

August 16th - Subject: Mind

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

Our selection this week contains excerpts from from THE MARY BAKER EDDY INSTITUTE LETTER NUMBER FIFTEEN. Biographies on our contributing authors can be found [here](#).

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

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

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

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

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

Why?

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

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

ALL IS LOVE AND ITS MANIFESTATION

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

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

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

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

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

LOOK AWAY FROM HYPNOTIC PICTURES

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

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

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

Eventually we all must become aware that man was never present *as a personality*. This should mean that when we hear of an alleged crime, we immediately say, “not guilty,” for man, being Principle’s, Love’s image, is never guilty. A true realization of this fact will bring a great, sublime sense of Love and, of course, help the one who, to

mortal sense, has committed a crime. Maintain your innocence and everyone's, since in all God's kingdom there was always purity and perfection right where the human carnal concept seemed to be expressing error. The intelligence, the Principle that is Love, is present. It is always seeing, knowing, "I am." It is seeing as Jesus saw. Every divine idea is omnipresent in divine Mind. And since there is only one Mind, this divine idea is your Mind, and is my Mind, meaning in Bible language, "I and my Father are one." Nothing is ever lost from this kingdom of God that is within me — within my consciousness.

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

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

ALL EXISTS IN AND OF MIND

Mrs. Eddy weighs in here to tell us there is no objectified identity, no objectified man, no matter body. All is subjective being, idea. All exists in and of Mind itself as idea. This was Mrs. Eddy's great discovery. She wanted to break a dualistic concept in our human way of thinking

The state of "unconscious dualism"— which sees here a true spiritual world, and there an erring material universe — must finally yield to an awareness within us, of the oneness and onliness of divine Spirit — "The kingdom of God is within you." "Divine Science demonstrates Mind as dispelling a false sense and giving a true sense of itself, God, and the universe" (*Miscellaneous Writings 190:4*).

The following list is from The Mary Baker Eddy Institute, Letter 12:

MIND

action
 all
 ability
 apprehend
 all-faculty
 author
 basis
 comprehend
 cause
 controls
 creates (Mind/Spirit)
 creative ability
 desire
 delivers (Mind/Love)
 directs
 discovers
 dominion (Mind/Truth)
 expresses
 emanates
 First
 forces
 forms (verb)
 faculties
 guides
 govern (Mind/Soul/Principle)
 heals
 image
 idea
 immortal
 immortality
 includes (Mind/Love)
 influence
 intelligence
 intuition
 knows
 law
 leads
 light
 mandate
 manifests
 makes (Mind/Truth)
 medicine
 metaphysics (Mind/Principle)
 multiplies
 might
 origin
 one (Mind/Principle)
 parent (Mind)
 perfect (Mind/Principle)
 power
 presents
 produces
 perception
 revelation
 reveals
 Science
 supreme
 source
 thought
 wisdom
 will

Opposites,

accident
 brain
 belief
 darkness
 heredity
 hypnotism
 ignorance
 illusion
 limits
 Materia
 medica
 matter
 m. m. p.
 mesmerism
 minds many
 mortal
 nerve



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