expression, called man.

And you, like Jesus, can behold in Science the perfect man. To get this beholding, only ignorance needs to be removed-the ignorance that veils our forever divine perfection.

Mrs. Eddy knew there was something higher, something spiritual, in every individual, no matter what, to human sense, they seemed to be. Eventually all will learn that the Love that is God is our Principle, and that this Love overcomes what is contrary to our Principle, Love.

If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves. As someone has wisely said, "You've got to think about big things while you are doing small things," so that all things work together for the glorification of the Science Mary Baker Eddy brought in the "second coming."

Mrs. Eddy had tremendous courage. She persistently held to what she knew was the truth about each one. And this courage, with its knowing, will give her great life-work the victory-namely, that all mankind will become aware of what they are as "incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love." All will learn that our Principle is Love.

Eventually, too, we will all see that error of any kind, anything that is not Love itself, is what Science and Health calls unreal, or animal magnetism, meaning hypnotic suggestion, illusion. To the extent that we see this, we are illumined; we walk without fear, and we live by grace.

THE MARK OF A TRUE LEADER

A sign on a plumber's van demands: "Take me to your LEAKER."

Leadership is the most powerful force on earth. Arguments can be made for other forces-greed, territoriality, guilt, fear, hate, love, spirituality-but without leadership to mobilize them, they are relatively weak. Leadership, therefore, deserves a great deal more attention than it has been given, especially if we want to make certain that it is exercised in ways that help mankind spiritually.

True leaders are powerful people who empower others. They encourage others to express themselves openly. For example, in an orchestra, the conductor's power depends on his ability to make other people powerful.

How grateful we should be to our Leader Mary Baker Eddy for showing us our own true nature and sovereign power.

Mrs. Eddy also showed us, by her courageous example, how to stand firm in the face of the world's censure. Don't fear criticism. Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go. The only people who are never criticized or given problems are those who do nothing. So if you don't get criticized you don't amount to much.

The key is to rise above the criticism, the negativity. Those who live through hard times often learn the hard way how to handle life's difficulties. History can provide us with many examples of positive thinking in action.

During the Civil War both President Abraham Lincoln and General Robert E. Lee were criticized by their generals in the harshest, most derogatory manner. But the greatness of both Lincoln and Lee was shown when they cast out all sense of personality, and put these same generals in charge. Both understood: "God wants God's opinion of everyone, not this general's opinion of me."

We have all come to view Abraham Lincoln as one of our greatest presidents, but in his day, he had more than his share of detractors. One of them was Secretary of War Edwin Stanton. Stanton was quoted as referring to Lincoln as "that uncaptured baboon from Illinois." When Lincoln was asked what he thought of the remark, he answered calmly, "I don't know. I have never considered whether I am a baboon or not."

"Why don't you fire Stanton?" Lincoln was asked bluntly.

"He is the greatest Secretary of War in the history of the United States," said Lincoln. "Why should I fire him?"

Personalities never entered in Lincoln's judgements. And when the great President died, Stanton stood weeping by Lincoln's bedside. (Paraphrased from Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale).

Lincoln and Lee, like Mary Baker Eddy, were true leaders. As one studies Mary Baker Eddy's writings, one's admiration and profound gratitude for her is immeasurably heightened. Gratitude is not only the greatest of all the virtues but the parent of all the others. One's heart overflows with love for this lone brave woman who single-handedly laid the foundation for the new order of the ages—a world government based on divine Love manifesting itself in brotherly Love.

LEARN TO BE LOVE DIVINE

Our work is to learn to be that Love divine that instantly sees error as error, just as a mathematician looks at two times two equals five, and immediately sees his error and corrects it. We must see that "man" is the scientific term for all that God, Principle, Love, is knowing, is being, and is seeing. Man is God's, Principle's, consciousness of what God, Love, is, as our real Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love.

Man is not separate from God, and when a student is properly taught this fact, he can heal. "The conceptions of mortal, erring thought must give way to the ideal of all that is perfect and eternal. Through many generations human beliefs will be attaining diviner conceptions and the immortal and perfect model of God's [Principle's, Love's] creation will finally be seen as the only true conception of being" (S&H 260:7).

What is going to reveal this? Only Science can reveal.

A kindergarten teacher was observing her class of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

My fourteen books and these Mary Baker Eddy Institute Letters also seek to show the earnest seeker what God, Principle, Love, "looks like."

"Teacher and student should be familiar with the obstetrics taught by this Science. To attend properly the birth of the new child, or divine idea, you should so detach mortal thought from its material conceptions, that the birth will be natural and safe" (S&H 463:5).

We must see that the only Mind or Principle there is, is present, and is the Mind of both the practitioner and the patient. This Mind, your Principle that is Love, experiences itself as what is called man.

Many of you have read of people who believed they had certain physical problems when they had none, but aggressive suggestion, hypnotic suggestion, made these physical pictures seem very real to them. We have heard it said that it's a rash man who reaches a conclusion before he gets to it.

To heal such cases we must see that the patient has no little private mind or ego of his own that can be programmed, deluded, or hypnotized in such a way.

"Will you open or close the door upon this angel visitant?... Truth brings the elements of liberty" (S&H 224:25).

ALL IS LOVE AND ITS MANIFESTATION

Christian Science teaches that Love is impartial in its adaptations and bestowals. It is unselfed because it includes All. We must make everything declare Love because Love is All, and we must find that all is infinite Love and its manifestation. What is called "oneself" is divine Mind expressing its own infinite identification, not a person with a mind.

If we see in others and ourselves only "a person with a mind" we may be tempted to cynically conclude that the difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.

But there is no personal or private mind, no possibility of error, no limit to understanding. We must see ourselves to be the functioning of the presence of the Love that is God, our Principle. Genius is the ability to reduce the complicated to the simple.

Mrs. Eddy was a superior and divine teacher. She made the uninterested student interested. In Mary Baker Eddy's Message for 1902 (19:23) she writes, "A danger besets thy path?-a spiritual behest in reversion, awaits you." When we review any wrong viewpoint rightly, it will tell us only of infinite good-omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent.

Mind, your true Mind, is God, Principle, Love, and there is no separation between what Mind sees and what Mind knows and comprehends. We all must learn that Mind, Principle, Love, is the only activity, the only power and presence. Seeing this shows us that the deflection, the material view, is unreality, is hypnotic suggestion only, for your true Mind, Principle, Love, can only express what Mind, Principle, Love, is.

As long ago as 6th Century B.C. Lao-Tzu wrote, "Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."

If any experience is real it has Love behind it. It is the action of Love and will bless because Mind, Principle, Love, “has infinite resources with which to bless mankind.” Science and Health (366:32) tells us we must not hide the Truth of spiritual healing, but rather present it wisely, using common sense, which is really genius dressed in its working clothes, as someone has truly said.

You are reading this Mary Baker Eddy Institute Letter because you want to grow spiritually; you have an internal drive that urges you forward. You have a love for all mankind and, of course, by helping them see the truth about themselves, you help yourself spiritward.

Remember, where man is, God, Principle, Love, is, for they are one; and this Love, that is Principle, operates as conscious identity or man. It is important to see that there is really no personal mind to be programmed or hypnotized. Hypnotism-the lie-must be made to tell the truth, the truth about our Mind that is Love.

“Next week,” announced the preacher, “I will deliver a sermon on the sin of lying. To help you understand what I’m talking about, I want you all to be sure to read the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 17.”

The following Sunday the minister went to the pulpit and asked his parishioners how many had read Mark, Chapter 17. Every hand in the congregation went up. “Mark only has 16 Chapters,” said the preacher with a grin. “I will now proceed with the sermon on lying.”

As Mrs. Eddy says, “The use of a lie is that it unwittingly confirms Truth.” There can be no lie, unless there is a truth to lie about.

THE TRUTH THAT SAVED DANIEL

If we sometimes feel we are Daniel thrown to the lions, remember the truth that saved Daniel. He realized he was the presence of Love, that Love was his Principle and being, and this knowing tamed the ferocious hungry lions. This knowing will tame and subdue whatever negative problem is facing us, just as it saved Daniel from the king and the starving lions.

Daniel saw that, in reality, Love, infinite good, was all there was to the lions and to the king who sought his destruction. Thus Daniel could say, “Oh king, live forever,” just as we today can say to those who look like enemies, “Live forever,” because we know that in all God’s kingdom there is no enemy-all is Love.

One who has thus surrendered wholly to God, to Principle, Love, seeks only Principle’s guidance in thought and deed, and is willing and glad to await Principle’s, Love’s, working, as did Daniel when he was in the lion’s den.

Science and Health (page 243) tells us “the divine love, which made harmless the poisonous viper, which saved men from the boiling oil, from the fiery furnace, from the jaws of the lions, can heal the sick in every age, and can triumph over sin and death.” Remember it “crowned the demonstrations of Jesus with unsurpassed power and love” (S&H 243:8).

JESUS AND MARY BAKER EDDY VILIFIED

Often in the past, as our textbook tells us, those who did the most divine and heavenly good were “burned, crucified [like Jesus] or otherwise persecuted [as Jesus was, and Mrs. Eddy also]” (S&H 134:11). But Mary Baker Eddy reminds us that “even in captivity among foreign nations, the divine Principle wrought wonders for the people of God in the fiery furnace and in king’s palaces” (S&H 133:15). This was done with the Christ consciousness, which is ever aware of the allness of good.

Your Christ consciousness is the divine heavenly light, in which there is no darkness, no awareness of sin, disease and discord. Mrs. Eddy states, "I no longer teach the Old Testament rules or laws of defense. I now teach: 'Love your enemies and return good for evil.'"

Yes, we must be patient and learn to love. Keep loving your enemies. Love, steadily and sincerely offered, draws others to us and turns enemies into friends. It is the secret behind charm, for what is charm but that quality in others that makes us more satisfied with ourselves.

Love speaks ill of none. A wise man said, "If you must slander someone, don't speak it-but write it-write it in the sand at the water's edge."

A mother, lecturing her son on the golden rule, admonished, "Always remember that we are in this world to help others." The youngster mulled this over, and then asked, "What are the others here for?"

Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy taught and demonstrated the true answer, even in the face of the world's vilification: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." "Blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplyeth it" (S&H 518:17).

Do whatever good you want to do, and do it NOW. There are only so many tomorrows. Maybe if we did a better job of listening, history would not have to repeat itself.

"THE MESSIAH IS AMONG YOU"

A monastery had fallen upon hard times. Once it was filled with monks and its church resounded with the music of God's praises; now only a handful of old monks shuffled through the cloisters and prayed quietly with heavy hearts.

On the edge of the monastery woods, an old rabbi had built a little hut. He would go there from time to time to fast and pray. The monks welcomed him and considered themselves blessed by his presence.

One day the abbot of the monastery went to visit the old rabbi and opened his heart to him. The rabbi welcomed the abbot and listened to his story of the abbey's plight. The rabbi and abbot then spent a few moments in silent prayer.

The rabbi then said to the abbot: "You and your brother are serving God with heavy hearts. I will tell you a secret that you can only tell your brothers once. After that, no one must ever say it aloud again." The rabbi then looked straight into the eyes of the abbot and told him: "The Messiah is among you. He lives among you now."

The abbot hurried from the rabbi's hut and called his monks together. He told them that he had received a teaching from the rabbi and that his teaching was never again to be spoken aloud. Then the abbot looked at each one of his brothers and said, "The rabbi said that one of us is the Messiah."

The monks were startled by the abbot's words. What could it mean? Is Brother John the Messiah? Or Brother Thomas? Or am I the Messiah? Despite their many questions and wonder at the rabbi's words, they obeyed their abbot's instructions never to mention the rabbi's teaching again.

But the teaching had a profound effect on the monastery. As time went by, the monks began to treat each other with a special reverence. There was a gentle, wholehearted, human quality about them that was hard to describe but immediately noticed. Visitors found themselves deeply moved by the life of joy and charity of these monks. Soon people were coming from miles around to be nourished by the prayer of the monks. As the community of brothers began to rebuild, joyous prayer and song once again echoed through its walls.

The old rabbi was never seen by the monks again, but somehow, the old monks who had taken his teaching to heart always felt his presence.

HOLY INSPIRATION

Mrs. Eddy notes, "Holy inspiration has created states of mind which have been able to nullify the action of the flames as in the Bible case of the three young Hebrew captives cast into the Babylon furnace" (S&H 161:5). When we actually understand what, in reality, we now truly are as Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love, we too will have that dominion.

Elsewhere Mrs. Eddy says, "Sorrow has its reward. It never leaves us where it found us. The furnace separates the gold from the dross that the precious metal may be graven with the image of God. The cup our Father [Principle, Love] hath given, shall we not drink it and learn the lesson He [Principle, Love] teaches?" (S&H 66:30).

Recall young Joseph, son of Abraham of the Old Testament. His father had made him a coat of many colors-which is a Bible symbol for the seven synonymous terms Mrs. Eddy has given us for God, namely "Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love." When this coat roused the jealousy and animosity of his brothers, Joseph, to mortal sense, had every reason to permit hypnotic suggestion, illusion, to seem real, but whether he was imprisoned, maligned by Potipher's wife, or sold into slavery, he kept witnessing to the Love that is Principle.

Wasn't Joseph just Love being, expressing it's own loveliness? He held to the divine fact that Love is all, and this is what we too must learn to do, since evil isn't real.

Some people don't win because there are too many things they won't let go of. Let's just embrace what is coming to us from our Principle, Love-the Principle that we are. Jesus said, "When ye stand praying, know you already have what you are asking for." (Read that again).

A friend writes: Our best friends and our worst enemies are our thoughts. A thought can do more good than a doctor or a banker or a faithful friend. It can also do us more harm than a thrown brick.

THE LOVE THAT IS PRINCIPLE

Jesus demonstrated the Love that is Principle. He showed us how to be it and experience it. Think of him on the cross saying, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Because Jesus knew himself to be Principle, Love, he did not think of himself as a material person. This is why he could say, "Before Abraham was, I am." He lived the Christ.

It was because Jesus knew the oneness of all being, that on the cross he could make that wonderful, loving statement, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He saw Principle's, Love's allness, and so knew he had nothing "out there" to forgive! Anything that needs forgiveness is really hypnotic suggestion, unreality-that which is born of the flesh-and we must see it as such. Jesus saw that he was just the Love that is Principle, and that there is no error to forgive. All is harmony, in reality. Therefore there is no discord, no one to hate or fear. Once we see that, then that which is born of the flesh, of sexual lust, is seen to be unreal.

Mrs. Eddy showed the nothingness of the flesh and all error, and millions of healings resulted from her teaching. She taught us that the Love that is Principle is the source of all movement, function, action. "Love never loses sight of loveliness." Let us say of each other, as Jacob said about Esau, "I have seen thy face [identity] as though I had seen the face [identity] of God."

During the day remind yourself often that the Principle that you, in reality, are, is Love. Remind yourself that the only thing that is really present is your true being which is “incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love.” This kingdom of Love is within you, for as Jesus said, “the kingdom of God is within you.” When you know yourself-as not born of the flesh, not born of sexual lust-you will become one with your Principle, Love. You will find reality.

Science and Health tells us that “when understanding changes the standpoint of Life and intelligence from a material to a spiritual basis, we shall gain the reality of Life, the control of Soul, true identity, over [material] sense, and we shall perceive Christianity or Truth in its divine Principle. This must be the climax before harmonious and immortal man is obtained and his capabilities revealed” (S&H 322:3).

Mrs. Eddy here warns us of the work that must be done. She says, “It is highly important-in view of the immense work to be accomplished before the recognition of divine Science can come-to turn our thought toward divine Principle, in order that finite belief [hypnotic suggestion] may be prepared to relinquish its error” (S&H 322:9).

We are hungry for the truth, but let us not be like the impatient diner who shouted, “Waitress, do I have to sit here and starve all night?”

“No, sir,” the harried waitress replied. “We close at nine o’clock.”

Let’s instead be patient and work.

HUMAN BIRTH THE FIRST ERROR

Regarding Jesus, Mrs. Eddy said, in Miscellaneous Writings (162:28), “To carry out his holy purpose he must be oblivious to human self.” The foundations he laid are as eternal as Truth. He said, “Call no man your father on earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven.” When we catch even a small glimpse of this great, stupendous truth, we will start to see the meaning of pre-existence and so see why man was never born.

“Human birth,” Mrs. Eddy taught, “is the error that leads to all other errors.” She said “bringing a child into the world is murder.” We must learn that there never was a creation, just as in mathematics, $2+2=4$ was never created. All is unfoldment from within the divine consciousness. “The glory which I had with Thee before the world was” is still mine. Nothing has ever happened to separate me from divinity, except illusion, error, hypnotic suggestion, false programming, the Adam dream.

Mrs. Eddy faced a world sunk in materialism, but she brought the message from God, Principle, Love, that will bring change-the change that will make everyone realize he is “incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love.”

YOU AND DIVINE PRINCIPLE ARE ONE

Divine Love is sovereign.

We hear it said that love at first sight is easy to understand. It’s when two people have been looking at each other for 70 years, that Love becomes a miracle.

The stockbroker’s secretary answered his phone one morning. “I’m sorry,” she said. “Mr. Bradford is on another line.”

“This is Mr. Ingram’s office,” the caller said. “We’d like to know if he’s bullish or bearish right now.”

“He’s talking to his wife,” the secretary replied. “Right now I’d say he’s sheepish.”

If being sheepish means becoming like the Lamb of God, Mr. Bradford was on the right track. “He [Christ Jesus] was conscious only of spiritual harmony and eternal divine being.” In every case he rose “in the conscious strength of the spirit of truth to overthrow the plea of mortal mind, alias matter, arrayed against the supremacy of Spirit.” Let us also let go of all that isn’t coming from our divine Principle, Love.

Explaining the revelation St. John received on the isle of Patmos, Mrs. Eddy in Science and Health tells us, “What the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages of consciousness.”

She continues, “Accompanying this scientific consciousness was another revelation, even the declaration from heaven, supreme harmony, that God, the divine Principle of harmony, is ever with men, and they are his people. Thus man was no longer regarded as a miserable sinner, but as the blessed child of God. Why? Because St. John’s corporeal sense of the heavens and earth had vanished, and in place of this false sense was the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could see the new heaven and the new earth, which involve the spiritual idea and the consciousness of reality. This is Scriptural authority for concluding that such a recognition of being is, and has been, possible to man in this present state of existence—that we can become conscious here and now of a cessation of death, sorrow and pain. [Read that again!] This is indeed a foretaste of absolute Christian Science. Take heart, dear sufferer, for this reality of being will surely appear sometime and in some way. There will be no more pain, and all tears will be wiped away. [Important:] When you read this, remember Jesus’ words, ‘The kingdom of God is within you.’ This spiritual consciousness is therefore a present possibility” (S&H 573-574).

Mrs. Eddy wanted to show everyone his divinity, and to do this she had to expose the lie that you were born of the flesh, of sexual lust. She wanted us to see that even as the serpent swells into the dragon, “we live in an age of Love’s divine adventure to be All-in-all” (My. 158:9).

Mary Baker Eddy wants us to see that the Love that is Principle is present and is identifying itself. She wanted everyone to be blessed by the teachings of Science and Health. “My discovery,” she said, “promises nothing but blessings to every inhabitant of the globe.”

In a 1907 newspaper interview Mrs. Eddy said, “All my work, all my efforts, all my prayers and tears, are for humanity and the spread of peace and love among mankind.” This has also been the work of the many dedicated workers in this field as well as the effort of this author in her books, and in her Mary Baker Eddy Institute Letters,-to spread joy and happiness to all mankind, by helping to unfold to them Mary Baker Eddy’s glorious teachings.

NEVER ABANDON THE BY-LAWS

In a letter to her four-member Board, dated Feb. 27, 1903, Mrs. Eddy wrote:

“Beloved Students:

“I am not a lawyer, and do not sufficiently comprehend the legal trend of the copy you enclosed to me to suggest any changes therein. Upon one point however I feel competent to advise, namely: Never abandon the By-laws nor the denominational government of The Mother Church. If I am not personally with you, the Word of God, and my instructions in the By-laws have led you hitherto and will remain to guide you safely on, and the teachings of St. Paul are as useful today as when they were first written. The present and future prosperity of the cause of Christian Science is largely due to the By-laws and government of ‘The First Church of Christ, Scientist’ in Boston. None but myself can know, as I know, the importance

of the combined sentiment of this Church remaining steadfast in supporting the present By-laws. Each of these many By-laws has met and mastered or forestalled some contingency, some imminent peril, and will continue to do so. Its By-laws have preserved the sweet unity of this large church, that has perhaps the most members and combined influence of any other church in our country. Many times a single By-law has cost me long nights of prayer and struggle, but it has won the victory over some sin and saved the walls of Zion from being torn down by disloyal students. We have proven that “in unity there is strength.”

She signed, “With love as ever, Mary Baker G. Eddy,” then added, “N.B. I request that you put this letter upon our church records. [signed] M.B.E.”

The Manual will save the cause. Mary Baker Eddy’s Manual, “dictated by God,” is the “flaming sword” that “turns every way” to keep the way of Truth-to keep the way of the tree of Life-to prevent material organization-to prevent government by material personalities, such as we now have, by those who call themselves 5 directors, in Boston, in cruel, wicked, and wanton disobedience to the Manual dictated by God.

HUMAN LAW AND LEGAL POWER

While Mrs. Eddy turned unreservedly to Principle, Love, for comfort and direction, her treacherous students-occupying the highest offices-sought HUMAN power and authority and turned to HUMAN law to give them legal power, for a ghastly vilification of all Mrs. Eddy had divinely done.

Right where the illusion and hypnotic sense of error appear, Principle, Love, perfection, is appearing to those who have eyes to see. Who can see the truth, the wholeness and harmony of his neighbor? Only the true consciousness that can see itself sinless, pure and perfect. The appearance of evil in ourselves or others must be met with the understanding that these negative qualities are not a constituted part of our true Mind, Principle, Love. And this true knowing removes even the appearance of error. Only through spiritual sense are we able to discern the real man right where the mortal seems to appear to personal sense.

Through spiritual discernment we must pierce the veil of matter so we can behold the true spiritual universe. The true view of man reforms the sinner and heals the sick.

In Science & Health (467:9) Mrs. Eddy firmly states: “It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, [one Principle] one God, one Life, Truth and Love. Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent; war will cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established. Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind that was also in Christ Jesus.” Here please read again page 8: “The Messiah Is Among You.”

YOU ARE INDIVIDUAL CONSCIOUSNESS

This tells us we are cause that leads to effect. You are infinite individual consciousness. The fact that you have every quality and attribute of God, Principle, Love, does not deprive me of also having each quality and attribute of God, just as you have $2 \times 2 = 4$, and everyone else has it also.

Again, remember Jesus’ words: “And now, oh Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory I had with Thee before the world was” (John 17:5)-“the glory which I had with Thee [before human birth, illusion, hypnotic suggestion overtook me].”

This glory is still mine. My true spiritual self was never born, just as $2+2=4$ was never born, so cannot age or die. Only hypnotic suggestion tells us that two pieces of matter, coming together in sexual lust, can

create, and that we were born into a flesh, blood and bones body that must sin, suffer and finally die. “The scientific statement of being” tells us this is illusion from which we must awaken.

OUR ONLY DUTY

Our only duty is to know that God’s work is done. Because Jesus knew that God (Mind, Principle, Love) is the only power, he knew there is no other power to oppose the infinite activity of God, Principle, Love. “In doing what we ought to do we deserve no praise, because it is our duty,” said St. Augustine (354-430). However, our reward will be immeasurable.

A state of grace comes with the dawning of the Christ consciousness, that knows there is no error to be denied or overcome. Illusion, hypnotic suggestion, the programmed brain, has no power other than what we give it. This is the great, great awakening that Mary Baker Eddy’s second coming of the Christ is bringing to mankind. We heal ourselves as we turn from the appearance and turn to our Principle, Love, that sees only perfection here and now.

Note: God-the Principle, Love-is what you are, and man is your reflection. That doesn’t make two anymore than your reflection in the mirror makes two. God and man are one and the same. Always see there is but one Mind-your Principle, Love-present; and this Principle and its idea, man, co-exist. “Divine Mind is the only cause or Principle of existence. Cause does not exist...in physical forms” (S&H 262:30).

In medicine, “Christian Science exterminates the drug and rests on Mind alone as the curative Principle.” (See S&H 157:8). Whenever something, that to us seems divinely good, takes place-is said, seen, or heard-it is always the one I, Mind, the I that I am, being, doing it all, for in reality there is no mortal mind to have a mortal body to do or be anything. As we learn what we divinely are, we will experience the universe of Love. Only the consciousness that can see itself sinless, perfect, pure, can see the wholeness and harmony of his neighbor. Then there is no condemnation of neighbor or self, because the Christ self, which is the only self, is seen here and now, and brings happiness.

“Happiness,” intoned the philosopher, “is the catching of it.”

“Have you ever,” a listener wanted to know, “chased and tried to catch the last bus on a rainy night?”

LOOK AWAY FROM HYPNOTIC PICTURES

Healing is attained when you are able to look away from the outer picture entirely, and recognize it as illusion, hypnotic suggestion, false programming, and turn to Principle, Love, and feel and know what IT is knowing and being.

Christian Science is teaching us that substance is Spirit, not matter. Perfection is the starting point, as well as the goal. Reasoning is from cause, not effect, and the material concept is recognized as hypnotic suggestion, a mirage. The I, the Ego, is Principle, Love; and in this oneness and allness of Principle and its idea, there can be no opposite. Knowing this is the Truth that will set us free. (Read that again.)

Once it becomes clear to us that mortality is a myth, hypnotic suggestion only, false programming, we lose all fear of it, because we see it has no reality. In the very place where discord or lack seems to be, there, in reality, is infinite good, divine Love, forever expressed, since God, Principle, can only express what God, Principle, is.

Eventually we all must become aware that man was never present as a personality. This should mean that when we hear of an alleged crime, we immediately say, “not guilty,” for man, being Principle’s, Love’s

image, is never guilty. A true realization of this fact will bring a great, sublime sense of Love and, of course, help the one who, to mortal sense, has committed a crime. Maintain your innocence and everyone's, since in all God's kingdom there was always purity and perfection right where the human carnal concept seemed to be expressing error. The intelligence, the Principle that is Love, is present. It is always seeing, knowing, "I am." It is seeing as Jesus saw. Every divine idea is omnipresent in divine Mind. And since there is only one Mind, this divine idea is your Mind, and is my Mind, meaning in Bible language, "I and my Father are one." Nothing is ever lost from this kingdom of God that is within me-within my consciousness.

Mrs. Eddy listened for infinite good's (Principle's, Love's) voice, and divine Truth spoke to her, and she wrote down what God, Truth, dictated. We, too, must listen for the still small voice" and take on its infinite nature, qualities and plan. Then there will be the light we need to guide us heavenward. Every quality of wisdom, every direction, safety, security-all these are to be found in the consciousness which you are. It is the Christ consciousness of the practitioner that is the healing agency.

Everyone has that Christ consciousness as a potential, but it has to be developed. No matter what the claim is, right there is perfection, harmony, no matter how real the error seems. All action is the action of divine consciousness. "The Christian Scientist is alone with his own being and with the reality of things," Mrs. Eddy tells us in Message for 1901. The word "alone" means "all one" and "the reality of things" is the spiritual idea of everything, meaning that all is included in the compound idea of God, which is "man" that is one with his Principle, Love. God and man are the same, just as you and your thoughts are the same.

ALL EXISTS IN AND OF MIND

Mrs. Eddy weighs in here to tell us there is no objectified identity, no objectified man, no matter body. All is subjective being, idea. All exists in and of Mind itself as idea. This was Mrs. Eddy's great discovery. She wanted to break a dualistic concept in our human way of thinking. As we have several times related, she tried to do this with her secretary, Adam Dickey:

"One day Mrs. Eddy touched Adam Dickey's arm with her finger and asked him, 'What is this?' He replied, 'Matter.' She said, 'It is not, it is Spirit.' Then another time she looked at him, and said, 'You are Spirit.' And he said, 'No, Mother, I am spiritual.' She said in a very emphatic way, 'You are Spirit.' And he said, 'Mother, I do not see that.' She said 'You are Spirit,' the third time, but he said he could not see it. [Remember his name was "Adam."] When he was going to his room he met Laura Sargent and told her of the conversation with Mrs. Eddy. She said, 'Oh, Mr. Dickey, why did you say that! Mother was trying to give you her highest teaching!'" (A Carpenter item).

The state of "unconscious dualism"-which sees here a true spiritual world, and there an erring material universe-must finally yield to an awareness within us, of the oneness and onliness of divine Spirit-"The kingdom of God is within you."

Mind, your true divine Mind, knows all, and this knowing, reflected, is man. As you read this, remember Mrs. Eddy early taught, "You, my students, are God." But she had to hide this divine, holy, teaching because the students were not ready for it. With spiritual education we will learn that all that exists is in and of Mind itself. Mind, your real Mind, is all-knowing; this knowing is reflected as man, as idea.

Let's remember here that the consciousness of the presence of Spirit (infinite good) eliminates the belief of matter. The consciousness of the presence of Christ dispels the illusions of mortal man. The consciousness of the omnipresence of divine Mind annihilates the belief of mortal mind and its illusions, all that hypnotic suggestions try to tell us. So, to be Love, we must see the Christ, Truth, about our neighbor and about all that our Mind rests upon.

MAN'S EXTREMITY IS GOD'S OPPORTUNITY

On page 266 of Science and Health Mrs. Eddy warns us: "Would existence without personal friends be to you a blank? Then the time will come when you will be solitary, left without sympathy; but this seeming vacuum is already filled with divine Love. When this hour of development comes, even if you cling to a sense of personal joys, spiritual Love will force you to accept what best promotes your growth. Friends will betray and enemies will slander, until the lesson is sufficient to exalt you; for 'man's extremity is God's opportunity.' The author has experienced the foregoing prophecy and its blessings. [Mortal belief says mortal thought will always crucify Truth, so when an individual appears who catches the vision of the Christ and is identified with it, the way for his crucifixion is paved. This lie must be destroyed. It must be seen as scholastic theology, Mrs. Eddy's worst enemy.] Thus He [Principle, Love] teaches mortals to lay down their fleshliness and gain spirituality. This is done through self-abnegation. Universal Love is the divine way in Christian Science" (S&H 266: 6-19).

"Divine Science demonstrates Mind as dispelling a false sense and giving a true sense of itself, God, and the universe" (Miscellaneous Writings 190:4).

Mrs. Eddy tells us, "Prayer [desire to gain the new standpoint] cannot change the law of God, but it tends to bring us into harmony with it." Mrs. Eddy brought Science. She was not just a reformer like the great Martin Luther was. She swept the decks clean, and taught mankind the Science of his being. Her spiritual teaching brings to light a whole new form of consciousness-namely, "the kingdom of God [Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love] that, as Jesus said, "is within you."

Divinity, the only thing that is ever going on, is Principle, Love, and its idea; but, as Mrs. Eddy tells us over a hundred times, this must be learned, because human birth has hidden it from us. As we obey the teachings of the second coming of the Christ, namely Mary Baker Eddy's writings, we gain understanding and so become one with our divine Principle.

Mrs. Eddy knew God is infinite Mind, and this Mind dictated what is in Science and Health. Therefore she continually studied it. We must do the same, because Science and Health tells us what in reality we divinely are now, and have always been. We must let ourselves be the vehicle of God, Principle, Love.

Remember, "I am that I am." A man travels the world over in order to find what he thinks he needs, when his God-consciousness is already within. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you." Our God-consciousness is ever with us, but it must be learned.

Aggressive mental suggestion, hypnotic suggestion, false programming, alone keeps us in bondage. As we strive to gain the understanding that the second coming of the Christ has given us, the change of consciousness-the change of standpoints that are needed-will come. This striving consists of having no other consciousness but good. The Love that is our Principle loves as the sun shines; it knows nothing unlike itself. Principle can only express what Principle is.

YOU ARE THE PRINCIPLE, LOVE

Mind is the Love that is Principle giving identity to itself. Love illumines and inspires, and it must be clear that the Love that is Principle is all that is really ever-present. Mrs. Eddy tells us in Science and Health, "The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the ONLY Mind." And this Mind is our Principle, the programmer, the Principle that we are, Love. Just as in mathematics there is no space or time involved, so is it with infinite Love that is All-in-all and omnipresent. With "unselfed love" we have just

the Principle, Love, that is expressing Itself. It is the Love that looks through the offensive act and sees only the pure Christ-man.

In the Bible, in Samuel, we have the beautiful story of David, in which we find the tones of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love. In the Soul part the story describes how David had to flee from Saul, always dwelling in yet another cave. He could never settle down. In this passage of wandering, going through the wilderness, David tried to find his true identity and the true identity of Saul. He wanted to accept only that which was divinely identifiable.

David had many chances to kill Saul, but he always thought of Saul as the blessed of God. David entertained and maintained the right identification of Saul, and in doing this David found his own true identity. When he fulfilled this passage from sense to Soul, he came to Principle, and he became king, the governor of the land. When we seek to discover the best in others, we also bring out the best in ourselves.

David's passage from sense to Soul shows how each one of us has to move from the sense identification to the Soul identification of both ourselves and our so-called enemies.

When I see you rightly, I am seeing God, divine Principle, Love. (Here read again from page 8 of this Letter: "The Messiah is Among You.") Let's go to the Mount of Transfiguration. Here we lose all sense of persons, because from the mountain, the light of everpresent Love exalts us. We hear the inward voice saying: "I AM THAT I AM."

The second coming of the Christ is here to teach us there is no matter, no flesh, blood and bones in a body, that "all is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestations." All is infinite good. Mrs. Eddy's teaching tells us many times our Principle [the Principle that we are] is Love. That there is matter, and that it can sin, get sick and die, is an illusion that the first and second coming of the Christ teach us is error, hypnotic suggestion, only.

Since divine Love is my shepherd and my Principle, I can experience no want. Mrs. Eddy, in teaching the Science of being, found it necessary to renounce human birth, mortal conception, human, earthly parentage. She said it was the sin that led to every other sin, as fully explained in the Carpenter writings. She had to teach this in order for her students to see that, in reality, man is WHOLLY SPIRITUAL, that man is idea, reflection, and not the flesh, blood and bones product of sexual lust that suffers, sins and dies.

Let's stop short-changing ourselves and know that what we are learning works. We just need to do more of it, more learning and being, that is.

Let's not be discouraged that we don't have all the answers. Any man who knows all the answers most likely misunderstood the question! I am reminded of the geography teacher who asked a student what "D.C." in Washington D.C. stands for. The reply was instantaneous. "Dot com," the student answered, proving that we may be "up to the minute" in the world's terms and still fall short in understanding.

This is why Mary Baker Eddy has a hundred and thirty references to "learn" and "learning," because learning leads to understanding. Through understanding, countless lives have been changed. Christian Science has healed homes drenched with alcohol and domestic violence; it has healed neighborhoods plagued with drugs and crime. In this way countless lives have been changed for the better, as through Christian Science teaching people have climbed the ladder out of a poverty of spiritual sense and have begun to see what they are divinely.

PULLING TOGETHER

At a county fair, the townspeople held a horse-pulling contest. The first-place horse ended up moving a sled weighing 4,500 pounds. The second-place finisher pulled 4,000 pounds. The owners of the two horses decided to see what these horses could pull together. They hitched them up and found that the team could move 12,000 pounds. Working separately, the two horses were good for only 8,500 pounds. When coupled together, their synergism produced an added 3,500 pounds.

It's a hard lesson for us, but unity consistently produces greater results than individual endeavors. "Teamwork divides the effort and multiplies the effect." Why? Because unity is a demonstration of Love. When we pull together in Love we manifest the sovereign power of the Principle we are. Teamwork demonstrates this reality, but we all need a fundamental change in consciousness in order to truly grasp, as Mrs. Eddy did, what we, in reality, are and always have been as Principle, Love.

"YOUR DIVINITY REVEALED"

We are reminded that, as we said in the opening pages of my latest book, *Your Divinity Revealed*, "Mary Baker Eddy gave the world an entirely new language." In this language we find Love is the Word (the super symbol) for All that God is. The Mind of Love is pure (Spirit), safe and identified (Soul), demonstrating Itself (Principle), expressing Itself (Life), always correctly (Truth), and fulfilling Itself (Love). At the end of her sixteenth chapter in *Science and Health* (p. 578), Mary Baker Eddy gives us this super symbol in the form of four letters all in caps, when she says, "Divine LOVE is my Shepherd."

If we are seeing the mortal concept, then there is no love. Right where we are seeing man we must recognize the idea of God, for man is a word, a symbol, denoting God's idea. We must see man rightly, and we must keep striving to do so. Even a stopped clock is right twice a day, a friend observed. After some years it can boast of a long series of successes.

The passover from sense to Soul is the Mind of Christ appearing, and translating the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul. (See *S&H* p. 269.) This is the step from Christian Science, which is error-correcting, to absolute Christian Science, which is idea knowing. Once you know $2+2=4$ you never deal with the error on the subject again, but you first must KNOW THE TRUTH. In knowing, you are the Love that is God.

DANIEL IN THE DEN OF LIONS

This quality of being the Love that is God, was apparent to everyone who spent time with Mrs. Eddy, and its impact was often profound. In her book, *The Forever Leader*, Doris Grekel tells of one small but telling moment, when Mrs. Eddy told Reverend Simonsen how highly she prized Briton Riviere's steel etchings of Daniel in the lions' den. Mrs. Eddy and her visitors were all looking at Daniel in the lions' den on her wall. In Rev. Simonsen's words:

"As we stood before this most interesting picture, she gave us a very entertaining and instructive explanation, not only of Daniel, but of the seven lions. Then she went on, and told us that when error seemed to press her exceptionally hard, she would leave her work for a few minutes and come and stand before this picture, and study anew the calm and loving manner in which Daniel looked steadfastly to God and God only. He paid no heed to the lions or seeming danger, letting his dear heavenly Father care for the ferocious beasts and keep them at a safe distance.

" [This is what we, as today's Daniels, must also do. And it will keep today's lions at a safe distance.] With new and fresh courage, she said, she [Mrs. Eddy] would return to her work, with a heart full of joy and gratitude for His, [Principle's, Love's] protecting care" (*The Forever Leader* page 42).

Before this visit with Mrs. Eddy, Rev. Simonsen had wondered at the devotion of her faithful followers, but thereafter, the cause was clear to him for, as he explains, he too had come “in contact with this great heart of love.” He later said that from that time forth he never ceased giving thanks for this Christly Leader and her marvelous mission. In his book, *From the Methodist Pulpit Into Christian Science*, Reverend Simonsen wrote:

“I know of no words adequate to express fully my gratitude to God for this noble and wonderful woman, who was good enough, pure enough, unselfish enough, and intelligent enough to receive this revelation of divine Science, and to record it in such language as to make plain to the benighted understanding of mankind the way of God’s full salvation through Christ.”

DANIELS OF TODAY THE HERESY TRIAL OF JOHN DOORLY

The Daniels of today who have seen something of the Science of being are not thrown to the lions. The Daniels of today endure such things as the heresy trial of John W. Doorly. Mr. Doorly of London, England, was an outstanding Christian Science practitioner, teacher, and lecturer, who had at one time served as President of The Mother Church.

Mr. Doorly had a natural proclivity for scientific research, and as a result of his forty-year dedicated study of Mary Baker Eddy’s writings, he began to comprehend the system Mrs. Eddy had embodied in the textbook, and to glimpse the pure Science of Christian Science. Elated with the results of his research, which had culminated in great new insights into the textbook, Doorly began holding regular meetings to communicate his findings to his students and other interested Christian Scientists.

When news of this type of independent thinking reached Boston an ordeal of relentless persecution began for Mr. Doorly. He was faced with countless charges, many of them scarcely to be distinguished from gossip.

Mr. Doorly’s attempts to explain the “system” and the pure Science he saw in the textbook only brought further charges of improprieties-of what they termed “infractions and violations of Church Manual By-Laws.” Each letter imperiously implied that the Board of Directors was the final authority in the interpretation of the Christian Science textbook. No ideas were to be advanced that the Board of Directors felt had not been settled upon as correct and as “authorized” by the Board of Directors.

The Board’s persistent harassment led Mr. Doorly to write the Board on November 7, 1946: “Your... mistaken policy has distorted our Leader’s ‘mother’ government into one of the most despotic oligarchies our world has ever known.”

In making the decision to publish and circulate a booklet of his understanding of Mary Baker Eddy’s pure Science of Christian Science, with extracts of correspondence exchanged between himself and the Christian Science Board of Directors, entitled *A Statement*, Mr. Doorly said: “I am taking this step because I am convinced...that unless we make a definite and dignified issue, and a very decided issue of this whole matter, we shall lose a golden opportunity that may not occur again for many years [the opportunity to “Tell the truth concerning the lie,” as Mrs. Eddy urged.]”

Mr. Doorly hoped that circulating his correspondence with the Board of Directors would stimulate, motivate, and impel the Directors to retrace their steps and in the future leave church members alone to develop their own progressive sense of Christian Science. Mr. Doorly was also aware that refusing to submit to the Boston authorities might bring instant excommunication. (And he was ultimately ousted.)

No one has contributed more to the step-by-step progress out of ecclesiastical bondage than the great and courageous Mr. Doorly. He, like Daniel in the lions den, was glad to be counted among the many men and women who have been willing to be ostracized and driven out of religious organizations rather than submit to the control and restraint of their spiritual vision.

ON DANIEL, GORDON BROWN WRITES

Another good friend, Gordon Brown, writes that Daniel means “God is judge,” and points out that the underlying message of Daniel is that man and the universe is one with Principle (divine “magnetism”), whereby everlasting judgement is passed on Babylon (animal magnetism).

Gordon Brown notes that the setting of the book of Daniel is the seventy-year span of Israel’s Babylonian exile. Thus Daniel’s symbolism bestrides the period of man’s supposed deportation from God. But, he adds, Daniel’s “time of the end” looks forward to the salvation of mankind as a whole; it could be said that Daniel relates to the time during which the problem of life in matter is solved on the universal scale.

“Babylon thus becomes the comprehensive symbol of life in matter, or mortal body. Animal magnetism declares that man enters this body at birth and (after a sojourn of threescore years and ten) vacates it at death. If it were true that an animal magnetic force did in fact steal man away from God, passing him through one mortal body in order to imprison him in another, this would be the worst of all possible crimes, and the work of the murderer from the beginning. It would be the equivalent of crucifying the Son of God. [But this is the great lie Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy came to uncover.] The demonstration of Jesus proves that both criminal and crime are a dream, and that neither really exists. Just as it is impossible for a principle to be robbed of its idea, so it is impossible for man to be abstracted from the oneness and wholeness of God. Only to mortal sense is the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world. Once the truth is accepted in divine Science, each of us, like the innocent Lamb, is alive for evermore” (From Genesis to Revelation by W. Gordon Brown, page 251).

Gordon Brown concludes by reminding us that Mrs. Eddy tells us that once we spiritually see that in reality we were never born into matter, “the cement of a higher humanity will unite all interests in the one divinity” (S&H 571:19-21). “Human birth and life in matter is the dream, the hypnotic suggestion, from which spiritual education is awakening us” (See Carpenter collection.)

THE FOREVER LEADER, BY DORIS GREKEL

Doris Grekel, in her wonderful, excellently written biography, *The Forever Leader*, thrillingly, and with great honesty, sets forth the major points and players in Mary Baker Eddy’s holy history, after Mrs. Eddy’s divine discovery that rightly seen, we are “incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love.” Mrs. Eddy’s life after her great revelation was not an easy one, as we can see even from the “Preface” that begins Doris Grekel’s beautifully, masterly written book, where she writes:

“In an early essay, Mrs. Eddy said: ‘The church created, founded and erected on the rock against which the winds and waves prevail not, is the church triumphant, the in-dwelling temple of God.’ Mary Baker Eddy demonstrated this ‘indwelling temple of God’ in her own life; explained it in *Science and Health*, and, to help her followers make this demonstration, Mary Baker Eddy set forth rules in her *Manual*.”

When you catch this sense of yourself as consciousness, as the reality of your being, wherever you are, you have the whole infinity of God, Love, available. You will then begin to understand the biblical promise, “I will never leave thee nor forsake thee....When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and

through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame be kindled upon thee.”

Doris Grekel continues, “Mrs. Eddy’s sojourn among mortals was devoted to wakening mankind to spiritual life; and the higher she lifted her voice, the louder did error scream lies about her and her blameless life.”

Just one example of the crucifixion meted out to Mary Baker Eddy, and the second coming of the Christ, was the illegitimate, Manual-terminated, five member Board of Directors’ attempt to gain copyright on all Mary Baker Eddy’s 432 editions of Science and Health. And the cruelest blow of all to Mary Baker Eddy came when our U.S. Congress granted these five Manual-terminated Directors in Boston a perpetual copyright on all 432 editions of Science and Health, including the right to bring out their own versions and revisions of Science and Health, and even to stop printing Science and Health altogether. Fortunately this vicious attempt by the five Directors in Boston fell through, when David Nolan took it to court.

(If you think Mary Baker Eddy’s Manual has still not been fully obeyed, you might appreciate a new option on the telephone: “If you think something is rotten in Boston, press one now.”)

Dear Reader, take heart! As Doris Grekel reminds us, Mrs. Eddy, in a brief answer to the mountains of falsehoods directed at her, wrote: “Above all the fustian of either denying or asserting the personality or presence of Mary Baker Eddy, stands the eternal fact of Christian Science and the honest history of its Discoverer and Founder.”

Doris concludes, “It is the author’s hope that the honest history in these pages will help the earnest seeker for Truth to find and to follow the forever Leader, and thus to ‘rejoice in the church universal and triumphant.’”

We at the Mary Baker Eddy Institute share Doris Grekel’s goal, and we keep turning out our books and these Mary Baker Eddy Institute Letters because, as someone has said, “most of us are like a wheelbarrow; we go no further than we are pushed.” So we keep pushing, meaning educating.

LOVE ALONE IS LIFE

Let us repeat constantly, and feel as Jesus did in the garden of Gethsemane, the words he prayed there: “And now, oh Father, glorify thou me with thine own self [Principle, Love] with the glory I had with thee before this dream [of life in matter] overtook me.” Often during the day know that Love is everpresent, being experienced as identity. Let’s rest in the great divine fact that “Love alone is Life,” and that I am the universe of Love. [Read that again].

In healing, what is the patient? The patient is the hypnotic suggestion that infinite Love is not all-present and all powerful. The practitioner knows that nothing apart from the Principle, Love, is present, and this Love sees perfection, wholeness. “Man” is simply the term for all that God (Principle, Love) is being.

Mrs. Eddy tells us, “Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed”-changed to see we are “incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth and Love.”

In its fulfilment of the divine plan, Love solves all mysteries; every detail in Principle’s, Love’s, infinite program is already established, understood, demonstrated. Animal magnetism is the name of the sleep into which Adam is supposed to have fallen. Love’s plan includes for every man an awakening from the

outcome of that sleep, the dream of life in matter which ends in death. The interpretation of Life in Science changes death into Life, not life into death.

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” St. Paul here uses much of the same symbolism as did John in Revelation: 11:15. “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”

NO MORTAL MIND, NO MORTAL BODY

Mary Baker Eddy-brave and untiring in spite of discouragement and the desertion of friends and pupils-was born onward by the power of an eternal force. In obedience to the guidance of divine Love she persevered and won through to a wonderful accomplishment-the unfolding of the revelation that brings us the long awaited second coming of the Christ. Mrs. Eddy came to show us that the mortal has neither presence nor existence. No matter how real the hypnotic suggestion seems, there is no mortal mind to have a mortal body. Mrs. Eddy saw and felt the Love that knows nothing to punish, since “Love alone is Life.”

In Miscellaneous Writings she tells us: “The...final immersion of human consciousness in the infinite ocean of Love, is the last scene in corporeal sense. This important act drops the curtain on material man and mortality...Divine Science...lifts the curtain on man as never born and as never dying, but as coexistent with his creator.”

As Love lifts the curtain on man, it drops the curtain on personal sense. Then man’s identity or consciousness reflects only the light of everpresent Love. Miscellaneous Writings tells us, “The encumbering mortal molecules, called man, vanish as a dream.” As we face increasing challenges today in the Christian Science movement let us never forget that divine Love-omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient,-is as potent in sweeping away every vestige of materiality to make way for the Church Universal and Triumphant as it is in sweeping away every trace of the Adam dream and personal sense from our consciousness.

In a letter to Laura Lathrop dated Concord, N.H., June 10, 1890, Mrs. Eddy writes:

“Love. Love alone will found, upbuild, and establish forever both the Christian Scientist and our Cause. But envy, jealousy, or rivalry will kill the spirit of this Science in the person who possesses it and will thwart the establishment of it in this age. Oh, why is not this realized by everyone who has the Cause at heart and who has labored faithfully in some directions for its advancement?....

“A dozen churches of C.S. in the big city of N.Y. that were harmonious and truly Christian in word and deed would tend to promote the growth and prosperity of each other. Every Church and Paster of our denomination would be greatly supported by this unity. The Principle of our demonstration as Christian Scientists is unity and our demonstrations depend on united minds and their at-one-ment with the One Mind.”

When one group of people, however well intentioned, tries to prevent others from freely pursuing their understanding of Christian Science, where is unity? Where is Love? Dear Reader, the great need of today is to fulfill Mrs. Eddy’s dearest wish-that her Manual be recognized as a legal instrument and that it and her Deeds of Trust be obeyed as she intended. Please read again the plea at the beginning of this Letter. The Board of Directors in Boston have millions to impose their will on independent Christian Scientists. Please send as much as you possibly can to help defray the legal costs of countering this.

And again, let us all take heart. When once the human and divine coincidence is clearly seen, then nothing

is present humanly; everything is present divinely. So, let's dwell upon the great fact that God, Principle, Love, is omnipresent, filling all space. It is the only power and the only presence, the All-in-all. See clearly that your real Mind knows no lack of intelligence or ability, that every needful thing -every true idea-is present, divinely.

When your thought is at the standpoint of Love, in the infinite ocean of Love, it finds itself in the now of Science; in that scientific state of consciousness that blesses all it rests upon.