

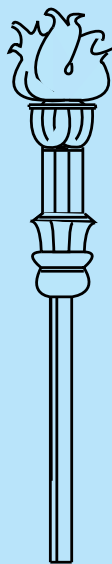
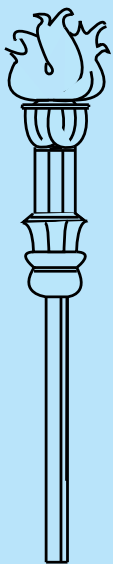
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Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock: if any man hear
my voice, and open the door,
I will come in to him, and sup
with him, and he with me.

— *Revelation*

The Individual Christian Scientist is expressly for “the lost Israel” who have wakened to their identity as “the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

S&H - *Science and Health*
Hea - *Christian Healing*
Mis - *Miscellaneous Writings*
No - *No and Yes*
Pul - *Pulpit and Press*
Un - *Unity of Good*
Po - *Poems*

Man - *Manual of The Mother Church*
Pan - *Christian Science versus Pantheism*
Peo - *The People's Idea of God*
Ret - *Retrospection and Introspection*
Rud - *Rudimental Divine Science*
Chr - *Christ and Christmas*

My - *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*
'00 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1900*
'01 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1901*
'02 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1902*
PV - *Science and Health, First Edition, "Precious Volume"*
DCC - *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*
EOF - *Essays and Other Footprints*
6 Days - *Mary Baker Eddy's Six Days of Revelation*
7th Day - *Mary Baker Eddy's Lessons of the Seventh Day*
CCT - *Christian Science, Its Clear Correct Teaching and Complete Writings*
Dis - *The Discovery of the Science of Man*
Found - *The Founding of Christian Science*
TFL - *The Forever Leader*

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The house in Swampscott, Massachusetts where Mary Baker Eddy was living in February, 1866

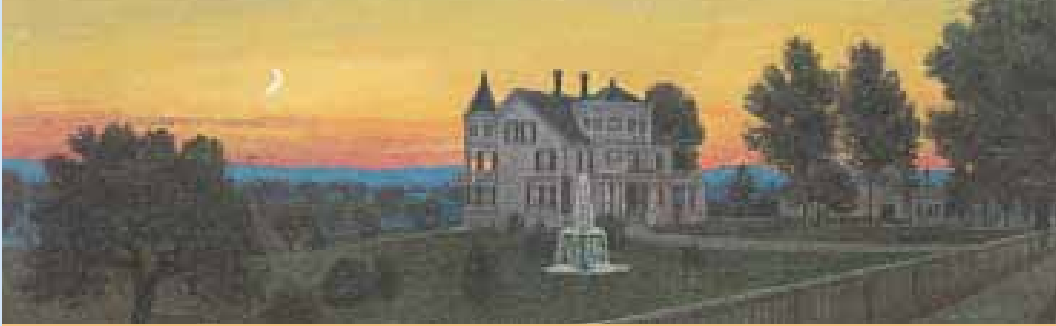
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MARY BAKER EDDY

Our Mother in Israel



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PLEASANT VIEW

THE world may never know the loss it sustained when it no longer had Mrs. Eddy at the head of her household of mental workers, directing them day and night to pour into human consciousness a volume of scientific thought that aided greatly in counteracting and neutralizing the error in human consciousness...

In calling on students to watch faithfully with her, Mrs. Eddy put them on their honor that they would spend the hour in no other way, nor cut it short because it became wearisome. She indicated that the success of her church and mission was largely dependent on such work. In fact she wrote to Hannah Larminie that if such watches had not been kept in Boston, the Cause would have been lost. She said to her, “This Cause must be carried by silent argument just the same as you carry it physically. This is the great duty for Christians that they must do, or be accountable to God for leaving it undone.”...

Home

Mrs. Eddy’s earthly home, called Pleasant View, or Chestnut Hill, is not important to students today, but her sense of home that she established is, namely, a place where one seeks to establish divine Mind



PLEASANT VIEW

MARY BAKER EDDY'S HOME — 1892-1908

as supreme in all that he does, even in the most commonplace and menial tasks...A student who seeks to fulfil this purpose may declare that he has been to Pleasant View... By seeking to do everything from the standpoint of divine Mind, he makes his own home a Pleasant View. ...

Coming to Pleasant View

The students who are called here do not come to this house for glory; when they come here they come to the cross. The first step is willingness to leave all; then the cross; *then* "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." You cannot gain the crown except by "taking up the cross and following."

There is one thing needed all over the field and which is only supplied here, and might not be supplied in the field in centuries; that is, to have but one God, divine Principle and its *demonstration*.

When Christian Scientists come to Pleasant View, I demand of them that they leave their belongings and take up the cross. You cannot win the crown without bearing the cross.

[Excerpted from *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, pp. xi, xv, 11, 30, 33]

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Mrs. Eddy once said that it would take a student fifty years to learn what he could learn in one year at Pleasant View.

THE LAST EVE

IN his first epistle to the Corinthians Paul told the world, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Cor 15:22)

Science and Health, which "shall teach you all things," explains why "in Adam all die." In her sixth edition, published in 1883, Mrs. Eddy

added an appendix which she entitled “Key to the Scriptures.” This was a 24 page chapter which is now titled “Glossary.” Then as now, the definition of Adam is a full page.

ADAM. Error; a falsity; the belief in “original sin,” sickness, and death; evil; the opposite of good, — of God and His creation; a curse; a belief in intelligent matter, finiteness, and mortality; “dust to dust;” red sandstone; nothingness; the first god of mythology; not God’s man, who represents the one God and is His own image and likeness; the opposite of Spirit and His creations; that which is not the image and likeness of good, but a material belief, opposed to the one Mind, or Spirit; a so-called finite mind, producing other minds, thus making “gods many and lords many” (I Cor 8:5); a product of nothing as the mimicry of something; an unreality as opposed to the great reality of spiritual existence and creation; a so-called man, whose origin, substance, and mind are found to be the antipode of God, or Spirit; an inverted image of Spirit; the image and likeness of what God has not created, namely, matter, sin, sickness, and death; the opposer of Truth, termed error; Life’s counterfeit, which ultimates in death; the opposite of Love, called hate; the usurper of Spirit’s creation, called self-creative matter; immortality’s opposite, mortality; that of which wisdom saith, “Thou shalt surely die.”

The name Adam represents the false supposition that Life is not eternal, but has beginning and end; that the infinite enters the finite, that intelligence passes into non-intelligence, and that Soul dwells in material sense; that immortal Mind results in matter, and matter in mortal mind; that the one God and creator entered what He created, and then disappeared in the atheism of matter.

Adam represents the total opposite of the man of God’s creating and is nothing but mythology, — the myth that all is matter instead of Spirit and that man is a material living soul.

The Last Adam

Paul saw the answer to this myth is “that God may be all in all.” (I Cor 15:28) And he also saw the solution to be the Christ, — which he called the last Adam. “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” (I Cor 15:45)

Jesus taught “It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing.” Midst much persecution over many centuries Jesus’ Christianity gained a foothold. In the seventeenth century Pilgrims, hungering after righteousness, sought freedom to worship God in the

New World. The colony they established ultimated, in the eighteenth century, in a new nation, under God, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the rights of the individual.

The Comforter

The time had come for God's Second Witness to bring the "Comforter, that ...may abide with you forever; Even the spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17). The Comforter, of course, is divine Science.

Adam reversed every aspect of creation and when confronted with this error, blamed his actions on Eve. What does our textbook, the Comforter which will teach us all things, tell us about Eve?

EVE. A beginning; mortality; that which does not last forever; a finite belief concerning life, substance, and intelligence in matter; error; the belief that the human race originated materially instead of spiritually, — that man started first from dust, second from a rib, and third from an egg.

Beginning of What?

Eternity has no beginning. It has ever been and forever will be. The beginning named Eve is the supposition that all is matter instead of Spirit.

In Adam all die. In Christ are all made alive. In Eve all have a beginning. In Christ all have ever been, perfect and eternal.

Jesus of Nazareth is the last Adam because he presented the Christ that overcame and destroyed every Adamic falsity.

Mary of Concord is the last Eve because she presented the Christ which explained to reason and understanding the falsity of a beginning and the reality of eternal Life.

Beguiled

When Eve was confronted with her error she said, "The serpent beguiled me and I did eat." (Gen 3:13) Know you how our Leader described herself in an early poem?

The toiler tireless for Truth's new birth
All-unbeguiled.

Unbeguiled

When Mary Baker Eddy began her earthly mission in 1866 she was the one and only individual on this planet that was unbeguiled. Are you unbeguiled? Are you waking from this mortal dream? Or are you still asleep in the Adam dream trying to heal a material world, constantly correcting its unending negatives with positive thinking?

In her 1875 presentation of Science and Health Mrs. Eddy wrote:

man is shadow and not substance; why he is mortal to personal sense is because it supposes him substance, Life and Intelligence. Mortal man is but a dream of Intelligence, substance and Life in matter, not the man of God, but the man of man, and shadow of shadows, therefore he reflects no Principle, and is without any real basis. ...science...reveals Truth: the ultimatum of being corroborates the statement that man is shadow and not substance; ...this proof...must reach its recognition to gain immortality, for the Truth of man alone makes him immortal. (PV 57)

Until we separate ourselves from mortal man, place our "I" in the mind which was in Christ Jesus, the one Mind, we have not begun to demonstrate Science.

Vitalized Matter

Does electricity dominate your life today? When it was no more than the electric telegraph and homes were still lighted with oil lamps our Leader wrote:

Vitalized matter is a grave mistake. Electricity is the last boundary between personal sense and Soul, and although it stands at the threshold of Spirit it cannot enter into it, but the nearer matter approaches mind the more potent it becomes, to produce supposed good or evil; ...The more ethereal matter becomes according to accepted theories, the more powerful it is;...until possessing less and less materiality, it passes into essence, and is admitted mortal mind; not Intelligence, but belief, not Truth, but error. But the nearer belief approaches Truth without passing the boundary, where it is no longer belief, but understanding, the more plausible and dangerous is the error. (PV 112:31)

The Only Teachers

The last Adam and the last Eve are God's Two Witnesses, the two candlesticks, the two olive trees. "These are the two anointed ones,

that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.” (Zech 4:14) These two anointed ones are the teachers of absolute divine Science which His Second Witness has reduced to Christian Science for our comprehension. She also gave us the new tongue to lead us out of the belief of mortality into immortality.

These two teachers are the only ones that are totally unerring. Isaiah foresaw the day of their recognition when he wrote: “yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers.”

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SILENCE THE LEFT

IN a computer store recently we observed a pre-school child with her mother. We did not hear their conversation, but we did hear the child’s emphatic reply which was, “I know, if you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all.” An older man observing the scene smiled, as did we, all recalling having learned that in our own childhood and pleased that it is still being taught by young mothers today. If that rule was observed, we would experience what St. John saw in heaven, — silence for the space of half an hour.

Left and Right

All Christians should be studying and endeavoring to apply Jesus’ commands in their daily experience; and some are. One of his commands is: “Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.” (Matt 6:3) What does that mean to you?

Do you recall that God sent Jonah to Nineveh to warn it of its pending doom? The king of Nineveh repented and so did all the people, and that pending disaster was averted. Do you recall the cause of their problem with evil? It was lack of understanding; “Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand;” (Jonah 4:11).

Solomon's Words

Solomon was wiser. He said, "A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left." (Ecc 10:2) Is your heart at your right hand or at your left? Do you understand the difference?

We cannot call them the tares and wheat, because the tares are to be destroyed. Our left hand is not to be destroyed, but neither is it the place where our heart should be.

Human Opinion

Perhaps we could call our left hand human opinion, and our right hand our true God-being. If our heart is ever with our God-being, our human opinion will have guidance into spiritual understanding. But if our heart is at our left hand, human opinion, it is constantly bombarded with aggressive mental suggestion, all the errors of mortal belief.

Once we learn to discern between our right hand and our left hand, we see the way to overcome. And "he that overcometh shall inherit all things." Learning to overcome takes us back to Jesus' instruction: "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." In other words, keep quiet. We are all familiar with the truism, Silence is golden.

Communication

Another of Jesus' commands is applicable at this point: "Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (Matt 5:37) Mrs. Eddy emphasized this evil of unnecessary speech to the students in her house on the 27th of May in 1907. She said to them, "One Mind demonstrated *handles* serpents, casts out demons of sense with power of Truth. [This is the result of keeping your heart at your right hand.] When will Christian Scientists learn that *blab* never made a single demonstration in building up this Cause?" (DCC 54:29) When will Christian Scientists learn to discern between their right hand and their left hand?

It is our left hand, as false human opinion, that "blabs." We learn to silence this false human opinion by keeping our heart at our right hand, our true God-being. Then we learn how true are Paul's words "for in Him we live, and move, and have our being."

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU

AS a metaphysician you are never dealing with persons, places or things. You are dealing with the one suppositional mind, which includes within itself all there is to material sense, to the sick, sinning and dying mortal. This that you seem to be confronted with as person, place or thing, is merely the form in which this suppositional mind appears to you. If you attempt to deal with person as person, and heal it, or correct it, as such, you are in a hopeless situation, for you have no possible way of correcting that which does not appear to operate as your own thinking. The kingdom of God is within you, not afar off, but right within that which is the Self of you. You are alone with that which you accept as Mind, as consciousness, and this includes all that you call person, place or thing, all that appears as a book, a church or a remedy.

The command to enter into your closet and shut the door when you pray, would have been foolish, unless in the seclusion with you is that Mind which includes within itself all Truth. In your communion with it, you find the reality of all being. No discord is outside of that which comes to you as your own consciousness. And because of this very fact, and because you are alone with your own being, in your own closet, you have supreme power to handle all that presents itself as mind to you. Science and Health says, "I hope, dear reader, I am leading you into the understanding of your divine rights, your heaven-bestowed harmony — that, as you read, you see there is no cause (outside of erring, mortal, material sense which is not power) able to make you sick or sinful; and I hope that you are conquering this false sense. Knowing the falsity of so-called material sense, you can assert your prerogative to overcome the belief in sin, disease, or death."

Would Jesus be correct in his statement, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," unless he had meant exactly this same thing? He was not dealing with persons, but he was alone with what he accepted as Mind. When you say what Jesus "meant," remember it is equivalent to saying what "I mean," because it comes to you as your own I or consciousness. Then does not this statement really mean, If what I accept as I, as consciousness, is really I, really consciousness (lifted up from the earth), then, because this consciousness is all the consciousness there is, I cannot help seeing all from the basis of this

that I am accepting as I. In other words the whole of that which constitutes being to me must rise as I rise, and must be drawn unto that altitude of Mind that I accept as Mind.

Do you think you could be sure of correcting any lie, if the lie could hold its ground outside of that which is consciousness to you, outside of that which you are accepting, even if only for the moment, as your own thought? If a claim, whether of a discordant body or of an unsuccessful business or an inharmonious home, were apart from what you are accepting as consciousness, in other words were something “over there,” remote from you, how could you be over there to correct it? “I” is always right here, and so “here” is all there is to “there.” It is always consciousness here, and this here includes all that appears over there. This constitutes the kingdom of God within you, the possibility of all good as the one consciousness, as yours. It is because you understand this, that you are so confident of your ground.

Herbert W. Eustace, C.S.B.
Clear, Correct Teaching, p. 688

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AMERICA: A SPIRITUAL IDEA

By Julie Harrison

THE fourth line of Christ Jesus' prayer reads:

Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven...

Our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, has given us the spiritual interpretation of that line in *Science and Health*, page 17:

Enable us to know
— as in heaven, so on earth, —
God is omnipotent, supreme.

This interpretation is further elucidated by Mrs. Eddy in a prayer she gave to her students and found in *Divinity Course and General Collectanea* on page 60:

Love is all powerful.
 Love is all seeing.
 Love is ever present.
 Thy kingdom has come.
 Thy will is done here on earth...
And earth is heaven.

How many of us are joyfully acknowledging the fact that right here, right now America, our home is not a mere material habitation for mortals, although that is how it appears to mortals, but is a spiritual concept, a divine idea lovingly held in the one infinite divine Mind in all its pristine purity, strength and beauty?

Spiritual Man

We have very little trouble acknowledging that *man* is “spiritual and perfect... the compound idea of God, including all right ideas” (S&H 475:11).

We declare and accept without question Paul’s statement in Acts 17:28, “For in Him we live, and move, and have our being;” and then we turn on the news and unsuspectingly revert to accepting all that is the supposititious evil, the lie about America. In so doing, we unconsciously and hypnotically affirm the untruths put forward by our current visible enemy.

Spiritual Dwelling

Are we understandingly accepting the fact as stated in Genesis, Chapter One, that God has created man in His image, after His likeness? Is man then forever at-one with his Maker? Where then does this divinely united spiritual consciousness dwell? We read in Isaiah (57:15), “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit...” humble in the sense of realizing God as the sole Creator and maintainer of His dwelling wherein we also dwell forever secure “on timeless rock,” Mind.

There are many conceptual names given in the Bible for the “high and holy place”: the Promised Land, the Kingdom of Heaven, the

Holy City, the House of the Lord, the mountain of the Lord's house, etc. Granted these names are given to indicate states and stages of spiritual consciousness "forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis" (S&H 258:13). They can at the same time seem to be dauntingly difficult to attain. Our Leader assures us however of this achievement and of "man's perfectibility and the establishment of the Kingdom of heaven on earth" (S&H 110:10).

Your America

This establishment will be impossible to demonstrate if thought is held however casually, blindly, fearfully or flippantly to the supposititious opposite of America by regarding her as a morally degraded land, rapidly descending to the level of Sodom and Gomorrah, drowning in drugs, rapidly building its Tower of Babel (the Biblical "nickname" for Babylon), a land of many millions of diverse minds held together as prisoners in the web of electrical magnetism and as the conquest of communism which is "bringing good to the people." "America," wrote Herbert Eustace, "is the highest expression of individuality."

Silence Evil

In her Address Before the Alumni (Mis 114:17) Mrs. Eddy instructs that we "must always have on armour and resist the foe within and without. [We] cannot arm too thoroughly against original sin, appearing in its myriad forms: passion, appetites, hatred, revenge, and all the et cetera of evil. Christian Scientists cannot watch too sedulously, or bar their doors too closely, or pray to God too fervently, for deliverance from the claims of evil. Thus doing, Scientists will silence evil suggestions, uncover their methods, and stop their hidden influence upon the lives of mortals." The word *sedulous* according to Webster is from the Latin meaning *diligent, unremitting*.

Spiritually Endowed

This pristine land, America, was held in sacred secrecy until the mind of man was ready to receive His promise. It nurtured and sheltered the Revelator of divine Science. America has been specially endowed by the grace of God to inspire man to great achievement on all levels of human endeavor. This is a universally acknowledged fact. Many remarkable men and women of America have led on mankind's progress. We gratefully acknowledge them all. There is none greater than the

appearing of the Revelator, Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, and her holy child, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. Only a spiritual land could bring forth a spiritual discovery. We call the land of Christ Jesus' appearing, The Holy Land.

Freedom

For what does America stand first and foremost in the mind of the world? Freedom.

Not the freedom to break all of God's loving laws but the freedom to obey and to be blessed by them. God's law is the law of divine justice, peace, perfection, joy, completeness, the right of the individual to seek and to understand his oneness with his Maker, his Source of all good and the freedom to follow His guidance to the realization and achievement of limitless abundance. Is there any greater power given to man by any other source?

Joyful Duty

Our joyful duty is daily to defend America — each one of us — as a holy place, a spiritual idea of God. Our self-sacrificing youth are doing this on a human plane daily in our military. Are we any less necessary to be as militant in our spiritual defence?

AM

It is perhaps no coincidence that the first two letters in the name "America" are "A" and "M" — AM, or that which IS, Being Itself. Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM that I AM.

Let us have no other gods, refuse to be the target, tool, or channel for animal magnetism in its seemingly unending manifestations that would destroy if it could, — and it cannot, — the spiritual idea, America.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

God is infinite, all power, all Life, Truth, Love, over all, and All.
(S&H 17:14)

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THERE is only one immaculate conception and that is God's conception of man as Christ, — the son of the living God. Each individual must prove this for himself sooner or later. We have all begun this process by saying and teaching our children "Father-Mother God, loving me."

Your Father

You probably know many individuals who say that. Do you know any who truly believe it? Let us examine. One of Jesus' commands is: "Call no man your father upon earth, for one is your Father, which is in heaven." (Matt 23:9) Do you obey that command? Do you know anyone who does?

Because mortals seem so far from the immaculate conception, — the one and only real conception, — infinite Mind has given us human examples to open blind eyes. Herbert Eustace presents the three phases of immaculate conception in his *Clear, Correct Teaching* as follows:

The immaculate conception: The immaculate conception as understood in Christian Science has three phases: first, the Virgin Mother's conception of the fact that God is the only Father; second, the "little book" Science and Health, bringing out the impersonality of God as both Father and Mother; and lastly, as wholly immaculate, the individual understanding through pure reason, of the truth presented in Science and Health.

In this final phase thought is led directly to Mind, its own source, where, in communion with Mind, each one, no longer looking to person or book for his understanding, but to his own oneness with God, finds true being for himself.

This is the acme of immaculateness "without sin unto salvation."

The Christian Scientist verifies his conclusions with his Life charts, the Bible and Science and Health. He does not look to those books for his conclusions; but in these books he finds verification of them. (CCT 351:42)



HISTORY

“I cannot advise you regarding a Christian Science practitioner, but I earnestly request that you select one who knows Christian Science history.”
— *Mary Baker Eddy*

“LOVE’S CHOSEN LOVE”

By Gail M. Weatherbe

IN her Poems, *Written on the Journey from Sense to Soul*, Augusta Stetson refers to her Teacher and Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, as “Love’s chosen Love”:

O HEART of the Motherhood,
 Brooding above,
Soft voicing Thy message
 Through Love’s chosen love,
Hear gratitude voiceless
 And prayers without speech,
Which soar like the dove
 Heaven’s portals to reach.
Oh! fill us with meekness
 To sit at her feet,
Who teaches the pathway
 To Love’s blest retreat,
Who leads Israel’s army
 In paths Jesus trod,
The highway of holiness,
 Leading to God.

“My history is a holy one.” — *Mary Baker Eddy*

In 1888, Mrs. Stetson sent Mrs. Eddy a caged canary accompanied by the following words, the first stanza of a poem entitled, “The Canary’s Greeting to Mother”:

IF a little bird may say
 What is in his heart to-day,
 I would say, “A song of glee
 Motherhood of God for thee.”

Mrs. Eddy responded to Mrs. Stetson, even while returning her gift:

I DID send your birdie back,
 But your song stayed in my heart,
 To repeat its strain above,
 Wakened by your friendly art.

I have loved and lost — Ah! What —
 Many a joy, but once a bird
 Who did love me — and he died
 Of my sorrow sad, unheard.

I have never told my grief,
 Yet can never love another,
 But your bird-prayer God may grant
 Who hath given you bird and “Mother.”

So sweet nestling sing to her
 Whom I love, and must not lose,
 Tell her I have kept her heart,
 Ask her if I may not choose?

Mrs. Stetson responded to the above, addressing her Leader as “Holy One”:

The canary seems to regret, for he does not sing, that his desire to make you happy opened and caused to bleed anew an old wound. He has told me that you have “*kept my heart.*” It has been yours since I sat at the feet of Christ and heard, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart.” May its meditations and the words of my mouth be always acceptable in thy sight. “Let my *heart* be sound in Thy statutes” (Ps cxix, 80). “Lest any hurt it, ...keep it night and day” (Isa. xxvii, 3).

Keep it, Holy One. I have your promise that you *will*, and peace descends upon me like showers that water the parched earth. ...

Mrs. Stetson dedicated her *Poems* to her Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, in the following words:

These Poems I dedicate
to
THE REVEREND MARY BAKER EDDY

AS A STUDENT TO THE TEACHER
AS A FOLLOWER TO THE LEADER
AS A CHILD TO THE MOTHER

This dedication reflects the enduring attitude of Augusta Stetson towards Mrs. Eddy during her entire life and work as a follower of her Teacher and Leader.

That Mrs. Eddy reciprocated this love and respect is attested many times over by Mrs. Eddy's own words and letters. Regarding Mrs. Stetson's last visit to Mrs. Eddy in December of 1908, on the occasion of their carriage ride around the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, Mrs. Stetson recorded in 1924:

During the last visit which I had with my Leader and Teacher, Mary Baker Eddy, a few months before I was called by the directors to Boston, to be reprov'd for my teaching of present immortality, namely, that *now* we are immortal, and for my mental defense against the enemy of good, which I have been taught to make, by reflecting truth and love to the mental assassin, — during this visit, Mrs. Eddy commended the work I had accomplished in Christian Science, and throughout the drive of nearly an hour, she gave me many points for my future guidance. This was during December, 1908, when I was invited by Mrs. Eddy to visit her at her home in Brookline, not long before I was called for "trial" [excommunication] by the directors of The Mother Church. She took me in her carriage and we drove for three quarters of an hour, during which time she referred to the lecture at Reading and asked the same question that she had previously put to me at nearly every visit. At that time, I did not understand why she should refer to that particular event. But the experience of the past fourteen years has made it plain. Repeatedly during these hours, days, and months of severe test of my faith and understanding of divine metaphysics, I have heard her words as she sat in her carriage that day: "You did not run, did you Augusta?" And for the first time she added most emphatically, "And you never *will*."

I love to recall that drive with my Leader around the Chestnut Hill Reservoir and the many things she said to me which have strengthened me to endure the trials, which emergence from material organization necessitated. I recall Mr. Adam H. Dickey's announcement to me that Mrs. Eddy was in the carriage awaiting me at the door. It was a cold day and they had carefully wrapped a white lamb's wool robe around her, tucking her snugly in, and over it placed a warm carriage rug. When I entered, Mrs. Eddy took both my hands and kissed me and expressed herself as greatly pleased to see me. One of the attendants, after I was seated, drew over me the dark carriage rug, when Mrs. Eddy said, "Remove that and put Augusta under the white robe with me." Noticing that they had so carefully and lovingly protected her from the cold, and fearing that she might not be so protected by this change, I exclaimed, "The carriage rug is sufficient for me; please let the lamb's wool remain." She again said, "No, I want you to share this with me." They acceded to her request, and we drove away.

After a drive of about three quarters of an hour we returned to the house. Mrs. Eddy went to her room and I entered the drawing-room. After removing her wraps she sent for me to come to her, and as I approached her she remarked, "How healthy and strong you are" and then added some advice that she had forgotten to give me in the carriage. I bade her good-by, left the room and met Mr. Dickey, her secretary, who was awaiting me to show me Mrs. Eddy's private reception room, where she had placed some presents which my students and I had sent to her.

I then went downstairs and was about to go out to my carriage when Mr. Dickey told me that Mrs. Eddy wished to see me again. I went to her room. In the upper hall I met Mrs. Laura E. Sargent. Mr. Dickey opened the door of Mrs. Eddy's room and I thought he closed it when I entered, and that Mrs. Eddy and I were alone.

As I approached my Leader, I noticed the chair that I had occupied in front of her had been removed, and as she was sitting in a very low chair, I stooped and involuntarily dropped to my knees. She took both my hands in hers and was silent as if in prayer. Lifting her eyes, and in a strong voice she said, "This is the happiest day of my life on earth," and after a further pause added slowly, "God bless you, forever, and forever, and forever!" She waved her hand for me to go. I arose and turned toward the door to go out, when I saw Mr. Dickey and Mrs. Sargent standing together like sentinels. Mr. Dickey opened the door and we three walked out of the room. I was surprised when I saw these students, as during the many visits I had made to Mrs. Eddy over a period of twenty-four years, I did not remember ever having had a personal interview with my Leader and Teacher except alone with her.

Her last words spoken to me at that time, as she was moved by omnipotent Truth and Love, namely, “God bless you, forever, and forever, and forever,” have been my strength and shield for nearly fourteen years. This blessing has at last been realized. Love has won her victory, and obedience to my Teacher and to her teaching of mental spiritual defense has protected me against every argument that the materialists, or enemies of good, could whisper, mentally or audibly, to persuade me that my holy Leader had forsaken me, and delivered me over to those who, at that time, refused to admit present immortality. I have demonstrated over every aggressive suggestion which has been sent to me over the mental wireless, by constantly reflecting omnipotent Truth and Love.

The “Reading [Massachusetts]” experience referred to above was the occasion of a lecture on Christian Science scheduled to be delivered by Mrs. Eddy. But by the appointed hour, Mrs. Eddy had not arrived. Mrs. Stetson then very reluctantly addressed the townspeople for an hour and a half on the subject of Christian Science. Four invited clergymen sat in the front row. The next morning Mrs. Stetson went directly to Mrs. Eddy in Boston and asked her why she had not come the evening before to fill her engagement. Mrs. Eddy replied: “I was there.” Thus Mrs. Stetson began to learn that Mary Baker Eddy tested the mettle of her chosen disciples — by putting her worthiest students to strenuous tests. It was when recalling this experience during the 1908 carriage ride, that Mrs. Eddy uttered the words: “You did not run, did you Augusta?” And added for the first time, “And you *never will*.”

Mrs. Eddy wrote many letters to Augusta Stetson during their twenty-five year association on earth. Included are the following sentiments expressed by the great Leader of Christian Science when writing her cherished student: ...

April 20 [1893]

My precious Student:

We always unite on one point, viz., that no supposed power can ever separate the eternal friendship and Christian love that exists between me and you.

December 10 [1893]

Dearest darling:

. . . Oh dearest, precious child, how much you have done and will yet do for our cause, none knows but me...

July 2, 1900

Your comforting letter comes like dew to the faded flowers to freshen the blight of autumn. ..

With love that never fails and a grateful heart for *your dear, dear, dear heart.* (Signed) Mother Mary

November 27, 1900

Augusta, darling:

... Again, darling, I say, mother loves you and appreciates your scientific demonstration over my other students, and the “enter thou” that God is speaking to you...

May 25, 1905

Darling: I have little time to write my best beloved even...

July 2, 1905

My precious darling:

... Do not fear what man can do unto you when you are doing good and this you are doing constantly. *I love* you. The students know I never speak a word against you and you must not believe that I do. God will reward you for all you have done for me and this is indeed much.

The above excerpts from letters of Mary Baker Eddy to Augusta Stetson reveal the Leader’s love for her “best beloved.”

In July of 1907, Mrs. Eddy had sufficient confidence in her student to invite Mrs. Stetson to “‘Come out from the world and be ye separate’ — in the sense of Science.” And in January of 1909, not long after the carriage ride in December of 1908, Mrs. Eddy invited her “dear brethren in New York” to begin building “on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other, and proportionably estimate their success and glory of achievement only as they build upon the rock of Christ, the spiritual foundation. This will open the way, widely and impartially, to their never-ending success, — to salvation and eternal Christian Science.”

...

Thus began the separation from material organization, which was also the beginning of tribulation for Augusta Stetson and First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City. ...

On March 7, 1907, Mrs. Eddy had admonished her cherished student: “Do *not allow* the evil one in your midst to turn you away from

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me in this hour of crucifixion, or history will repeat itself, and Christian Science will once more be lost as aforetime... The lies that are told about me, or what I say of you, are not worthy your notice nor mine.”

On July 12, 1909, Mrs. Eddy wrote Augusta:

Beloved! You need to watch and pray that the enemy of good cannot separate you from your Leader and best earthly friend.

In 1994 Sarah Gardner Cunningham, Ph.D., when a candidate for her degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, wrote her doctoral dissertation on the subject: *A New Order: Augusta Emma Simmons Stetson and the Origins of Christian Science in New York City, 1886-1910*. The extensive Christian Science Collection at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, the manuscript collection at The Huntington Library in San Marino, California, and the Archives of The Mother Church in Boston, Massachusetts, were made available to Mrs. Cunningham for her research dissertation.

After telling the story of Augusta Stetson in her early and church period years, Mrs. Cunningham climaxes her account by quoting the letters of Mary Baker Eddy regarding Augusta Stetson to the Christian Science Board of Directors of The Mother Church at the time of Mrs. Stetson’s excommunication; and Mrs. Eddy’s letters to Augusta Stetson herself, just after this excommunication. Whereas Mrs. Eddy’s letters to the Board of Directors appear to acknowledge the pending “trial” or excommunication of Mrs. Stetson, her two letters to Augusta Stetson are of a very different character. ...

From [Mrs. Cunningham’s book] Chapter 5, entitled: “1909: In Spirit and in Truth”:

The beloved Leader herself hand wrote a letter to Mrs. Stetson on 19 November, but a note in Adam Dickey’s handwriting indicated that Mrs. Eddy changed her mind and ordered the letter withheld shortly after writing it.

Beloved, — I would bear the experience with joy not grief. God is saying I love you. We know that “he scourgeth those whom he receiveth.” Be thankful dear one for your flogging, for you would not

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**“If any man hear
my voice,
and open the door,
I will come
in to him...”**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your thoughtful letters, comments, and testimonies of experiences in Christian Science are welcome. Because of space limitations we reserve the right to edit.

Referring to the most welcome April 2010 issue of TICS...

The works of John Greenleaf Whittier have long been favorites of mine. Thank you for the article.

The Association Address given by Mildred LeBlond in 1961 was most appropriate at that time, but even more so now.

Unity of people of this nation and of the whole world cannot be gained by government edict. Unity has to be from the people themselves, no matter how diverse their backgrounds and cultures. We are “one nation under God,” based on our Christian heritage. This then is our basis of unity and union.

Mrs. Eddy states (S&H 340:23): “One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man;”. The acknowledgement and acceptance of the good and infinite God is what unifies, not human government.

“When my students need me I will come to them.”

—Mary Baker Eddy—

Mrs. LeBlond makes several references to socialism and one world government (now known as globalism). Here again, this is brought about by the force of human government, and not from the desires of the people.

Socialism is a materialistic system, the basis of which is to forcibly seize from those who have; to give to those who have not. It is based on a limited belief of supply, involves a wasteful bureaucracy, is intrusive and controlling of peoples' lives, promotes mediocrity, and tramples on individual freedom. It is used by politicians to buy votes. Unfortunately, many people still believe socialism to be the answer to the world's problems and say "let the government do it, then it will be fair."

Mrs. Eddy states (S&H 239:8): "level wealth with honesty,". Again, no mention of an intervening human government. Honesty at all levels and in all circumstances would go a long way to promote a happy and prosperous society.

George Washington believed that a government must have power, but he also stated: "Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant, and a fearful master."

Clive Lamprell
Golden, Colorado

As always TICS is pure gold. The lead article, [July, 2010] "We Are Spirit," is so supportive and provides that rod we need to keep steady.

Thank you for standing witness and holding high the banner.

Shirley Irving
Modesto, California

Until recently I have always felt that the Immaculate Conception pertained solely to Jesus, and Mary Baker Eddy had the new birth. A more current biography, *Mary Baker Eddy, Christian Healer*, by Yvonne Cache von Fettweis and Robert Townsend Warneck, (published by The Christian Science Publishing Society) makes me wonder about the nature of the birth of our Leader.

Many of us have known of Clara Shannon's brief statement about a message that came to Abigail Baker when she was in the attic gathering wool, — that "suddenly she was filled with the Holy Ghost, and had dominion over the whole earth." However in the Biographical Glossary of this book much more is reported. ...

It seemed of special interest to me that recently an amplified version of this book has been published, stating its purpose, — to include further healings by our Leader. In this new version the attic experience has been removed from Abigail's sketch, and abbreviated in the back of the book, under notes, with a statement "that Mrs. Eddy told her household she felt the circumstances of her birth were similar to Isaac's birth in the Bible."

I truly feel that it wouldn't have made any difference if Mary, the mother of Jesus, had been married to Joseph. She still would have had the divine conception by the Holy Ghost. And, so it is in the case of Abigail Baker.

I should deeply appreciate your comment on this subject in your quarterly if you find it is worthy news. ...Also, I want to say that this biography has healing properties. It is so respectfully written. However, it saddens me that Bliss Knapp has been left out of the Biographical glossary. In the amplified version there is a brief remark that he wrote *Destiny of The Mother Church*.

Name withheld by request

The following I found in an article entitled "The Science of Spiritual Reflection" by John Hargreaves, C.S.

"Christian Science Mind-healing ...makes no attempt to solve a problem from the terms of reference of the problem, because it does not begin with something to be put right, but rather with that which is already and eternally right and outside of the mental picture. In Mrs. Eddy's own words, a Christian Science treatment is 'the absolute acknowledgement of the ever-presence of infinite perfection.'"

...As we study to understand that scientific acknowledgement always starts and stays with the reality of ever-present perfection, it would be in total consonance with our Leader's profound vision and revelation.

Anthony White
Salem, Oregon

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have had it unless you had deserved it and [if] you desire God's love you will be blessed in His own way. You get the rod and the meaning thereof. Now love more and trust the infinite love and know that I am yours in love.

M.B.Eddy

Mrs. Eddy dictated another letter to Mrs. Stetson on 21 November.

Beloved Student, — You have been abundantly blessed of late. “God does in a mysterious way his wonders to perform, He plants His footsteps on the sea, And rides upon the storm.” Had I not foreseen and known that your late experience was just what God had in store for you to bless you I would have endeavored to prevent it. It has always been hard for me since I have been in Christian Science to make a single move against God's providence. In fact, he has restrained me from so doing, hence I am still and know that God reigns. Be happy, be blest, be better for all you have experienced is my daily desire for you & for all.

A note in Adam Dickey's writing said: not sent.

Although these two letters were never delivered to Mrs. Stetson personally, they were surely sent to her by her beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, via dispatches “swift on the wings of divine Love.” These angel messages, or “swift-winged thoughts,” sent to and received by Augusta Stetson both comforted and assured her. The life and work of Mrs. Stetson after her removal from membership in The Mother Church justify this conclusion. Mrs. Stetson's contribution to the great Cause of Christian Science, illustrating her great love for her fellow man, was the assignment for which she was prepared by her Leader and Teacher, Mary Baker Eddy — namely, the demonstration of the church built “on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other.” ...

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And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers. — *Isaiah*

Christian Scientists...must guard against the deification of finite personality...The Scriptures and Christian Science reveal “the way,” and personal revelators will take their proper place in history, but will not be deified. — *Mary Baker Eddy*

