

# THE MARY BAKER EDDY SCIENCE INSTITUTE

*PRESENTS*  
*WEEKLY LESSON CITATIONS*

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.

This month the following Subjects are:

**Christ Jesus**  
**Man**  
**Substance**  
**Matter**  
**Reality**

Continuing our study of The Holy Trinity (Life, Truth and Love) given last month from the point of Life we felt the selections from “Revelation and Demonstration for You” by Clifford and Daisy Stamp and “Mary Baker Eddy Reveals Your Divinity” by Helen M. Wright gives us a view of it from the point of Truth.

Let us remember that there is one Being, and that this One is infinite. This One is Life, infinite Life, “the Being who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase” (S. & H. 290:1-2). This One is Truth, forever beholding its own wholeness and forever operating as infinite consciousness. This One is Love, with its infinite plan and infinite fulfillment, and that is the highest aspect of God. Doesn’t that bring a lovely sense of oneness, which is the fact of divine Science? The city foursquare, as depicted in Revelation, illustrates this sense of oneness as the operation in divine Science of the Word as one Life, of Christ as one Truth, of Christianity as one Love, and of divine Science as one divine Principle, Love.

As we progress in Science, our experience is very much like that of Jacob, when “he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it” (Gen. 28:12). Thus we find that as we grasp the facts of Christian Science, thought rises naturally to some understanding of absolute Christian Science, and then even higher to the realm of divine Science. Through this glorious revelation of divine Science, the student gains a subjective sense, and finds in his own experience that healing takes place more quickly and more spontaneously. So thought must ascend, must be lifted up to the realm of divine Science, where we think as Principle and from Principle, and then we must translate this down to every human situation.

### **“The Divine Understanding Reigns”**

Early this morning the loveliest sense came to me of how God is telling the story this week, because I hadn’t made a note of this statement which came to me; I hadn’t read it recently, nor had I thought of it in connection with what we are doing today, and yet it fits perfectly. This is what flooded my thought as I woke up: “The divine understanding reigns, is all, and there is no other consciousness” (S. & H. 536:8-9). Now, that is a wonderful picture of Truth in divine Science. The only consciousness there is Truth conscious of its own wholeness, conscious of the whole truth about everything.

When this came to me so clearly, it inspired my thought, because for many months, when I had thought about Truth in divine Science, I had had a very clear sense that to Truth there is no error. So here again, expressed in a different way, is the same story of the onliness of Truth. Because of the affirmation in the realm of arithmetic that 2 plus 2 is 4, no suggestion of 2 plus 2 making 5 enters into that realm. Just so, in Science there is no error; there is only the

one infinite divine consciousness, aware only of the truth. Can you imagine anything more positive than that?

As I said earlier this week, you find as you study “Science and Health” and Mrs. Eddy’s other writings that she states the facts of divine Science in a brief way, but of course the reason for that is that when we really glimpse the facts of divine Science, we have “arrived,” and when we arrive anywhere we don’t bother about the details of how we got there – we just know that we have arrived.

To illustrate, let us consider how in learning a subject such as music, we are at first very conscious of our mistakes, but as we progress towards perfection in music, which has always been, we find that our errors grow less until they completely disappear. From the point of view of music itself, there is no error, and in Science there is no imperfection. This is the great fact expressed by Mrs. Eddy in her words: “To Truth there is no error, – all is Truth” (S. & H. 475:2).

What we are seeing is that there is only one consciousness, and that the only activity taking place here and now is Truth forever reflecting on itself. Truth is all that God knows, and God has infinite ideas of Himself. When we see that the only thing going on is divine, infinite consciousness, we are beholding the form of Truth.

Let us think for a moment of the story in the third chapter of Daniel of the three Hebrew young men in the burning fiery furnace, when it was said, “the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.” Science teaches that the Son of God is Truth, and those three young men were delivered from that experience because they were conscious only of Truth. Truth forever declares that man is wholly spiritual, perfect, and indestructible, never in nor of matter. It was their state of consciousness, and that alone, which saved those three young men.

### **The Way to Divine Science**

Let us look for a moment at the way by which we arrive at divine Science. Divine Science is the story of God Himself, and the only way we shall arrive at this wonderful story of God is by starting at the beginning of the Bible. You know, when I listen to anyone talking about the Science of the Bible, I feel so grateful that we are beginning to understand the spiritual interpretation of the Scriptures, because Mrs. Eddy’s revelation came to her through her study of the Bible, and it is only through our study of the Bible and “Science and Health with

Key to the Scriptures” that we shall be able to glimpse this glorious revelation of divine Science. It comes through the spiritual sense of the Scriptures.

So if we want to gain some understanding of divine Science, we must start with the beginning of the Bible, which is the story of the seven days of creation. As we study that story, this leads to some understanding of the seven synonymous terms for God. It is impossible to have a certain sense of health or happiness or heaven without an understanding of those seven synonymous terms. As we study these seven terms, – Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love,– we begin to understand the nature of God, and through this understanding we find the answer to every human problem. Let us remember that it is “our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord and the right understanding of Him restores harmony” (S. & H. 390:7-9).

So many people have been asking what is the best way to, begin the study of Science, but of course that approach is always individual. If anyone really wants to understand the system of Science, which is the most wonderful thing on earth today, the best way is to start with the first of the verbatim reports of Mr. Doorly’s talks on the Science of the Bible. If you study these reports, digesting just as much as you can at a time, you will begin little by little to arrive at some understanding of divine Science. Of course, if anyone is starting at the very beginning, it may be helpful to talk to someone who already understands something of the system, so that an orderly way of study is gained which will enable them to go on to those verbatim reports.

You can’t understand music or bring forth lovely compositions in music unless you understand the notes, which are the basis of all music. You have to become familiar with those seven notes and how they blend and blend and blend, and it is through that study that the most beautiful musical compositions are produced. With every science one has to begin by learning the fundamentals. But the comforting thing is that if we begin the study of Science in our individual way, we shall eventually arrive at divine Science.

That statement which came to me this morning, “The divine understanding reigns, is all, and there is no other consciousness,” gave me a lovely sense of the one Truth that knows no opposite,– no error. Let us always remember that in Christian Science we learn how to deal, with material beliefs, how to cast out error, whereas in divine Science there is no materiality and no error. The higher we let thought dwell in the realm of Science, the quicker will be our demonstrations, the greater our sense of individuality, and the more wonderful our sense of fulfillment.

## **Truth Includes the Truth about Everything**

If we begin to think about Truth, we see that it includes the truth about every idea, because God is forever conscious of His own wholeness, and therefore He is conscious of every one of His ideas; and so Truth includes the fact about me, about you, about the animals, about the flowers, and about every living thing,— about every idea.

Because Truth includes the truth about everything, it follows that the more we understand of Truth, the more spontaneously the truth about every situation will appear to us, and the more dynamically we shall see the error uncovered and annihilated.

We can never know the whole of God, and we can never know the whole of ourselves, but Truth knows its own wholeness. I was saying to Clifford yesterday that it's a wonderful thing to begin to understand Truth, and I said, "I feel that I know very little about Truth;" he quickly said, "Well, the thing that matters is what God knows about us," and that's a fact.

### **True Health**

When we begin to see that the only thing operating here or anywhere is the one infinite consciousness, and that nothing else exists and that nothing else has power, then instead of thinking that we've got a little consciousness which we've got to get right, we shall keep our eyes on the facts of Truth in divine Science. Truth in Science is wholeness, and when Truth operates in the human, it brings wholeness in everything. The health that is so dear to everyone comes to us abundantly when we stop thinking about our little personal self which we believe has to get better, and instead we let our thought dwell on the facts of Truth. Health is nothing to do with matter or material conditions; it is conscious wholeness. We have true health, abiding health, in proportion as we become conscious of man as perfect. How can you expect to have health so long as you look at the material picture of man, or let yourself be mesmerized by what material sense says about you? So let us hold thought perpetually to the perfection of God's creation, and then we shall bring it out in our lives. A consciousness full of perfection has true health.

I am going to ask you during this day to live in that one statement which came to me this morning: "The divine understanding reigns, is all, and there is no other consciousness." Nothing to heal, nothing to change, but everything perfect, now! If we really grasp that, we shall be so lifted up that we shall see how wonderful

this Truth is in Science, and we shall experience health in everything. And oh, how wonderful it is when we stand for Truth in spite of all errors suggestion. Surely this is true manhood. I always feel inspired when I think that Truth is forever reflecting on its own manhood, its own health, its own ideal. If we see someone standing for an ideal, sometimes in spite of much opposition, we say, "What a man!" When we express true manhood and accept Truth in spite of all that mortal mind says, we become strong in every sense of the word.

**"To Truth there is No Error"**

When I was looking at references to Truth in divine Science, I was very struck by that statement which we have already quoted: "To Truth there is no error,—all is Truth" (S. & H. 475:2). Do you and I believe this, or do we think of it only as something that will take place at some future time? We have seen that 2 plus 2 always makes 4, and that in the realm of arithmetic there is never a mistake, never an error. How much more, then, in the realm of Science is this a fact,— that there is never a mistake, never an error. Mrs. Eddy also writes, "Truth has no consciousness of error" (S. & H. 243:25). Truth is always fully conscious of its truth, and so isn't it logical to see that the way to lose the sense of error is to be more and more conscious of Truth?

I feel that there's a great need at this moment for us to learn to make error nothing. It doesn't matter how it talks to us; it may say that we don't know very much, or it may say that we are just beginners in Science, or it may say all sorts of other things, but why not accept what Truth is saying, and so learn how to think as Truth in divine Science?

**Working and Watching**

Now, what does that really mean to you and to me? It means that every minute we have to be mentally awake. We all have to cultivate the habit of loving the spiritual above everything, of loving to be alone with God, of loving to live with the things that are real and true. Anything which tries to come in and stop us from doing that is nothing but the mesmerism of animal magnetism, and so let us be awake to it. Don't let's be mesmerized; let us see the way, and let us go that way. It's such a grand thing when we do, and I am sure that there is no greater joy for anyone. Individuality is so important in this understanding of Truth, because it's our own individual realization of Truth which is vital to every one of us. We can't afford to be troubled by what anyone else is doing. Everything must be between God and us, and when we are conscious of God then we can only be conscious of the truth about every one of God's ideas.

What a satisfying thing it is to be conscious of the truth, and as we dwell on the facts of Truth in divine Science this enables us to see perfection in ourselves and in all men.

Through the understanding of Truth, God becomes nearer than hands and feet, closer than breathing. This infinite divine consciousness is the only consciousness, and the moment we realize that, we shall never condemn ourselves or anyone else. If we glimpse this fact of Truth in Science, wherever we go we shall see manhood; wherever we go we shall see health; wherever we go we shall see the one consciousness in operation.

### **The One Infinite Consciousness Knows Only Perfection**

I want to take a reference with you which came to me and which gives a wonderful sense of this. Mrs. Eddy writes, “When I have most clearly seen and most sensibly felt that the infinite recognizes no disease, this has not separated me from God, but has so bound me to Him as to enable me instantaneously to heal a cancer which had eaten its way to the jugular vein. In the same spiritual condition I have been able to replace dislocated joints and raise the dying to instantaneous health. People are now living who can bear witness to these cures. Herein is my evidence, from on high, that the views here promulgated on this subject are correct. Certain self-proved propositions pour into my waiting thought in connection with these experiences; and here is one such conviction: that an acknowledgment of the perfection of the infinite Unseen confers a power nothing else can. An incontestable point in divine Science is that because God is All, a realization of this fact dispels even the sense or consciousness of sin, and brings us nearer to God, bringing out the highest phenomena of the All-Mind” (Un. 7:8-26). It seems to me that Mrs. Eddy paints there a picture of Truth such as we’re trying to see. It was because she saw so clearly that God is All and because her consciousness was filled with Truth, that she was able to heal cancer instantaneously, and we shall do exactly the same when we understand God as she did.

I love that sentence, “An Incontestable point in divine Science is, that because God is All, a realization of this fact dispels even the sense or consciousness of sin.” If we really think as Truth in divine Science, we can’t for one moment think of ourselves or of anyone else as a sinner, as imperfect, or as having any faults of character, because Truth is conscious only of perfection. I am convinced that there are many people who love Science but who are not making their demonstrations because they don’t lift thought right up to the

very throne of Science. If you and I really accept the fact that there is only one consciousness,— one infinite divine consciousness,— then we shall see that there is nothing anywhere in consciousness but perfection. In divine Science there is no sin, no disease, no suffering, no matter, no carnal mind, no evil. There is no error, because all is Truth. Through studying this fact of the one Truth in divine Science, I can't tell you how my eyes have been opened, and how many things I have seen that need changing. I have seen that we must live in the fact morning, noon, and night that the only thing going on is Truth, the one infinite consciousness. If you and I really grasp that, we shall have a sense of dominion and a sense of health such as we have not experienced before.

Here is another wonderful statement from "Unity of Good"; "Truth is God, and in God's law. This law declares that Truth is All, and there is no error. This law of Truth destroys every phase of error. To gain a temporary consciousness of God's law is to feel, in a certain finite human sense, that God comes to us and pities us; but the attainment of the understanding of His presence, through the Science of God, destroys our sense of imperfection, or of His absence, through a diviner sense that God is all true consciousness; and this convinces us that, as we get still nearer Him, we must forever lose our own consciousness of error" (4:5-15). Here Mrs. Eddy makes it very plain that we must gain "a diviner sense that God is all true consciousness.

How can we prove the nothingness of error until we have clearly seen the divine fact of the one Truth, forever reflecting on its own wholeness and knowing no error? As we demonstrate this fact our human experience, another thing becomes very plain. Just as you quickly see the cobwebs in a room that is flooded with sunshine, so the individual who is full of this understanding of Truth sees quickly the error in thought which is the cause of some problem, quickly reverses it, and so begins to prove in an intelligent way the nothingness of all the ills and limitations "that flesh is heir to."

Truth is that which always was; it isn't a question of something that's going to come in the future, because it always was. The truth about you and me always has been that we are the sons of God, that we are God's image and likeness, that we are God's reflection, and that we have always reflected the divine loveliness. What a comfort! Just think of the men and women who have made a mess of their lives, and wonder what is going to happen in the future. How lovely to think that here and now they can blot out all the error and have no regrets, no penalties, no condemnation, but turn wholeheartedly to Science. The fact is that the only activity going on is Truth forever conscious of its own wholeness. In

the realm of arithmetic the schoolboy may through his ignorance say perhaps dozens of times that 2 and 2 make 5, and as a result of this ignorance complete disorder prevails. But the moment the boy knows the truth of arithmetic that 2 and 2 make 4, he corrects his sums and the disorder ceases. So in Science we learn how to correct the errors of sense and experience order and harmony in our affairs.

### **Truth Knows No Condemnation**

I feel that I'm learning such a lot about this fact that Truth knows no condemnation. At one time if patients came to me who were suffering and they told me of something they had done which was wrong or unscientific, I used to say, "Well, If you sin you suffer." I always saw that it was the mental state, which counted, and so I was able to help those people, but now I am beginning to understand why Jesus said, "Thy sins are forgiven thee."

The other day someone rang me up who had a very painful condition in the throat, and the suggestion was that a growth was developing. I saw very quickly that it was because this individual had been very sad, and through certain conditions she had let this sadness just swamp her thought. She said to me on the telephone, "All night I walked the floor, and I don't know what to do I am so afraid." Two years ago I would have said to that woman, "How do you expect Science to succeed if you think about the error all the time?" but now because I'm seeing a little more of the wonderful Christ consciousness, I said to her, "Dear, it never was you. You have never lost your joy. You have always been full of the joy of life, you have always been in heaven." And she said, "Of course that is true about me." As a result that condition was healed. And so I am telling you of facts that I am learning, and it is a lovely experience.

Let our sense always be, "Thy sins are forgiven thee." Suppose that somebody does come who has done the most dreadful thing; suppose that he or she is the most awful mortal. Well, "the reverse of error is true" (S. & H. 442:18), as Mrs. Eddy says. If we can look away from the mortal, it doesn't matter what some individual has done, because the only thing that God knows about that man is that he's sinless, that he's lovely, that he's perfect, that he's spiritual, and that he has never lost his perfection. If we see that, we shall find the healing taking place quickly and spontaneously. I am finding in my own experience that the more I think in the realm of divine Science, the quicker do I see the error in the patient's thought that is causing the trouble; and also the spiritual ideas needed to heal those conditions come more quickly and in a much more dynamic way.

## Engrounded on the Rock

This study of divine Science is completely changing our concept of Science in every way, and that illustration which I have just given you shows very clearly what I mean. So don't let us come down from what God is knowing. Let us begin to think about it the moment we wake up, and let it live with us. Let's stop sometimes during the day and say, "What is God knowing?" "The divine understanding reigns, is all, and there is no other consciousness."

There are many more lovely references which we shall not be able to take today, but we shall certainly have achieved something if as a result of what we've seen this morning each one of us looks constantly at Truth in divine Science, – the Truth that knows no error.

Mrs. Eddy wrote,

*"Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock,  
Upon Life's shore,  
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock,  
Oh, nevermore!" (Mis. 397:9-12).*

From now on we are going to look constantly at the facts of Truth in divine Science, – Truth forever conscious of its own wholeness, – and we are going to realize that "there is no other consciousness." In that way we shall be established on the rock of Truth.

## TALK FIVE

### The New Birth

Our experience here this week is lovely beyond words, because this whole activity is taking place in the presence of God, in "the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme" (S. & H. 590:3). Today I have had a lovely sense of the newness of things. As I was thinking this morning, I felt that we are just beginning to touch this glorious Science, this Science which is so vast. I found a line from a hymn running through my thought, and it really expressed the sense, which came to me: "the hush of being newly born."

We find that in this study of Science, in this story of God, there is peace and certainty, which Science alone can explain. As we study the Scriptures and this Key to the Scriptures, "Science and Health," we find that pondering them in the light of the divine system which God revealed to John Doorly brings the revelation of Science to us in a quiet way, in a lovely way, with certainty and

with great power, and also in our own individual way, because our conception of Science is always individual.

### **Science Has a Christ**

We have been seeing this week that there is only one Being. This One is infinite. There is only one infinite Principle, which is basic and fundamental. This One is Life, – infinite Life, “the Being who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase;” this One is Truth, forever reflecting on its own wholeness; and this One is Love, with its infinite plan and infinite fulfillment. Then we see clearly that because of this there is only one cause and one effect in Science. The one cause is that one infinite Principle, and the one effect is Life reflected as the divine fatherhood, Truth reflected as the divine sonship, and Love reflected as the divine motherhood.

Someone may say, “But what does that do for me? What good is all that statement about the one infinite Being to me with my problem?” So many people ask, “Well, how does that apply to me? How does that work? What does it do for us mortals, - men and women who have disease or lack or sadness or limitation, or any of those problems?” The lovely thing about this Science is that it has a Christ, and as we saw earlier this week, Christ is “The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error” (S. & H. 583:10-11). Today the Christ comes to you and to me and to all mankind as a divine infinite calculus of ideas, and as we grasp something of this wonderful calculus of spiritual ideas, we are enabled in an intelligent way to analyze, uncover, and annihilate the claims of materiality.

God’s ideas don’t operate haphazardly, but in divine order. Thus every individual, as he seeks for an answer to his problem, finds ideas coming to him from Principle; Mrs. Eddy makes it very plain that these ideas which come must be the exact answer to the problem, for she writes, “The counter fact relative to any disease is required to cure it” (S. & H. 233:28-29)’ This coming of ideas into the individual’s consciousness meets the human need and heals whatever needs to be healed; thereby he arrives at the point of health and heaven and happiness, which is the eternal fact in Science.

It is so comforting to know that the coming of spiritual ideas is the activity of the Christ, or Truth, and therefore it cannot be resisted, it cannot be reversed, and it cannot be interfered with. Isn’t it wonderful when you realize that there IS no condition, which can’t be healed in Science, through this divine infinite calculus? It gives you such strength when you realize that great fact. Any

intelligent person knows that it is impossible to grasp the simplest facts of arithmetic without learning them in an ordered way, and therefore how much more is it necessary for us to learn how to think correctly about the facts of Science and so have harmony in our human experience!

### **Divine System**

Before we go on, let us remember that Mrs. Eddy says, “Divine metaphysics is now reduced to a system, to a form comprehensible by and adapted to the thought of the age in which we live. This system enables the learner to demonstrate the divine Principle, upon which Jesus’ healing was based, and the sacred rules for its present application to the cure of disease” (S. & H. 146:31-5). So Mrs. Eddy says that there is a system, and she says it in a very definite way, and she also indicates that you can’t demonstrate to any extent the divine Principle of healing unless you know that system. We are going to see how very true that is.

Someone said to me the other day, “I know a practitioner who doesn’t know anything at all about the system of Christian Science, and yet she heals a great many patients.” Well, my conviction about that is that anyone who is spiritually-minded will from time to time hear what God is saying and so be able to heal, but if you watch what happens, you will find that it is impossible to heal scientifically and quickly, or to deal with the so-called calculus of materiality, until you know something of the divine infinite calculus. Let us think for a moment of an illustration. Suppose there is a great banking concern, and that day after day harmony reigns. That harmony reigns because hundreds of clerks are using the calculus of arithmetic in an intelligent way. If they didn’t know that calculus, there would be chaos; and if anyone makes a mistake, that harmony is upset. So if those bank clerks need to understand the calculus of arithmetic in order to prove the facts of arithmetic and to maintain harmony in that bank, how much more do we need in human experience to know this calculus of spiritual ideas!

I have loved Christian Science ever since I was a little girl, and yet when I look back I see that in the old days it never gave me the certain sense that I am gaining today. Today I see the way to study our two textbooks and I see the way to help humanity, and every individual can learn the way to study and the way to help humanity. God is forever revealing Himself, and this revelation can come to anyone who is spiritually-minded enough to turn away from the material, listen to the things of God, and learn the system of Science.

I am convinced that men and women are going to realize that the Christ is something totally different from the world's concept of Christ, - that the Christ is that which comes from God to human consciousness, and that the Christ is coming to us today as the infinite divine calculus of spiritual ideas. Isn't it glorious to realize, and lovely to prove, that the answer to everything is right now, right here, and that the more we dwell with these divine facts and love them, the more quickly will come the answer to every problem?

### **Truth and Spirit**

In divine Science, we see that there is one Life, which is the Word; one Truth, which is Christ; one Love, which is Christianity; and one divine Principle, Love, which is Science. We have seen that Truth is God Himself and knows no error; that Truth is forever conscious of its own wholeness. To-night we are going to consider Truth and Spirit,- Truth coming to us through the divine infinite calculus of Spirit, - which is the Christ aspect in Christian Science. It is so important to remember that we can only know the infinite through the infinite ideas which express it, and that today God's own ideal of Himself is made manifest as a calculus of spiritual ideas.

You will find that the more you look at these profound yet simple facts, the clearer they become. There's a great need today to have spiritual perception, so that we see clearly what Truth is, and what the Christ does for you and me and all mankind; therefore our coming together is a wonderful activity, because on these occasions God is revealing to us the way to gain true salvation, the way out of all the bondage and limitations of materiality. The way is Science, and the Christ is saying, "Walk ye in it."

Those of you who are familiar with the Matrix know that Truth and Spirit is Science as the Christ, and we are learning how the activity of the Christ takes place through the calculus of Spirit. If that seems a bit of a puzzle to some of you, don't worry about it. When I first knew of this Matrix, which God revealed to John Doorly after years and years of prayer and study and practice, I said to myself, "I'm never going to understand it and I don't want to look at it and I'm not going to bother about it." I really did, because that was just how I felt! But it is lovely the way God reveals these things to us, and today through listening to God and learning and applying what God has shown me, that Matrix is becoming clear and invaluable to me. So don't worry if you look at the Matrix and it seems bewildering, because the great thing is to let this Science unfold naturally to you: Let us dwell on the onliness of Spirit and our spirituality and the spirituality of everyone as perfectly natural in Science. As we bathe

our thought in the onliness of Spirit, and we become spiritually-minded, we find that ideas come to us. spontaneously, lifting us out of the mesmerism of materiality, so that the reality of all things begins to appear.

### **Man is Spiritually-Minded**

Truth is God Himself and knows no error, but that which comes from Truth to us is the Christ. Let us remember that. You may say, "How does it come?" It comes to us as spiritual ideas. But because it is wholly spiritual, it can only come to men and women who are spiritually-minded. We are spiritually minded when our thought is just filled with the onliness of the spiritual, the reality of the spiritual, the substance of the spiritual, the naturalness and blessing of the spiritual.

Sometimes we find lovely individuals - perhaps a young man or a young woman - but because they have never known about the spiritual or about Science they find it difficult to grasp these wonderful facts of Science. I have known in my experience in the practice such men and women, fine characters, but Science seemed complete nonsense to them. And yet they needed healing so much! What is the answer to that situation? If we are going to help anyone who appears not to be spiritually-minded, there are two things we can encourage them to do. First of all, if they feel that they haven't enough spirituality to hear what God is saying, they must make the effort to read the textbooks of Science, and the second thing is that they must make the effort to think along spiritual lines. Then we must lift them up by looking at them through the lens of Science, and that is a lovely thing to do. The argument (is that they are not spiritually-minded, and therefore that they can't grasp the facts of Science, but the truth about the situation is that man is forever spiritually-minded, that he loves the spiritual above everything, that the spiritual is natural to him, and that he is forever living, moving, and having his being in "the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme."

I could tell you of many wonderful healings which have taken place during this past year and which have come about because I saw that the patient lacked spirituality, and so I bathed that individual in spirituality. If we're looking out as God looks, what right have we to say that someone isn't spiritually-minded? It's only what sense says, and the lovely thing to remember is that if any of us is not hearing what God is saying, or if we find that ideas are not coming about our problem or about a situation which we want to help, we can bathe our thought in spirituality. Let us remember that the truth about man as God's

own image and likeness is that he is forever spiritually-minded, that he loves the spiritual above everything, and that he lives, moves, and has his being in the one infinite Spirit. Mrs. Eddy says, “all is Spirit and spiritual” (S. & H. 33 1:24-25).

### **Man Seen through the Lens of Spirit**

Here is a reference which brings out this sense of Truth and Spirit beautifully: “And how is man, seen through the lens of Spirit, enlarged, and how counterpoised his origin from dust, and how he presses to his original, never severed from Spirit! O ye who leap disdainfully from this rock of ages, return and plant thy steps in Christ, Truth, ‘the stone which the builders rejected’!” (My. 129:15-20).

I feel that in this reference is a tremendous sense of the calculus, because, as you know, “the stone which the builders rejected” is symbolic of the divine infinite calculus. If we build our thinking on that calculus, we shall find ourselves on “the rock of ages.” You remember that the Master spoke of “a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.”

Truth reflects itself through the lens of Spirit. Someone may ask, “But why through the lens at Spirit? Why not through the lens of Soul, or the lens of Mind?” Because we can have reflection only where there’s purity, where there’s a sense of onliness, where there’s the understanding of reality, and Spirit is the synonymous term for God which helps us to understand purity and onliness and reality. So Truth reflects itself through the lens of Spirit, enlarging goodness to human sight and dispensing with error. It brings man to the point where he finds that he has always been spiritual and perfect.

It’s a wonderful thing to be able to see in an intelligent way how Truth reflects itself through the lens of Spirit. If you and I look out on the world through red glasses, everything looks red; if you and I look out through the lens of Science, of Spirit, we can see only good. We saw the other day that if we look at God’s ideas through the lens of sense, we see a mortal who is sick, sad, dishonest, selfish, limited, or afraid, but if we look at the same man through the lens of Science we see him healthy, happy, honest, unselfish, unlimited, and unafraid. Only as we look through the lens of Science can we demonstrate health and dominion for ourselves or others.

## Spiritualization of Consciousness is the Only Remedy

Let us look for a moment at some of the ways in which we need to look through this lens of Spirit. For instance, I have been privileged to help in the practice a number of people troubled with what is called rheumatism. Of course you can't lay down any hard-and-fast rule and say, "Such-and-such a fact always heals rheumatism," because every case is individual, but I feel that if I tell you some of the things which I have seen operate because of the activity of this spiritual calculus, it will probably encourage you in your own demonstration. I have helped many people who have had rheumatism in a very aggravated form, and in many cases I have seen wonderful results when the patient and I have reversed what mortal belief was saying. We have been seeing this week that mortal mind and mortal body are one, and that any inharmony in the body is caused through inharmony in thought, - sometimes because of our own wrong thinking, sometimes because of so-called material law, sometimes because of the belief of heredity tacked, on to us from a long way back. We have to remember that what we're dealing with is not just our own thinking, but beliefs and thoughts that have existed for millions of years.

From the medical point of view rheumatism is often caused by acidity in the system; Mrs. Eddy tells us that "Metaphysics resolves things into thoughts" (S. & H. 269:14-15), and I remember that when I had my first bad case of rheumatism, I said to myself, "The opposite of acidity is sweetness," and yet this individual whom I was helping seemed to have such a lovely nature. But sure enough the error of the situation was uncovered when we were talking one day; she said, "For years I've had this pain. I would give anything to be free for one hour," and so we began to talk, and two things came out: one was that she wasn't sweet inside, that she often rebelled at what people did, that she often felt stirred up and bitter about conditions, and then when we talked about freely expressing affection and love and kindness and gratitude, she said, "In our family we never do that; Mother has never expressed her feelings, Father has never expressed his feelings, and I can never express my feelings." So I looked at her and said, "How is your body going to change if you don't change that thinking?" and she was a sport, so she said, "Tell me how." Just before this experience it had begun to dawn on my thought that man always was and is and ever will be spiritual and perfect, so I said to her, "Now, let us remember that your true nature is like God's nature, and so you have always expressed freely the sweetness of Love, the affection of Love, the gratitude of Love. That is your nature, because that is how God knows you. And what is the truth about your father and your mother? That they too are God's ideas, and

so they too have always expressed divine Love. There is only one family, the divine family of Father, Son, and Mother, and in that family Love is forever 'being expressed.'

We had a most wonderful time together, because hers was one of those natures, which just take in everything that God tells them. For years that girl had suffered almost continually, although she carried on with her work, and when she came for help she had got to the point where she thought that nothing could help her. Well, from that hour she began to think in the way that we discussed together, and everything began to change; and because the stubbornness and stiffness went out of her thought, her body became painless, pliable, and free. In a few weeks she wrote me a lovely letter in which she said, "I just cannot tell you the gratitude that I feel. I'm completely free. Life is a new thing."

Don't you see what had happened? Instead of accepting that mortal picture, - that picture presented by the senses, God showed us both the truth about the situation, and so we proved that the reverse of error is true. Nothing was done to her material body; nothing happened in a material way. All that happened was that spiritual ideas came into consciousness and completely changed the whole situation. Because mortal mind and mortal body are one, - or to put it in another way, because what we are thinking affects the body and everything to do with us, - we have a more harmonious body and better human conditions when we are thinking according to Truth. Therefore when spiritual ideas come to us, they lift us above the discords of sense and bring peace and harmony into our thinking and thus into our experience. When we become so spiritually-minded that we put off the mortal completely, we shall ascend, as Jesus did.

Take another aspect of this belief called rheumatism: people are so often afraid to get wet or to be in a draught. Now, Science says that you have a sensationless body. Your body doesn't know whether you're wet or dry, or whether you are hot or cold, and it is mortal thought which imposes these conditions on the body. When through spiritual understanding you have no fear of getting wet, or of being in a draught, no bad results will follow. It all depends on what we are thinking, and it is only as we begin to understand this one infinite Truth coming to us as a divine infinite calculus of Ideas that we can possibly heal these conditions quickly and with certainty. There is no other way, and there is coming a time (and I feel that this time is very near) when all thinking men and women will see this fact.

### **The Light of the World**

So we see that Truth comes to us as ideas, - ideas that are the truth about me, about you, about the birds, about the trees, about health, about happiness, about everything, - and in proportion as we look away from the material picture and see those wonderful facts, we have dominion. Someone may say, "Well, how do I start to put off this mortal and to put on immortality?" The answer is that the moment any man, woman, or child turns away from the material picture and really begins to open thought to the fact that Truth is operating as a divine infinite calculus of spiritual ideas, so that they let the ideas which they need come to them, they begin to experience the strength and certainty which follow the coming into consciousness of those ideas. It is the most natural process if we analyze it intelligently.

Jesus said of his own true Christ selfhood, "I am the light of the world," and you and I can say of our own true selfhood, "I am the light of the world." Just think how glorious that light is, and yet how naturally it comes! When I was talking to that girl who had rheumatism, it came so quietly, so normally, so certainly, and it came because we both turned away from the material to the spiritual. In this way we prove how naturally and spontaneously Truth operates. When you see anything happen like that in Science, the joy is just wonderful.

Jesus proved right through his life how the Christ operates, and yet he took a little child and brought that little child forward as an example; he said, "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein." The childlike thought is that which accepts what God says, knows it, and rejoices in it, perfectly naturally.

I remember going to help a very little girl on one occasion; she had been awake all night with pain inside and sickness. I sat down by her bed and said to her in a very simple way, "If this room is filled with light, where is the darkness?" A little voice said, "Nowhere." Then I said, "If this room and all space is filled with Love, with good, where is there room for pain or sickness?" And she just as freely said, "Nowhere," and that was the end of the whole condition. I went downstairs and talked to her mother, and before I left she was up and she was well. The operation of the Christ is so simple and yet so profound, and if we approach it with the certainty that the answer is here, it comes in such a natural and lovely way. Only as we understand the operation of the Christ, - only as we understand the divine infinite calculus of ideas, - can we touch the great heart of Love and experience the freedom which belongs to all the sons of God.

**"All that I Have is Thine"**

I love the parable of the prodigal son, and you remember that the father said to the son who had stayed at home, "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine." When our thought is always with Truth and we begin to understand Truth forever reflecting itself as Spirit, as the divine infinite calculus of ideas, all the limits are off, and we then have a sense of infinite health, infinite happiness, infinite success, infinite friendship, infinite heaven, and nothing in the world can deprive us of it. Although we can only just look at it in a brief way this week, let us rejoice that through Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy and John Doorly we today can glimpse this wonderful fact. From now on you and I are going to lift up our sense of Science, love it more, dwell with it more, and let it become more real to us. As a result of that lifting up, men will seek the Christ as Science.

Just think of the world today, in which very few know what God is, and so often it is said that no one knows the answer, or what is going to happen to civilization. Because we are glimpsing some of the facts of Truth, we are seeing in a very certain way how the Christ comes to the human picture and redeems every condition, and therefore we have a great privilege. We also have to remember that because we know something of Science, Principle demands of you and me that we study Truth, love it, live it, and prove it. You remember the verse which we quoted at the beginning of this week: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." That's absolutely true when we understand this infinite calculus of spiritual ideas.

### **The Lens of Science Reveals the Supremacy of Spirit**

I want to take with you another reference which brings out a beautiful sense of the lens of Spirit: "The lens of Science magnifies the divine power to human sight; and we then see the supremacy of Spirit and the nothingness of matter" (Mis. 194:16-18). We may ask ourselves: "How do we look through the lens of Science?" and the answer is that through the great work of people like Jesus, Mrs. Eddy, and John Doorly we find ourselves looking at conditions and things through this lens every day and often without apparent effort. How often, for instance, we have been faced at the beginning of a day with a thousand and one things to do, and many decisions to make, and through human reason the answer has been impossible to find; and so we have taken time to sit down and either turn our thought to the things of Spirit, or give a period to study or even to reading from the books devoted to Science. It is then, - that is,

when we are looking “through the lens of Science” so that the divine power becomes magnified to our human sight, - that the supremacy of Spirit begins to demonstrate itself in our thought, and we rise from this work with a sense of order and peace which would have been impossible had we not had access to this wonderful “lens of Science.”

The only way to help ourselves or others is to look through the “lens of Science” and bathe thought in the spiritual, before turning to the problem which confronts us, for in this way we allow the healing “rays of infinite Truth” to “bring light instantaneously” (S. & H. 504:23-24). Thus we work as John Doorly always showed us how to work, - from the “throne of grace.” As we see the nothingness of matter and turn away from all that sense says, the supremacy of Spirit dawns on our thought and we find that “all good is possible to Spirit” (S. & H. 232:10).

**“Ye Shall Know the - Truth, and the Truth Shall Make You Free”**

Someone said to me the other day, “But how am I going to get this realization that I don’t live in a body? I get my body up in the morning, I dress it, it talks to me, and it’s with me all day; how am I going to get away from it?” Well, if you begin to declare that which is true about your real self, it’s wonderful how it will become clearer and clearer to you. After listening to John Doorly on one occasion when he had brought out a glorious sense of this calculus, I felt that I must get more and more away from the mortal and away from the material sense of things, and so I began to declare very definitely every day that because I was identified with Mind, with Spirit, with Soul, and with the perfection of Principle, therefore I was never in a body, never in a material world; that I lived, moved, and had my being in “the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme.” Then I thought about Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love, - what they are and what they do. For a time it was not easy, but today when I sit down and declare those truths, I really do feel that they are becoming established in my consciousness, and it is the most wonderful feeling. So through doing that for myself, I am able to do the same thing for people who come to me for help and to lift them out of the material sense of things. What is taking place when we declare these facts about our real selves? It is Truth operating through us, which makes us conscious of the reality of perfection.

We must never think that the source of the trouble lies in the body or in the material picture; we must keep in mind that the cause of any trouble is in the mental. What we’ve got to do is to lift consciousness out of materiality to the

spiritual fact of being, which is that man is perfect now. So stop thinking about the material picture, and think about the truth, which God knows about you. The more you bathe thought in the spiritual, the more you will find ideas coming to you which will heal the erroneous condition, and then you will begin to have a true sense of dominion over all.

### **Listening Only to Truth**

Today we are beginning to see that if anyone watches his thinking and is always spiritually minded, nothing can go wrong in his body. This is a high goal, but we can reach it.

Can anything in the world give us that assurance? Can anything tell you or me or anyone the certain way to heaven, to health, to happiness? The answer is that nothing but Science can give mankind this assurance.

Someone said to me the other day, "How do you maintain this state of thought when you have a day when you see patients who talk to you about their problems?" Well, I let them talk, but I don't believe the error that they tell me. On the surface I am polite and sympathetic, but I don't accept the errors that they tell me. Suppose you had twenty schoolboys coming to you and saying, "2 plus 2 equals 5;" what would you do about it? You wouldn't argue about it. You might say, "2 plus 2 equals 4," or you might ignore what they said and pass on to something else, but you certainly wouldn't be worried about it, because 2 plus 2 equals 4 would be the fact to you. So don't you see that if day in and day out we begin to know the truth, which God knows about us, - and about every idea from the least to the greatest, - then we'll never be mesmerized by what the other fellow says?

After a day when I've seen a great many patients and heard about incurable diseases, and so forth, I go home full of the joy of life. Why is that? Because I have listened to Truth and not been mesmerized by error. Of course, if someone is full of suffering and sadness and darkness, it is right to be compassionate and to meet them just where they are and talk to them in a way that they will understand; oh, we need to be so kind and so patient and so Christlike! But just as you would know that 2 plus 2 equals 4, so you have to be just as certain that the only thing going on is Life, Truth, and Love, and that the man and woman of God's creating has always been at the point of perfection. This turning away from the material sense of things and knowing as God knows means that we look upon every problem that is presented to us as a wonderful opportunity to prove what God does, and so it always brings inspiration and joy.

## The Correct View of Man Destroys Error

We have seen, from the references we have taken, that if we look at man through the lens of Spirit we see “how he presses to his original, never severed from Spirit!” The man of God’s creating has never fallen. There is no fallen state of being to Truth. Man has always been at the point of perfection. Through false education, through mesmerism, through superstition, and through the suggestions of the carnal mind we have been educated to believe that man lives in a little body, that sometimes he’s sick and sometimes he’s sad and sometime she’s unhappy. But that isn’t the fact. Mrs. Eddy writes, “Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God’s own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick” (S. & H. 476:32-4). Jesus was the Wayshower, and as he came proving the nothingness of every claim of evil through beholding in Science the perfect man, then that’s the way that we have to go.

As we have already seen, Jesus said, “I am the light of the world,” and we can say that of our real selfhood. Isn’t that true? If we let our thought dwell on Truth, then wherever we go we can bring light to the situation. If you think of a mathematics master going into a classroom where all the small boys are in trouble with their sums, and they all seem to be in darkness, and they don’t know what to do, that schoolmaster because of his understanding of the calculus of arithmetic brings light to the whole classroom. And so how lovely to think that you and I, through intelligently understanding Truth and how it comes as a calculus of spiritual ideas which correct sense and so destroy mortal belief, are going to bring light to every situation! It makes life so worthwhile!

We have to remember, of course, in this wonderful story of Science, that as Mrs. Eddy says, “Principle hath infinite claims on man” (Mis. 16:10-11), and so it has; the claim on us is that we must be spiritually-minded and watch our thinking. Mrs. Eddy once said, as we saw earlier this week, that it is the materiality in students, which clogs their progress. So if from this moment on you and I will take time to think about the spiritual, to know that we are always at the point of perfection, and to remember the truth that God knows about us, then we shall never be mesmerized by fear or worry or lack or sickness.

## The Order of Spirit

There are all sorts of things that this divine infinite calculus does in the most natural way. For instance, if I go into a home where I see disorder of any kind, I immediately begin to declare, “This whole home is identified with Spirit, - with

the order of Spirit and the purity of Spirit.” Disorder is the opposite of the order of Spirit, and with disorder you always find lack, - lack of health, lack of money, lack of opportunities, lack in so many ways. It is a good thing to remember, when we go into any place or home where there is disorder, that we can lift up the situation and see that every idea is identified with Spirit, - with the order of Spirit, the onliness of Spirit, the substance of Spirit, the reality of Spirit. The moment order comes into any human consciousness, it will be expressed in a more orderly body, more orderly habits, and a more orderly home. And when we reflect the divine order of Spirit, we begin to have abundance, because Spirit is true substance and it is that which blesses man.

The great thing, therefore, is to learn about the divine order of Spirit, and then to identify ourselves and every other individual with it. I am certain that there’s a great need for that in the world today. So many people grow up without knowing what order is, and so many people don’t know how to start thinking in an orderly way. But everyone can find the answer in Science. I have seen some wonderful things happen when a sense of order has been established. For instance, I have seen a home where there was disorder and lack on all sides, and then the individuals in that home, through the help of someone who knew something of Science, began to understand this infinite calculus of spiritual ideas, and right away they became more orderly in every way, because some sense of order had come into consciousness. Their home had a different feel about it, and order came into their business, and then everything began to multiply and multiply for them.

So often we need to watch that we don’t become disorderly in our thinking, because disordered thinking is the cause of a disordered body, or disorder in any other aspect of our lives. If we love Spirit, then we must let thought dwell with the infinite order of Spirit. There is nothing haphazard in the realm of Science. There has to be an ordered approach to God, right from the beginning. No one can learn music or engineering or accomplish anything worthwhile in a haphazard way. Divine Science is more exact than anything else, and the only way to understand it is by the constant orderly study of the Bible and “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures;” it certainly is this straight and narrow way, but think of the loveliness of it! There is no Science without order, and no progress without order.

### **“I and My Father Are One”**

Let us remember that in divine Science there is one Truth, forever conscious

of its own wholeness and knowing no error. Because there is a Christ, which is the divine ideal, coming to mankind today as a divine infinite calculus of ideas, every man, woman, and child can learn how to heal the ills of the flesh and to deal intelligently with the so-called calculus of materiality. Nothing can bring health, happiness, or peace but the understanding of this calculus of spiritual ideas. Oh, it is so important that we take time to consider these facts, and to be alone with God! I am convinced that if anyone will do that, wonderful things will come of the experience. Jesus, that great master Metaphysician, so often went away and spent all night in prayer alone with God. What was he doing? He was listening to those facts, which we are privileged to hear today; he was communing with God. His one theme was, "I and my Father are one." He also said, "the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." When I have been helping patients, I often go back to that truth, "I and my Father are one," and I declare, "It's God doing everything; Science is irresistible, because it's the only reality."

So we are learning something of the wonderful story of Life, Truth, and Love, which this little rhyme expresses:

0 Life that maketh all things new,  
0 Truth that maketh free,  
0 Love embracing me and you, .  
0 blessed One as three.

That is the story which God is revealing to you and to me and to all mankind, and nothing can turn it back.

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### **Brief 2: THE SEARCH FOR TRUE IDENTITY**

#### **False Images Hold Mankind in Bondage.**

In his dialogue The Republic, Plato, a disciple of the venerable philosopher Socrates, presents us with an imaginary cave. In this cave, facing its rear wall -and bound in such a way that they can only look at the rear wall, unable to turn their heads - are people who have spent their entire lives in the cave's darkness. They have never seen anything but this wall. A blazing fire is behind these people. Its light is used by puppeteers to create shadow images on the

wall. The prisoners (representing mortals) believe these shadows to be reality, since the shadows are the only thing they have ever known; just as mortal mind and its false images are the only things mortals have ever seen.

Plato's prisoners were not conditioned by the darkness as such, but rather by the false images projected through use of light from the fire at the back of the cave. So today, from birth to death, false images hold mankind in bondage to these false beliefs: first, that there is matter, and second, that there is life, truth, intelligence and substance in matter.

Twenty-five hundred years after Plato, Mary Baker Eddy's great revelation brought the all-pervading light of Truth, dispelling these shadow images, discerning them to be merely universal hypnotic suggestion. She revealed the entire material world and corporeal man to be illusions, totally unreal. She saw that mortal man and his material

World - both the good and the evil of it - is the Adam dream, nothing but a misconception of reality.

As long as there is but one infinite God-which all religions accept - and this God is infinite good, what can there really be, when the universal hypnotism that blinds mankind is lifted, except omnipresent perfection?

But as long as we believe in a selfhood apart from God, we are hypnotized by the five physical senses to believe in human birth, sin, sickness, death.

“By universal consent, mortal belief has constituted itself a law to bind mortals to sickness, sin, and death. . . . Matter is nothing beyond an image in mortal mind [illusion]. . . . Mortal thought transmits its own images and forms its offspring after human illusions (S&H 229:15; 116:18; 259:22).

Christian Science lecturers often instructed their audiences on the power of the imagination, using such illustrations as a two-foot-wide plank laid on the ground. No one would be afraid to walk on it; but if it was raised 25 or 30 feet in the air, not many would venture across. Your imagination tells you that you can walk across the plank on the ground; you have an unerasable image of yourself doing it. But what does your imagination tell you about walking that same plank 30 feet above ground? This applies to your everyday attitude toward all your ventures in life. This is why it is so important to cultivate “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. . . . He performeth the thing that is appointed for me.” This right attitude and understanding overcomes our

imagination, our fear, that we cannot do what we would like to do, or know we should be able to do.

### **The Early Greeks and their Philosophy**

As the primordial cave-torch was gradually replaced by Athena's lamp which began to provide enlightenment for mankind, Greek philosophy tried with the power of the human mind to understand and to replace the darkness of the unknown. As early as the 5th century B.C. Parmenides, according to The Columbia Encyclopedia, taught that "change and plurality are illusory, that being is one. For how could Being be produced? Either from not-Being, which is non-existent, or from Being, which already is. Hence Being is changeless, eternal."

Of Socrates, Mary Baker Eddy writes: "Having sought man's spiritual state, he recognized the immortality of man" (S&H 215:30). His immortal words, "Know thyself," implied a search, not a destination - a search for that understanding which is already yours. Socrates' extraordinary eloquence attracted many thinkers, but his questionings enraged the pompous, the vainglorious, and the spiritually ignorant - as spiritual utterances have ever done.

When in 399 B.C. Athenians gathered to sit in judgment over the 70-year-old Socrates for, among other things, introducing strange divinities, what they heard was not a plea for forgiveness but a proud, dignified accusation of the verdict. Socrates declared that what he deserved was not the death sentence but rather a reward for attempting to force his fellow citizens to face truth and justice.

Regarding individual liberty and human dignity, Socrates' words ring as true today as they did two-and-a-half millennia ago when he addressed the misguided Athenians. Socrates believed his mission was to teach men that the unexamined life is not worth living; he defended that mission before his accusers who condemned him to death. He learned that if you want to make enemies, try changing something. An Indian proverb says, "He who would speak the truth should have one foot in the stirrup."

As it was long ago with Socrates, so it was with Mrs. Eddy a century ago. She could not speak openly concerning much of what came to her. The world was not ready for it and telling it would have been "casting pearls before swine." Today when we bring to the world's attention the deeper truths revealed to Mary Baker Eddy, we are doing for her what she could not, in her day, do for herself when the world's antagonism and hatred toward her was so intense, so overwhelming....

... That “I and the Father are one” must be so if “the kingdom of God is within you.” Before Mrs. Eddy’s time this could not be seen since she had to show a flesh-blood-bones personality as merely hypnotism, the hypnotic view of the five physical senses.

Christian Science teaches that “if mortals are instructed in spiritual things, it will be seen that material belief [the testimony of the corporeal senses], in all its manifestations, reversed, will be found the type and representative of verities priceless, eternal, and just at hand,” because “every material belief [illusion] hints the existence of spiritual reality” (Mis. 60:29; 60:28). A lie is always a lie about some truth, just as  $2 \times 2 = 5$  is a - lie about  $2 \times 2 = 4$ . There can be no lie or illusion about “nothing.”

The crucial point in this study is that error cannot be reversed until we are first instructed and enlightened in spiritual things. This instruction lifts the veil - the wool that has been pulled over our eyes by the universal belief of having a corporeal body.

Jesus knew of his preexistence, and prayed, “Now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was” - before this dream of human birth and mortality overtook me.

If Mind, the only Mind - therefore in reality your Mind - “is its own great cause and effect” (Mis. 173:12), and “is both noumenon and phenomena” (Mis. 23:18), must you not then “have preexisted in the All and Only?” You “will lose [Your] sense of mortality. . . in the proportion that [you] gain the sense of [your] spiritual preexistence. . . as the offspring of good, and not of. . . a fallen man” (ibid. 181:25).

“The meek Nazarene’s steadfast and true knowledge of pre-existence, of the nature and the inseparability of God and man [and that neither he nor anyone else was the offspring of fallen man] - made him mighty” (ibid. 189:8).

This great truth of your preexistence and immortality substantiates your spiritual, divine identity. For this reason, today’s great challenge, “instruction in spiritual things,” must become a global priority, in order that the error which has caused human consciousness to “Journey in a far country” may be conquered and we find our way back to the “Father’s house” - the kingdom of God within our own spiritual consciousness. To this end publishing the Word of God - “feeding Thy sheep,” feeding the world’s hungry hearts-is a crucial necessity.

## All Must Learn their Present Divinity

With divine logic Mrs. Eddy had to show mortals that what they believe to be matter is actually Spirit when rightly seen and spiritually understood. Job said, "Yet in my flesh shall I see God" - that is, now and here shall I behold infinite good's omnipresence. Only hypnotism keeps us from seeing everything as God's presence, and not what it appears to be to the five physical senses, which are the vehicle through which hypnotism operates.

Mrs. Eddy was trying to teach Adam Dickey this great truth – trying to resurrect him out of the grave in which material sense had buried him -when she touched his arm and said, "Adam, this is Spirit." Of course Adam didn't understand. Thoroughly schooled in two-value logic, like most of us, he mistakenly thought of himself as a material body. The resurrection is when we never see the material man, the illusion, but see the real spiritual man that was never in matter.

What has happened to matter in the last 100 years? Within the memory of many still living, matter - which in Mrs. Eddy's day was solid as steel in men's thoughts - has long since crumbled into immaterial "particles" of radiation.

Mrs. Eddy, in this instance, was teaching Adam to stop denying that he already was spiritual consciousness alone. She wanted him to see that there was only one; not two of him - not one a spiritual consciousness, and the other a material consciousness. There is only One, the divine identity. A corporeal, flesh-blood-bones man is illusion, the product of belief, the product of universal hypnotism.

Christian Science has come to tell the truth concerning the lie that man is mortal and has a selfhood separate from God, his own right Mind. Mary Baker Eddy revealed the impossibility of existence separate from divinity, since how can you be separated from your own true Mind, your true consciousness - "the kingdom of God within you"?

She taught humanity how to know itself as divine, how to rid itself of the mortal viewpoint, how to remove the veil, the hypnotism, that makes you think you are a mortal. Once you see you are not a human being, but you are a divine being, having all the qualities and attributes of God, then hurts and insults no longer bother you; for unless someone has called you the Son of God, he has not identified you correctly.

"In divine Science, divine Love includes and reflects all that really is, all

personality and individuality” (Mess. ’00 4:27). Only illusion, universal hypnotic suggestion, hides from you this truth, this great spiritual reality that you never left heaven for earth. Only in illusion do you appear to be the prodigal son that left heaven, and now, through divine instruction, are returning.

Socrates had counseled: “Know thyself.” Mary Baker Eddy taught humanity how to know itself as divine. She revealed the human and divine coincidence, explaining that there can be no selfhood apart from God, since the kingdom of God is all and is ever-present. It is within you - within your individual, infinite spiritual consciousness, making you and God one, in accordance with Jesus’ teaching: “I and my Father [Mind] are one. . . . He that seeth me seeth Him that sent me.”

“Jesus said, Let not him who seeks cease until he find, and when he finds he shall be astonished; astonished he shall reach the kingdom, and having reached the kingdom, he shall rest. The kingdom of heaven is within you and whosoever shall know himself shall find it. Strive therefore to know yourselves, and ye shall know that ye are in the city of God, and ye are that city.” (From an ancient manuscript found at Oxyrhynchus in Egypt. (See Christian Science Journal, Vol. 16, p. 114.)

### **Mankind Unaware of its Dream-existence**

But mankind, generally, still lives in a cave. Trapped by its shadows and mental darkness, humanity is unaware that the entire mortal existence is only a dream, mere shadows on a wall. All, however, are destined to awake from this false sense of life and mind in matter, with its feet of clay. The “flesh and blood” we believe we are is the result of animal magnetism, Mrs. Eddy’s name for hypnotism, for that which results in human birth with its sin, sickness, discord, and death. The veil that human birth drops over us engulfs us in a hypnotic state, which is responsible for every error we become aware of. Eventually we will all turn from the shadow images, from the hypnotism that makes error seem so real, and we will learn reality, learn Life in and of Spirit, for “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God” (I Cor. 15:50).

The discordant false images - produced by the mesmeric state of being born into a belief of matter - are like the blazing firelight used by the deceitful operators in Plato’s cave to create shadow images on the wall. These shadow images represent the ignorance that has held mankind in bondage since the beginning of time.

These “mist” (Genesis 2:6) images must be seen as pure illusion. They must then be corrected with the light of spiritual understanding that we are not material personalities but, correctly understood, “we are spiritual beings here [and now]” (Peo. 1:18). Proportionately as we realize the truth, we become the vehicle for the activity and operation of divine consciousness. As long as we think of ourselves as separated from God we can do nothing, as Jesus indicated: “Of mine own self [of my own power, of my own knowledge, or strength] I can do nothing,” since it is “the Father within me that doeth the works.” Jesus was the vehicle, the instrument, through which the “Father” (Jesus’ own divine consciousness) could work. This is why Jesus said “The Father is greater than I [who am the expression of the Father:]”

Through realizing the truth, you, like Jesus, become the messenger, the instrument, used by divine Providence, meaning by the “kingdom of God within you” - within your own consciousness with which you are always one. Your real divine being is both the message and the messenger. “I and the Father are one,”

Therefore, you, John or Mary, are the vehicle, the instrument, for the “I” (the divine consciousness) of you that is God. But still, the “I” that is God (S&H 588-9) and the “I” that I am, and “I” that you are - are one. There is only infinite Mind expressing itself as itself as its form, its activity. (S&H 468:10), but the activity of God and God’s incarnated forms are not something different from God; they are God manifested. If a sculptor has a huge block of marble and makes this marble into innumerable forms, he doesn’t have marble and innumerable forms; he has marble expressed as innumerable forms.

Again, since God, infinite good, is All, it can only express itself as what it is. This expression is called generic man or the spiritual idea of God, which “the woman in the Apocalypse symbolizes” (S&H 561:22). Our work is to bring the human character into accord with the divine. “The human self must be evangelized” (ibid. 254:19). We can work out the spiritual, which determines the outward and actual, only as we abandon the material. In this way alone do we become aware of our divinity, our true identity.

Many ask: “What is the spiritual idea of God?” Under the marginal heading “Spiritual idea revealed” (S&H 562:3), Mrs. Eddy indicates that it is the spiritual understanding of the Second Coming of the Christ, namely the Science found in the writings of Mary Baker Eddy which include the teachings of Christ Jesus, as promised and prophesied by Jesus when he said:

*I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. (John 16:12). But the Comforter [Divine Science (S&H 55:28)], which is the Holy Ghost [meaning “the divine Principle of activity, divine Science, everywhere at work, executing the will of God”], whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26). When he, the Spirit of truth [divine Science], is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak. (John 16:13). [The “Comforter,” Science, explains “the spiritual idea of God,” your infinite harmonious Christ-expressing Selfhood.]*

Two thousand years ago humanity was not ready for a Science of being. Jesus’ hearers were steeped in mythology. “Jesus taught by the wayside. . . He spake of Truth and Love to artless listeners and dull disciples. His immortal words were articulated in a decaying language, and then left to the providence of God. Christian Science was to interpret them; and woman. . . was to awaken the dull senses, intoxicated with pleasure or pain, to the infinite meaning of those words” (Mis; 99:32) .

When the conviction dawns that, in reality, there is nothing but infinite good – your own divine Mind, the kingdom of God within you – the ills that flesh is heir to will disappear. The Mind that is God, your Mind, never expresses itself as corporeality or a physical man. The belief of a corporeal or physical man, born of the flesh, with life in matter, will ultimately be seen as universal illusion, aggressive mental suggestion only. Then will Mary Baker Eddy’s great revelation that “Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God” (S&H 465:17) be realized. It will be seen that “the kingdom of God within you” (Luke 17:21) “is both noumenon and phenomena” (Mis. 23:18).

Civilization is today slowly awakening to a realization of humanity’s present divinity, since “Truth, through her eternal laws, unveils error [unveils mortality as error, and brings immortality, divine Love, to light.]” (S&H 542:7). The hypnotism that overtook man with the belief of human birth, making him believe that he “fell from grace” and became a physical, corporeal mortal is what needs correcting. Human birth is an illusion no matter how real it seems to the five physical senses. You, as a mortal “have a very imperfect sense of [your true selfhood] and of the infinite range of [your] thought. To [you] belongs eternal Life. Never born and never dying, it were impossible for [your

real being] under the government of God... to fall from [your] high estate. . . mortal thought [hypnotism] transmits its own images, and forms its offspring after human illusions” (S&H 258:25; 259:22).

Through spiritual education this universal hypnotic suggestion, this lie, is being exposed. Mrs. Eddy said, “Mankind is face to “face with the last enemy, human birth, and knows it not” (recorded by Gilbert Carpenter, Sr). But the more than 120 years of Christian Science instruction has been changing man’s consciousness, awakening him out of the Adam dream of life in matter. Of the dream-state Mrs. Eddy writes:

*Our material, mortal history is but the record of dreams [like the shadows the puppets caused to appear on the wall of the cave], not of man’s real existence, and the dream has no place in the Science of being. It is “as a tale that is told,” and “as the shadow when it declineth.” The heavenly intent of earth’s shadows is to chasten the affections, to rebuke human consciousness and turn it gladly from a material, false sense of life and happiness to spiritual joy and true estimate of being” (Ret. 21:13).*

### **Our Oneness with God will Gradually be Accepted**

Divine logic tells us that if God is All and is the substance of all form, then there is only God to lead on the centuries. But this infinite good must be understood. For Mrs. Eddy to gain this great understanding, she had to “get Mary out of the way.” Just so, we must get a corporeal sense of self out of the way. This enables us to realize our divine Identity as one with God - to know that all that is embodied in universal divine consciousness is embodied in individual consciousness, for they are one. Every spiritually good thing is an infinite ever-present idea. Our only prayer should be to become consciously aware of the ever-present divine perfection, which constitutes our being....

### **Worshipping the Personal Jesus has Hidden the Truth**

The Truth has been hidden because mankind has been led to worship the personal Jesus instead of worshipping the Truth he manifested. Mrs. Eddy stressed that it was not what Jesus said, but what he did that challenges us to emulate him. She emphasized his works in order to assure us that his triumph over a corporeal body - “his triumphant exit from the flesh”- is possible to all.

Her *descending* mission began where Jesus' *ascending* mission left off. Science and Health, through its many editions, gradually evolved by expanding its message to meet Jesus' progressive prophecies in Revelation, chapters 10, 1:1, 12, 19, 21, and 22. In fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:22: -"A woman shall compass a man" - Mrs. Eddy's manhood mission as Founder, and her womanhood mission as revelator, included the teachings of Jesus, who said: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:12, 13).

The descending mission of Mary Baker Eddy (the demonstration of our God-being) impels the ascending way of understanding for humanity, the prodigal son. Through her revelation and founding of Truth in human consciousness will all individually make the spiritual journey back to "the Father's house." It is a journey in consciousness, in which time and place are not factors. Our footsteps heavenward are always expanding revelation.

The omnipresence, omniscience, and omnipotence of infinite good is ours now, just as all of  $2 \times 2 = 4$  is ours now. Why, then, are "the footsteps of thought rising above material standpoints" so slow? Because the heavenly kingdom is gained only by "putting off the old man" – by "dying daily" to the things of "this world," which alone enables the new man to be "born" as us. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." The heavenly kingdom is gained at a high price, "Sell all that thou hast." What does "sell all," mean? It means "the self-renunciation of all that constitutes a so called material man" (Mis. 185:70). It means paying the price of learning to see through the hypnotism that seems to blind us. Christian Science isn't improving a mortal man; rather (as we accept Truth) it is making us die daily to our belief in mortality, and, in its place is revealing our Christhood.

Deliverance "from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence" is only guaranteed to him "that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high"- to him that holds "thought steadfastly to "the enduring, the good, and the true" (S&H 261:4).

Sometimes you wonder, when you strive to do right, why you have such difficult experiences. All must go through the "wilderness" experience, seeming failure. But resurrection and ascension follow. Divine Love is working in you to fulfill your mission for Love's purpose and glory. So if you go through deep waters, severe trials, it helps the world to see the power of overcoming. The conviction grows that "He that is within [you] is greater than he that is in the world."

Moses, the prophets, Jesus, Mary Baker Eddy, and others proved this power of overcoming, just as you will continue to prove it. Failure is only temporary to those who keep trying. To mortal belief, perfection requires the hand of time.

In this transition from the man of earth to the man whose being is in God, “the weary pilgrim” doesn’t have to walk on broken glass all the way or agonizingly rediscover the wheel each and every time. Through Christian Science he can lay down, at the feet of spiritual progress, the illusions humanity has been entertaining since time began.

The *theory* that infinite good and I are one is quickly seen; and, conceptually, it is easy to adopt this point of view. But it is quite a different matter to actually rid oneself of the deeply ingrained misconceptions that keep one in bondage to matter beliefs.

“Canst thou by searching find out God?” No. It is our disappointments and the lacerating experiences resulting from belief in the supposititious life of matter that finally turn us to seek the kingdom of God which is already within our spiritual consciousness. The goal our expanding revelations, our heaven-bound footsteps, lead to, is love for one another. “‘Love one another’ (I John 3:23), is the most simple and profound counsel of the inspired writer” (S&H 572:6).

It was love that enabled Mary Baker Eddy to perform her many wonderful healings. Clara Shannon, who lived in Mrs. Eddy’s home, relates that Mrs. Eddy invited the high diver she had watched at the Fair to visit her at Pleasant View. Mrs. Eddy talked to him in a heavenly way, and “one could see by the expression of his face how enlightened he was.” Then Mrs. Eddy said, “You are able to dive because you have overcome fear.” He said, “Yes.” Then she said, “Use that overcoming of fear on your eyes.” The man had dark glass on, and said, “Well, I damaged one eye so that the eyeball had to be taken out, and this is why I wear the glasses, because the eye is unpleasant to look at.”

“As [Mrs. Eddy] talked to him, I could see and feel that his fear was removed, and his thought was full of hope and joy, although he did not then realize the blessing he had received. A day or two later the cabman who drove Mr. Norin to the station told them that when Mr. Norin got to the station and took off his dark glasses, he had two perfect eyes.”

Mrs. Eddy knew that in our present development we seem, to need eyes for seeing and ears for hearing, but these senses are only necessary in our present limited sense of life. When we grow into a higher awareness such as she had,

we shall be conscious of the entire universe without the aid of the five physical senses. Not good eyes but good thoughts are the medium of true perception.

Healing was a daily affair with Mrs. Eddy. In an earlier volume the author told of the healing of a man called to Mrs. Eddy's home to do light work. Mrs. Eddy noticed that he was wearing an iron shoe. The workman explained that about eighteen years ago he had fallen from the third story of a building and had badly broken his leg in three places. 'The doctors advised amputation but when he said he would rather die, they equipped him with an iron shoe. When Mrs. Eddy observed his condition, and his cane, she said, "I suppose you expect to get out of this some time." He said, "No, all that can be done for me has been done." Mrs. Eddy said, "Sit down and I will treat you." Then she said, "You go home and take off that iron shoe and give your leg a chance to straighten out." Later the workman told a friend, "I did as I was told, and now I am so well, that as far as I know, one leg is as good as the other."

## **THERE IS ONE POWER ONLY**

### **The "I" Within is the Only Power**

Mrs. Eddy discovered that God, infinite good, being All, evil would have to be unreal would have to be illusion, nothing other than the impersonal carnal mind, a nothingness which God never endowed with actuality. Consequently, there are not two powers.

At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus did not pray to a God outside of his own consciousness. If Jesus had turned to a God outside of his own consciousness – outside of the kingdom of God, the "I," within him - he would have been in the same Adam-dream state that the friends and relatives of Lazarus were in.

Jesus' understanding of the truth about body was very practical. He simply commanded Lazarus, who had been buried four days: "Come forth!" And Lazarus came forth with a perfectly normal, healthy body. Jesus said, "Loose him, and let him go" - that is: don't think of him as a matter body that died, but rather as a body of spiritual qualities that is eternal and harmonious.

### **Mrs. Eddy Too Raised the Dead**

Like Jesus, Mrs. Eddy knew that mortals are all Lazarus, "buried above ground in material sense." Christian Science is calling us to come forth from the tomb in which human birth has buried us. When the lifeless form of Calvin Frye, Mrs. Eddy's secretary, was carried into her room late one night, it was an awesome,

electrifying moment for those who stood around the bed as Mrs. Eddy called on Calvin Frye to wake up and disappoint his enemies. She knew it was mental murder, and she called on Calvin's divine being to come forth from the tomb of false belief – to layoff the grave clothes of the universal hypnotic suggestion of a mortal selfhood that dies.

Mrs. Eddy did not pray to a God outside her own “I” to restore Calvin to life and usefulness, since she knew God, Life, infinite good, is ever-present and is the only presence. She was fully aware that what faced her was an illusion, the personalization of the impersonal carnal mind, a belief that there was a power apart from God. In restoring Calvin Frye she was demonstrating her teaching, “There is no power apart from God... Nothing apart from [infinite good] is present or has power” (S&H 228:25; 473:9). And Calvin Frye responded.

The appearance of death did not deceive Mrs. Eddy. She knew the “I” within her own God-consciousness, that knew no death - was the only power, and to acknowledge any other power would be to dishonor God. There are not two powers. Like Jesus, she knew that if she looked to a God outside the “I” within her own consciousness, she would have been in the same dream as those standing by, believing Calvin Frye was dead. She knew that looking to, or depending upon, a power outside the kingdom of God within our own consciousness has been the error of the ages.

When we see evil of any nature as something real, and begin to resist it, we are resisting an illusion. Evil and error are always the impersonal carnal mind, illusion, personalizing themselves. You, like Jesus and Mrs. Eddy, can heal and harmonize when you realize there is never an evil condition or person confronting you. “Outside the material sense of things all is harmony” (S&H 489:28). We are never dealing with sin, sickness, inharmony, death. There isn't any. We are dealing with illusions, hypnotism.

Evil and error, being universal hypnotic suggestion, are not power, but appearance only, like the mirage in the desert. We overcome the carnal mind by recognizing that it is made up of a belief in both good and evil. “You are not flesh, but rather the ray of divine light that, shining upon flesh, makes it appear alive. This you is spiritual.... Remember, power is exerted by merely stating a truth. All truth is the word of God. Assert it constantly, even though your so-called mind screams falsehood. It is to acknowledge Him [the kingdom of God within your own consciousness], to have your mind stayed on Him, to be directly benefited by the activity of good” (DCC 64).

There are not two powers, just as there are not two multiplication tables in arithmetic. Each person has the whole of it. In the same way there is just one power, and you have all of it. There is only one Life, and you have all of it. The spiritual realization of this oneness of the “unity of God and man, including the universe”. (S&H 502:26), starts us correcting the belief that man is mortal and material, and reveals our divinity.

With the Second Coming of the Christ, the world began its transition from a material sense of things to a spiritual sense - a transition that will continue until you realize your divinity and the “final immersion of human consciousness in the infinite ocean of Love.... This omnipotent act drops the curtain on material man and mortality. After this, man’s identity or consciousness reflects only Spirit, good, whose visible being is invisible to the physical senses: . . . but man born of the great Forever, lives on.” (Mis. 205:13).

It all depends on learning the Science of our being and living what we learn.

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