

March 20, 2006 – Subject: Reality.

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: A Verbatim Report of John Doorlys' TALKS ON THE BIBLE VOLUME 1 – The True and False Record of Creation.

The New Tongue

Now, tonight I want to finish the false record and I want to try and crystallize the whole picture so that it is perfectly clear in your thought.

These days of creation that we have been talking about are the numerals of infinity; they symbolize the essentials of reality, just as the ten digits symbolize the essentials of mathematics and the seven notes symbolize the essentials of music. These days of creation are the new tongue, but they are the numerals of thought for all time, for eternity. So if you understand these numerals of consciousness and their infinite calculus, you are understanding the things of reality, just as, if you understand the notes in music and how to combine them, you begin to understand the manifold categories of music.

You will remember that I was showing you last week how with this new tongue, with these numerals of consciousness, you can handle the claims of evil. It is very interesting that after Jesus said, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues," he continued, "They shall take up serpents;" – what are those "serpents"? They are the claims of animal magnetism which claim to counterfeit the new tongue;- "and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them" (Mark 16: 17-18)-it doesn't mean drinking poison, but that if you take in anything that is deadly – and what is more deadly than hate, jealousy, envy, ignorance, mysticism? – it will not touch you.

As you remember, Sir James Jeans says that Leibniz was looking for a few fundamental "root-notions," so that he could symbolize

them and put them into a calculus. He didn't find what he was looking for, but today we are grasping in some measure through the Mind of Christ the ideas that are essential to being.

We have taken some "root-notions" that we call intelligence, wisdom, law, action, cause, control, healing power, – everything that we associate with Mind, – and we have seen that they are symbolized in some measure by the first day of creation; then we have symbolized them in a greater measure by the numeral of consciousness called the numeral of Mind; and then we have symbolized them by the term Mind.

We have taken the "root-notions" that we call substance, reality, purity, birth, development, understanding, and so on, and we have seen that they are symbolized in some measure by the second day of creation; then we have symbolized them in a higher aspect by a numeral of consciousness called the numeral of Spirit; and then we have symbolized them by Spirit itself.

We have taken ideas such as sinlessness, incorporeality, identity, safety, sanctity, joy, bliss, freedom, and we have seen that they are symbolized in some measure by the third day of creation; then we have symbolized them in a higher aspect by the numeral of Soul; and then by Soul itself.

We have taken such ideas as One, foundation, basis, demonstration, proof, interpretation, Science, system, and we have seen that they are symbolized at first by the fourth day of creation; then in a higher sense by the numeral of Principle; and then in the highest aspect by Principle itself.

We have taken the ideas of individuality, fatherhood, multiplication, inspiration, exaltation, and eternity, and we have seen that they are symbolized in some measure by the fifth day of creation; then in a higher sense by the numeral of Life; and then in the highest sense by Life itself.

We have taken the "root-notions" of consciousness, manhood, Christhood, health, standard, form, and so on, and seen that they are symbolized at first by the sixth day of creation; then by the numeral of Truth; and then in the highest aspect by Truth itself.

We have taken all the ideas of motherhood, fulfillment, perfection, completeness, beauty, glory, and holiness, and we have seen that they are symbolized by the seventh day to begin with; then, as thought has risen, we have symbolized them by the numeral of Love; and then by Love itself.

This is the new tongue, and these ideas that we entertain of intelligence, substance, identity, and so on, are God's own thoughts, the ideas of reality. They are dynamic. They do things. They are power. As you understand these numerals of consciousness, you begin to see how you can combine them infinitely, as they are combined in the seven days of creation....

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Reflection, Not Absorption

Don't try to absorb Science: let it inspire you. Love it, think it, let it come little by little, "precept upon precept" (Isa. 28: 10). Then it'll be as clear as crystal to you. Remember, you are approaching the vastest subject in all the world; There is nothing so vast as this subject of infinity, and you are approaching the spiritual, scientific way of symbolizing the infinite ideas of God. It's a big job, so don't try to absorb it, and don't think, "However am I going to get it?" Be like the horse-learn the little you can for two seasons, and then you will do it in the third! The details, the tones, the Science, will little by little become clearer and clearer to you. When I first began studying the Bible commentaries, it all seemed so involved, but I persevered, because I wanted to know about the Bible in every way, and today it is all as plain and natural and simple as can be. The most important thing is to love Science. Seek it and it will come to you. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3: 20). Science in all its loveliness and its purity will come to you and it will use you. It comes – by grace – "it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8). It doesn't come through "tilling the soil," or through fighting and striving. You don't arrive at music through fighting and striving, but through being musically -minded. You don't arrive at mathematics through fighting and striving, but through being mathematically-minded. You don't arrive at Science through pushing and pulling, but

through being spiritually-minded and through loving spiritual things, and spiritual things are the most exact things in the world. They are of the nature of Truth, and nothing could be more exact than Truth. We are going through the Bible and we are going to see how, all the way through, these spiritual tones that we have been talking about are used, so by the time you come to Revelation you will say, "This is child's play!"

Before I come here on Tuesdays, in the afternoon I sit and I know that this story existed "before Abraham was" (John 8:58), and that it has form, colour, outline, quality, quantity, tangibility, that it is born of God, and that it is of the nature of Christ, and that it heals and redeems and does all that is necessary under all circumstances. When you come to these talks, just know that too. You don't only come to get: you come to give. A pipe must have two holes, so that the water can go in at one end and out at the other – you don't stop up one end. You must have a getting end and a giving end if you want the water to flow out. When you come to these talks, come with the sense, "I am the son of God. I am just going to reflect." That's all you ever do. The Word is with power. We must find that these things heal and inspire and enlighten. They are of the nature of idea, and idea is power.....

Love as Love

Finally you have the climax of the whole of the seven days in Love as Love: "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made" (Gen. 2: 2, 3). Love as Love is the divine One, which comes to us as the holiness of being. Now, if you are doing mathematics, no matter what problem you solve, it's all mathematics. If you are doing music, no matter what concerto you play, or what song you sing, it's all music; whilst we may think in terms of symbols, such as chords and notes and so on, the real musician thinks in terms of music. And so the time comes when you have that state of thought symbolized by Jesus when he said, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God" (Matt. 19: 17). The

time comes when your thought, which has ascended through these days of creation, knows that because Being is infinite there is only one Being, and that “in him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28). There is only one infinite, one Being. Thought rises to the point where you find your life “hid with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3), because you see that all there is, is the divine One. No Christian Science treatment is ever complete until thought returns to oneness, because “all true thoughts... come from God and return to Him” (Mis. 22:16-18). Remember that Being is infinite. Mind is infinite, so true thinking must be of the nature of infinity. “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord” (Deut. 6:4) is a great scientific fact. Because of the oneness and allness of mathematics, your ideas have power in the realm of mathematics. The most scientific fact in the realm of metaphysics is oneness, and any ideas of God that you entertain have power in that realm of metaphysics. Remember the system of the “one” (that is where you start, and that is where you return), the “three,” the “four,” the “seven,” the “ten,” and the “twelve.” Those symbols were used to symbolize essential thought. The “one” is the basic fact, and your thought must return to that basic fact of oneness. All the good there is, all the life there is, all the truth there is, all the substance there is, is the infinite. Your thought must return to the seventh day of the divine One. The sense of holiness comes when your thought reaches the point where it sees that there is only the infinite One, whom men call God,-the infinite cause, that which we symbolize as Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love, that which we symbolize further as intelligence, substance, identity, and so on, that which we symbolize by the days of creation-it is all one. You can do addition, or subtraction, or compound fractions, but it is all mathematics. You can play a note, or a chord, or a concerto, or a sonata, but it is all music.

In this seventh day you have real holiness when you have understood “the heavens and the earth... and all the host of them” – the infinitude of Science and how the infinite ideas of the infinite operate. Then you come to the point where you can say that God “rested,” and where you can rest in the fulfillment of the divine plan. Remember that Mrs. Eddy says, “If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one visit” (S. & H. 365: 15-17); no Christian Science treatment is ever complete

until thought returns to the fact that from everlasting to everlasting there never was anything going on but the one infinite, infinitely manifested as infinite ideas, – the one infinite, which we describe to ourselves as Life; as Truth, and as Love, that is, as eternity, as consciousness, and as perfection.

Love as Love was illustrated when “Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him” (Gen. 5: 24). No Bible commentaries believe that there ever existed a man called Enoch. He was said to have lived 365 years, which indicates the 365 days of a year, and a year is a type of eternity; so the name Enoch is simply a symbol of eternity. It means that when your thought touches eternity, you “walk with God” and mortality “is not.” Understanding of the divine plan annihilates mortality.

I told you of a woman who came to a Class with a cancer and was healed. She touched eternity; she “walked with God” and the cancer “was not.” Every time you perceive something of the divine nature, and you use a fact of reality and the error that you are trying to destroy disappears, that verse is fulfilled. You walk with God, and the mortal “is not,” in the degree that you have overcome it. If you are tempted with sickness, and you walk with God, your thought touches eternity, and you are healed. If you are tempted with sin and you walk with God, you are healed of that sin. In the eternal “now” there isn’t any time or any space, because God is everywhere. Jeans says that matter, time, and space are of the same substance and should be thought of as one. $2 \times 2 = 4$ has no time, no space, no history; it is just true. And that applies to every one of God’s ideas.

God Knows You as Idea

Think of what God knows about you. God knows that you are His thought, His idea, that you are consciousness. Our bodies aren’t consciousness. You and I sit here today, and we think that we are conscious, but if we go out and a motor-car runs us over, mortal mind says that we aren’t conscious any longer. What sort of consciousness is that? That isn’t true consciousness. You sit here and you are warm; you go outside and it is cold – your thought has changed. But real consciousness is as eternal as God Himself. God knows you as idea, – as perfect, eternal, immortal, and indestructible.

Day by day I take this thing that the mortal calls “me,” and mentally I put it in the corner and say, “You stay there.” And then I begin to think, to walk with God in eternity, and I say, “What am I? I am the image and likeness of the infinite Mind; therefore I am idea, I exist at the point of intelligence, power, law, action, wisdom, creative ability, allness. I am an idea of Spirit; therefore I am infinitely substantial, I am real, I exist at the point of order, development, birth; I live in the realm of infinite good, I am always reflecting, always God-inspired. I am an idea of Soul; therefore I am infinitely identified with God, – that is, I am of the same nature as God.” When Jesus said, “I and my Father are one” (John 10:30), he was the meekest man on earth, because he gave all the glory to God. If you aren’t one with God, you aren’t one with anything or anybody. Then I think, “Because I am identified with Soul, I am sinless, incorporeal, satisfied, sanctified, I live in the realm of safety, I have the joy and the bliss and the freedom of Soul. As an idea of Principle, I am eternally proved, I am basic, I am foundational; I live in the infinite One, I am as perfect as the Father Himself is perfect; I am forever operating in the realm of system and Science; my being is in the realm of infinite government.” Then I think, “I am an idea of Life; therefore I am eternal, infinitely eternal, I am forever exalted, forever multiplied, I am immortal, I express the nature of the divine fatherhood, the one infinite fatherhood, and I exist at the point of inspiration. I am an idea of Truth; therefore I am consciousness, I have the form of the Son of God, I live in the realm of health, in the realm of the infinite standard, in the realm of Christ, the infinite Physician, the infinite Surgeon.” And then I think, “I am an idea of Love; therefore I know that I live in the divine motherhood; I am fulfilled; Love is ‘underlying, over-lying, and encompassing’ me (S. & H. 496:18-19). I live in the realm of beauty and holiness and glory, in the realm of fulfillment and protection and infinite disposal.” And then I know that that truth which I know about my being is the Christ to the poor thing in the corner, and delivers it from itself. I know that the Christ casts out fear, reduces inflammation, silences hate, envy, jealousy, and so on. It delivers the poor thing in the corner from itself, so that it says of itself, “I am naked.” Eventually this poor thing in the corner goes out and dwells in the land of Nod, – nothingness, – where it has always been, and that is scientific salvation.

Day by day you will find that God's own ideas come to you and they come as power, as manhood. You become what you really are – man, God's own likeness; you become conscious, you begin to have the form of true manhood, of perfection, of health, of sonship, of identity with God. You begin to find your life "hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). You begin little by little, just as in mathematics you begin by learning your numbers, and then you learn what they really mean, and then you learn to combine them. At first they are just an order, then they are values, and then you can compute with them. It's the same in music, architecture, engineering, and so on.

Well, what about reality? Are we just going to rhapsodize about it? Are we going to say, "God is Love," and then go and hate? That's just an emotional sense of God. But when you know, – and knowing is being, – that's power, that's action. The minute you know, creation starts. The minute you begin to know yourself as God knows you, creation starts, and then that knowing becomes substantial, and the minute it becomes substantial it becomes identical with God, and then it is provable. It begins to prove itself, and it proves itself as eternity, or Life, as consciousness, or Truth, and as perfection, or Love.

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