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Dear Friends: Mary Baker Eddy gave her students 26 subjects for weekly Bible Lessons, to be covered twice yearly. Flowing through the year in her order of the subjects, we hereby present fresh views of each one by outstanding Christian Scientists. In this way, we hope to partake with you of new unfoldments of her infinite revelation.

Our selection this week is from John Doorley's: Talk on the Science of the Bible – No 1-10 – The True and False Record of Creation

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THE FALSE RECORD OF CREATION-III

The Handling of Evil The Counterfeit of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Days of Creation.

The True Tones Destroy the False Tones

I believe that Mrs. Eddy meant us to take the definite facts of metaphysics, – the ideas of God, man, and the universe, – intelligently, consecratedly, and scientifically, and use them to handle the claims of animal magnetism through analysis, uncovering, and annihilation. That is, she meant us to use metaphysics as we would use any other science, – in its purity and in its application to the human. There is no doubt whatever but that the great Hebrew writers and thinkers did exactly that: they first of all showed exactly how to lay hold on the ideas of God, as you lay hold on the ideas of mathematics or music, but more definitely, and then they used the story of Adam to show how to analyze, uncover, and annihilate the dream of mortality. Whether the writers of the Jahweh document, who first introduced the Adam story, used it for that purpose, or whether they really thought that it was a true record of creation; is not known. I don't see how they could have intended it as a true account of material creation, for they were writing in about the time of Hosea, and Hosea was certainly a most spiritually-minded prophet. But the Priestly writers in about 550 B.C. took that Adam story and regarded it wholly as a symbol showing how the dream of mortality arose, how it developed, what it is, and how you can analyze it and deal with it.

If we can get the tones of the first record of creation, if we can learn them and welcome them and love them and understand intelligently

how they operate, then we can take those tones and use them to destroy the false tones of mortality, as given in the second record, and we shall get somewhere. We shall do what humanity must do, if it is to survive. Humanity is eating, and eating its fill, of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It believes in Spirit and matter, in the power of good and the power of evil. There have been only two great teachers who have taught that there is only one reality,— Spirit, — and those teachers are Christ Jesus and Mary, Baker Eddy. Many have shown the effect of Spirit on matter, but these two alone said, “There is no matter: there is only Spirit, and as you understand Spirit, matter disappears.”

How would you deal with a mistake in music? By learning the facts of music. How would you deal with a mistake in mathematics? By learning the facts of mathematics. Well, that is the only way you can deal with the human problem — by learning the facts of Spirit. The theories of hundreds of millions of years are climaxing before our eyes on a so-called materially scientific basis. Nothing can deal with them but spiritual Science, the system of which is symbolized in the first chapter of Genesis. The record of materiality and all that it means is given in the second, third, and fourth chapters of Genesis. It was put there by those inspired writers in the prophetic age so that men could learn from it how to deal with materiality.

We have spent a lot of time on the first record, and we have understood in some measure the tones of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love. These things that we are talking about are real and living and vital. They are the vastest and most important things in the world. We have some sense of the tones now and we are beginning to see how they reflect each other. If you were a small boy and you were learning addition, then wherever you saw addition you would say, “Why, there’s addition!” There might be subtraction and multiplication and division there, but you would see only addition, because that would be all you knew. In Science we began by seeing that there was an order, and then we began to see that that order constituted the Word of God, and we saw it everywhere. Then we saw the Christ order, and pretty soon we saw the Christianity order, and last of all we saw the order of Science, and we began to recognize all over the place the particular order we had just seen. Then we began to see that in infinity there is infinite reflection and everything reflects everything else.

An Illustration of the Christianity Order

Last week I was asked to help someone who seemed to be desperately ill, and I took up “Science and Health,” and I read that “perfection is the order of celestial being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life’s spiritual ideal” (S. & H. 337:17-19). So I thought to myself: What is perfection? Perfection is of the nature of Love and of the nature of Principle. It is “the order of celestial being,” and “celestial” and “being” both indicate Life. Order is order, and disorder has no place in it at all. And then quite naturally, as I pondered this passage, I saw that “perfection” indicates Principle, “order” indicates Spirit, and “celestial being” indicates Life. That “demonstrates Life in Christ, Life’s spiritual ideal,” and Life, Truth, and Love is this ideal. There I saw a sequence of Principle, Spirit, Life, Truth, and Love, and I began to think it out, and it came to me that it was an illustration of the Christianity order. I saw that Principle always demonstrates itself. Principle is foundational, basic, and it is always demonstrating itself. As Mind it says, “All ideas are my ideas.” All ideas are included in Principle and demonstrated by Principle. Because Principle is Soul, every one of those ideas is identified with Principle, and Principle identifies itself to every idea. Then I saw that, because Principle is Spirit, everyone of those identified ideas is ordered and it is developed. And then I saw that all ideas climax in Life, Truth, and Love, – Principle’s ideal of itself,- and when I saw that, I knew that it was all right with that condition, and it was.

To Mrs. Eddy these tones were so living, so real, and so vital that she just combined and combined and combined them in manifold ways, whereas you and I have had to learn the tones of the synonymous terms for God, of the days of creation, of the numerals of infinity, of the Word, the Christ, Christianity, and Science, and we are just beginning to see dimly how they combine. We are beginning to get the touch of them, the feel of them, the warmth of them, and when we get that cultivated spiritual understanding of them, – when we see them as infinite reflection and infinite Science, as Being itself, as Immanuel, “God with us,” – then we are going to be able, to analyze, uncover, and annihilate the claims of the human mind specifically and intelligently, and the claims of the human mind are not going to be able to stand up to what we know. When you entertain a right idea in mathematics, you represent the presence and power of mathematics. When you represent a right idea in the realm of Being, you represent the very presence and power

of that which we call God. That mental and spiritual state is Immanuel, "God with us."

Two Aspects of the Adam Story

I am more and more convinced that if you look carefully at this record of the Adam-man, which runs from the second chapter of Genesis to the end of the fourth chapter in Genesis, you find two distinct things: you find that it counterfeits the order of the days of creation as Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love, and that it also counterfeits very definitely the reverse of this sequence, – Love, Truth, Life, Principle, Soul, Spirit, and Mind.

What do you find in this Adam story? First of all, you get a false concept of God. This false concept of God is the counterfeit of Love, for "Love imparts the clearest idea of Deity" (S. & H. 517:13-14). Then you get a false sense of man, the counterfeit of Truth. Then you have the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the false sense of Life. Then man is supposed to be hypnotized by the Lord God, but is really hypnotized by his own false concept of God, man, and the universe, and instead of interpretation you get obscuration, the opposite of Principle. Out of that you begin to get a false sense of sex, which is a limited, finite concept of the infinite gender of Soul. Then out of that you begin to get the opposite of the fruit of Spirit – you get the fruit of hell. And then the climax of the whole thing is that Cain goes out and dwells in the land of Nod, that is, oblivion, the opposite of Mind, where all spiritual thinking begins.

I have said to you before that I believe with all my heart and soul that the reason why I was able to see that Mrs. Eddy's revelation of Science was really Science was that for years and years I had systematized my thinking by handling the claims of evil specifically through the synonymous terms for God. I always used to begin with Mind, and I would fill my thought with what Mind is and then deny all that is unlike it. Then I would fill my thought with what Spirit is, and deny all that is unlike it, then with what Soul is, and so on to Love. But, quite suddenly, I began to handle the whole proposition from the point of view of Love. Instead of handling the claims of evil through the divine order of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love, I handled them through Love, Truth, Life, Principle, Soul, Spirit, and Mind – In that order. And I knew I was right, though I didn't know why at the time. I afterwards

discovered that John uses the same order in describing the seven vials in Revelation, and I discovered many other things, which showed me that it was the right way to go about it. Today I couldn't handle evil, as I do very thoroughly every day, except from the point of view of Love. Now, you may not find that in the beginning. You may have to handle it from Mind, because that may be the way that appeals to you at first. Today I couldn't do it that way, because I have spent so much time with the Science, of Genesis that my thought has arrived at the point where "Love imparts the clearest idea of Deity," and so it is through Love that one most completely annihilates the claims of evil.

With this story of the Adam-man, therefore, you can look at it, from two aspects. You can either consider that, Mind analyzes, Spirit uncovers, and Soul annihilates, or that Love, Truth, and Life completely annihilate the mortal picture. You have analysis of the false creative sense from the point of view of Mind, or you have the destruction of it from the point of view of Love. Mind analyzes the false creative sense, and Love turns and annihilates the whole mortal picture.

Only twice in Mrs. Eddy's writings does she use this combination of Love, Truth, and Life, and in both cases it is perfectly evident that she is using it to show the allness and completeness of Deity, and therefore the nothingness of the mortal. In the chapter "Christian Science Practice," which describes the application to the human and the getting rid of the mortal concept, she says, "The real man is spiritual and immortal, but the mortal and imperfect so-called "children of men" are counterfeits from the beginning, to be laid aside for the pure reality. This mortal is put off, and the new man or real man is put on, in proportion as mortals realize the Science of man and seek the true model... "This is life eternal," says Jesus, is, not shall be; and then he defines everlasting life as a present knowledge of his Father and of himself,—the knowledge of Love, Truth, and Life" (S. & H. 409:20-26; 410:4-7). The other reference comes in "Christian Healing" and has the same tone. (Hea. 3:24-25.)

Genesis 2 the Scientific Opposite of Genesis 1

Remember also that Mrs. Eddy says, "The second chapter of Genesis contains a statement of this material view of God and the universe, a statement which is the exact opposite of scientific truth as before recorded" (S. & H. 521:26-29). Mrs. Eddy has seven definite extracts

from the second chapter of Genesis, and they constitute the exact opposite of the Science of the first record as Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love. The more closely I study the second chapter of Genesis from Mrs. Eddy's text, the more I feel that it is the exact opposite, scientifically, of the first chapter of Genesis. But Mrs. Eddy goes further, to the fourth chapter of Genesis, with her elucidation of the Adam story, and we have to consider too the complete thousand-year period from Adam to Noah, as a counterfeit of the whole of the first record of, creation. In that thousand-year period the light of Mind operated to analyze, uncover, and annihilate the human problem. This thousand-year period is also a counterfeit of the true creation, as we are seeing, but it is a bigger proposition than the second chapter alone. The second chapter is the counterfeit of the essentially scientific record of creation, whilst the thousand-year period includes not only the false record, but also the effects of this record.

Specific Handling of the Claims of Evil

Let's just run through the specific handling of the claims of evil. First of all, how did the dream of mortality arise? It began in darkness and chaos and mud and slime and protoplasm,— the opposite of Mind. Out of that grew up a false sense of creator and creation, the belief of Spirit and matter mingling. There began to be a sense of life, substance, and intelligence in matter. Then there began to be sex-distinction, race-distinction, class-distinction, division, separation, the sense of corporeality,— the opposite of Soul. Then false systems began to develop,— astrology, paganism, necromancy, theology, medicine,— the opposite of Principle. Then there began to be the sense of mortal life, the opposite of immortal Life. Then there began to be the sense of mortal manhood, of disease and deformity, of that which is the opposite of Truth. And eventually all the false theories climaxed in the belief that they operate on a materially scientific basis. That is the point at which we know the dream of mortality today. There you have an outline of human history.

Now let's see how we can handle this dream through the synonymous terms for God. Take Mind first. The divine Mind is the only Mind, and Mind is All. Mind is infinite power: infinite wisdom, infinite intelligence, infinite cause, infinite control, infinite light, – the infinite creator. Build up – in your thought what Mind is. And then begin to know that because

Mind is the one and only Mind, the Mind that has ideas, from everlasting to everlasting there never was a so-called carnal mind to manifest itself as a mist, as ignorance, as a belief of minds many, as a false sense of creator and creation, as a belief that there could be a false creator or a false creation, as a false sense of power, as a belief that there could be necromancy, superstition, mental diabolism, or anything of that kind. Annihilate all the beliefs opposed to Mind, and get into the habit of doing it.

Then take Spirit, and know that Spirit is infinite purity, and that Spirit is the only,— the only substance the only reality. Spirit is that which has infinite fruit, and it is infinite good, infinite order, infinite development, infinite strength, infinite reflection, infinite inspiration. Begin to build up a sense of Spirit in your thought. Then know that there never was a time in human history when Spirit and matter began to mingle, when there was a belief of life, substance, or intelligence in matter, when the claim of impurity arose. Know that in the divine order there isn't any disorder or retrogression, the reverse of order; know that in the infinite substance there is only the one substance, that in reality there is no unreality, and that in the infinite birth and development there is no lack of development. Handle the whole proposition from the point of view of Spirit.

Then you come to Soul, and because Soul is infinite identity and identifies everything, everything is identified in Soul. Begin to know the sinlessness of Soul, in which there could be no sense of fallen man, the incorporeality of Soul, the joy, the bliss, and the freedom of Soul, the sanctity of Soul, the satisfaction of Soul, the safety of Soul – don't forget that – and the definiteness of Soul. Then know that in Soul there never was any sex-distinction or race-distinction, any division or separation, any sorrow, any sin or penalty or aftereffects of sin, or any material corporeality. And so you handle the opposites of Soul. When you are thinking about Soul, always know that it translates out of the human into the divine:

Next, begin to think about Principle and what Principle is. It is the infinite One, – the infinite Science, the infinite system. It is that which always proves itself; it is foundation and basis; it interprets itself; it is that which includes everything. Know that there never was any false system of medicine or theology or astrology or spiritualism or necromancy, or anything of the kind. Take all the false systems which came out of the

East and which claim to pervade human experience and handle every one of them. Know that in the infinite Science there is no false Science, nothing unlike Science, no lack of interpretation, no false interpretation, no lack of demonstration. The infinite always demonstrates itself; it is irresistible

Then you come to Life, and you know that Life is the infinite fatherhood it is immortality”, exaltation, eternity. Life is the infinite multiplication, the infinite ascension. Build up your sense of Life, of the infinite individuality and then know that there can be no false sense of fatherhood,— no false sense of God as Father,— no false sense of immortality. Because God’s being is immortality, there is no deprivation, no death, no old age, no losing your sight and your hearing, and so on. Life is infinite, eternal, and Life is Father. What does a father do in human experience? He provides for his children. How much more must God as our divine Father care and provide for His ideas! God as Father is the divine cause, forever going on.

And so you come to Truth. Truth is Christ, the ideal, the great Physician, the great Surgeon, the great Redeemer, the great Restorer, manhood, form, consciousness, health,— health in everything,— and Truth is the Son of God. Then know that Truth destroys any false sense of the lack of a Christ or any anti-Christ, any false sense of manhood, any disease or belief in incurable disease, any claim of unconsciousness. "Truth is an alterative in the entire system, and can make it 'every whit whole'" (S. & H. 37:30-32).

Finally you come to Love. What is Love? Love is the divine motherhood. Love is fulfillment, perfection, glory, beauty, holiness.

Love is that which meets every human need. It is infinite disposal. And so you begin to build up a sense of the loveliness of Love and that casts out fear, and destroys hate, jealousy, envy, greed and selfishness. It obliterates a false sense of motherhood.

So you take the synonymous terms for God and ponder what they mean, and you begin to destroy the mortal picture not only for yourself but also for all mankind. The true and false accounts of creation in Genesis are to show you how to do that intelligently. “The platoons of Christian Science” must be “thoroughly drilled in the plainer manual of their spiritual armament” (Un. 6:25-27). Avoid a formula at all costs, but

make your handling of evil accurate and scientific. Musicians practice their scales, and the best musicians practice them most. When we do this work, we are practicing our scales. We're acquainting ourselves with the things of reality, and analyzing, uncovering, and annihilating in thought the things of unreality and we are doing it intelligently and scientifically. And if we do it, then our health, happiness, wellbeing, everything, will correspond to it, and we shall help mankind. Remember that the ideas that we entertain about God are by nature infinite, and when we entertain them they operate everywhere, and the more we know of infinity without time and space, the more they operate everywhere. We want a body of men and women who are all in earnest, and who see the importance of the first chapter of Genesis and see how it gives a sense of absolute Science.

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