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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

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| S&H - <i>Science and Health</i> | Man - <i>Manual of The Mother Church</i> |
| Hea - <i>Christian Healing</i> | Pan - <i>Christian Science versus Pantheism</i> |
| Mis - <i>Miscellaneous Writings</i> | Peo - <i>The People's Idea of God</i> |
| No - <i>No and Yes</i> | Ret - <i>Retrospection and Introspection</i> |
| Pul - <i>Pulpit and Press</i> | Rud - <i>Rudimental Divine Science</i> |
| Un - <i>Unity of Good</i> | Chr - <i>Christ and Christmas</i> |
| Po - <i>Poems</i> | |
- 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

**The individual Christian Scientist *is*
the Christian Science sentinel.**





MARY BAKER EDDY

Our Mother in Israel



THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST

“WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL – WATCH” JESUS

THE DOMINANT POWER

“THERE is no frigate like a book to take us lands away.” True adventure stories have always been of much greater interest to us than television or movies, and we read a great many of them. Some three decades ago we read one such book based largely upon the fishing industry in the Gulf of Alaska. The author had joined the crew of a halibut schooner to gain authentic information from experience.

Hatred

The ship had mechanical fish-catching equipment that went deep and brought up the catch on numerous hooks. The fishermen removed them, saving the halibut and tossing whatever else they caught back into the ocean. At one time they brought up a squid. The author wrote that in all his life he had never seen such hatred as he saw in the eyes of that squid.

The Little Book

I recall very vividly that as we read those words, I thought immediately of Mrs. Eddy's statement in *Science and Health* about the angel with the little book in his hand whose right foot was upon the sea, "upon elementary, latent error, the source of all error's visible forms." At that time I did not differentiate between a dominant power and a secondary power, but I was deeply grateful that the angel's right foot was upon the sea and that because of Mary Baker Eddy I knew that was true.

Symbols

"Spiritual teaching must always be by symbols." (S&H 575:14) Our Leader has given us a great many symbols in our textbook such as a circle symbolizes infinity without beginning or end, and the sea is elementary, latent error.

A New Channel

When Mrs. Eddy brought forth *Christ and Christmas* in 1893, this gave her another avenue for depicting symbols in her spiritual teaching. It takes study and pondering to find these symbols and a great deal more pondering to gain their meaning, but it is a very rewarding study.

A Secondary Power

Most of the illustrations in her illustrated poem are rectangular. One, alone, is circular which tells us that the ninth picture symbolizes infinity without beginning and without end. Does not her depiction of "Christian Unity" represent the First and Second Coming of Christ? The exposed left feet of Christ Jesus and Christ Mary lead us to *Science and Health*, page 559: "The angel's left foot was upon the earth; that is, a secondary power was exercised upon visible error and audible sin." (559:6)

We have learned that the Christ healing power is a secondary power. What is the dominant power?

Typeface

When the first copy of the first edition of *Christ and Christmas* was delivered to Pleasant View, Mrs. Eddy had James Gilman, her artist at the easel, sit beside her on a couch and they went through the book together. Gilman wrote in his diary that at that time Mrs. Eddy pointed out to him the different styles of typeface (font) that she had used for the text which accompanied the illustrations. This caught my attention, for I knew at that time it was normal to select one font or typeface for a book and to use it throughout the book.

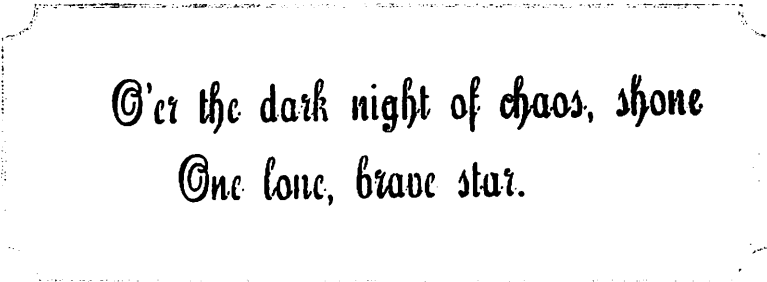
Six Fonts

The use of multiple fonts must be a symbol with a purpose. When I obtained a copy of the first edition of *Christ and Christmas* and studied all the typeface, I found that Mrs. Eddy had used five different styles of type in addition to the sixth (or first) which was used throughout the book for the entire poem. There had to be a message here.

No Page Numbers

As I studied the five different styles of type she had used I found that she had used the first differing typeface on only two illustrations. The second was used with four pictures; the third with two; and the fourth with one, alone. The fifth and last typeface accompanied two illustrations. Where was all of this leading me? I believe my Leader was telling me to consider all of the illustrations in a sequence differing from the order in which they are placed in the book. That, too, could very well be her reason for not numbering the pages in *Christ and Christmas*.

Back to the first of her five differing styles of typeface. It accompanies the first illustration "Star of Bethlehem" and states:

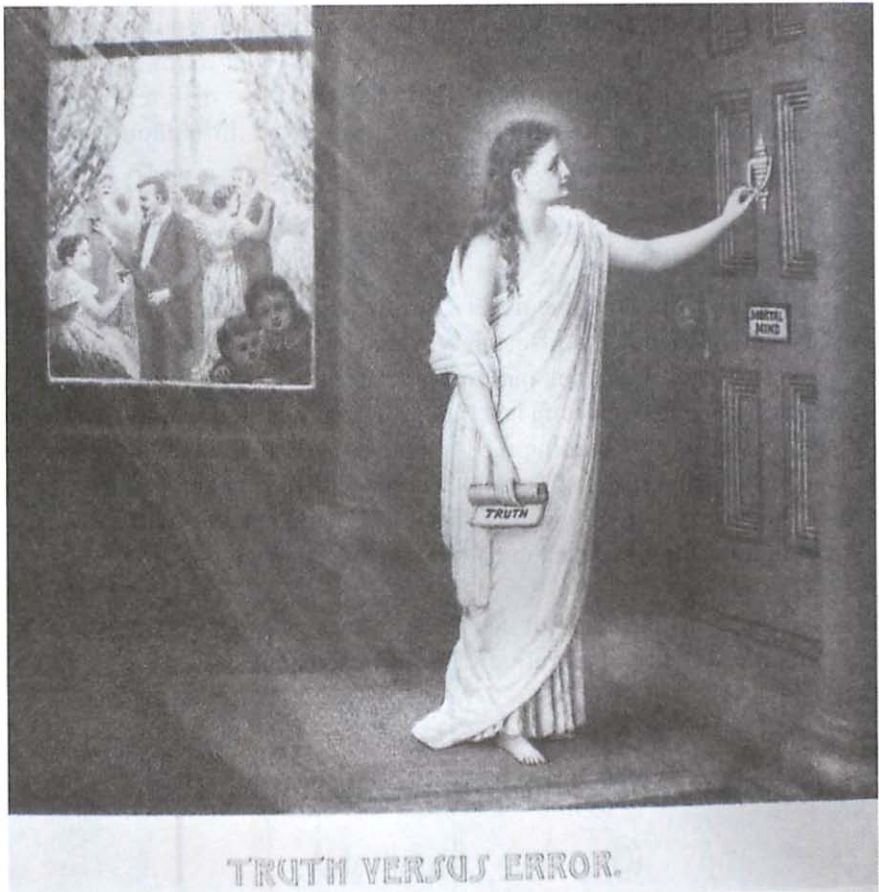


O'er the dark night of chaos, shone
One lone, brave star.

In the book order, we go from the first illustration, "Star of Bethlehem," to the second illustration, "Christ Healing." Now we have learned that Christ healing is a secondary power symbolized by the left foot upon the earth, a secondary power "exercised upon visible error and audible sin."

New Sequence

In the new sequence that the first typeface gives us, it takes us from the first picture to the tenth, from the "Star of Bethlehem" to "Truth versus Error." And lo, we find that Truth's *right* foot is exposed!

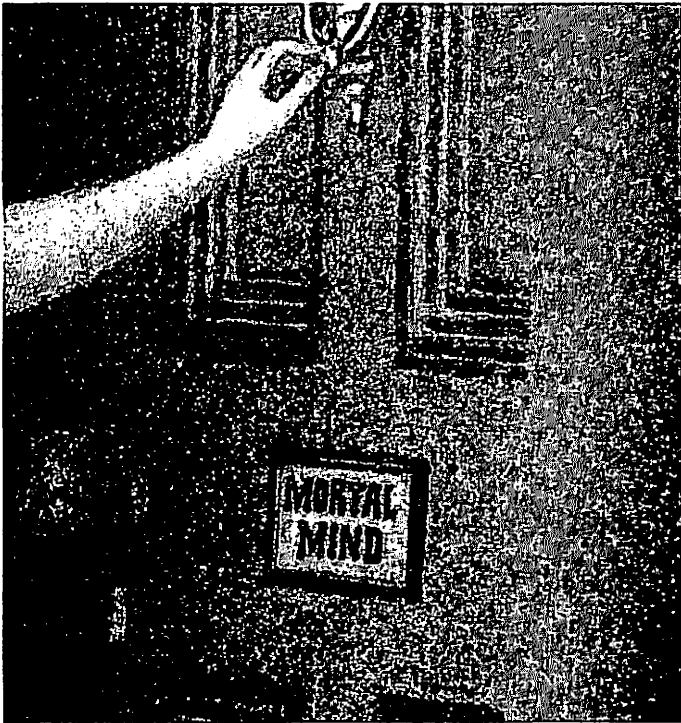


TRUTH *VERSUS* ERROR

Our textbook tells us that the right foot, or dominant power, is upon “elementary, latent error, the source of all error’s visible forms.”

The Christ healing power, the secondary power, symbolized by the left foot was “exercised upon visible error and audible sin.” Then the dominant power of divine Science symbolized by the right foot must be exercised upon *invisible* error and *inaudible* sin.

This scene of Mary, Truth, knocking at the door of mortal mind unseen and unheeded by all except the child-thought, is a portrayal of the earth mission of God’s Chosen Witness to all mankind.

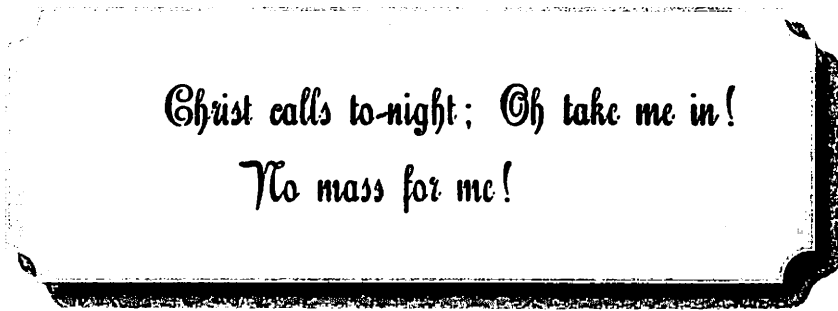


Left Hand

It is interesting to note that God’s Chosen Witness, the Messenger of Truth, is knocking on the door of mortal mind with her left hand.

Early in their work on the illustrations Mrs. Eddy described this scene to James Gilman in great detail. Then she gave to Laura Sargent, her companion, the task of looking through the photographs at Pleasant View to find some youthful photos of herself (Mary) to give to Mr. Gilman for his work on this picture. God's Messenger had so inspired James with her description of Truth knocking at the door of mortal mind together with all of the details to be included in the scene, that he came back very quickly with an exquisite rendition. Mrs. Eddy was greatly pleased, and Mr. Gilman never saw the youthful photographs.

Nonetheless this scene portrays the mission of Mary Baker Eddy bringing the dominant power of divine Science to mortal mind described in her first typeface thus:



*Christ calls to-night; Oh take me in!
No mass for me!*

When mortal mind is believing itself to be sick, suffering or dying it may be receptive to the Christ healing power. When mortal mind is dancing, drinking, partying, the child-thought alone is aware that Truth is knocking at the door.

Become as Little Children

If we would comprehend the dominant power of divine Science that Truth has brought to us, we must become as little children. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fating together; and a little child shall lead them." (Is 11:6)

The Seventh Picture

Mrs. Eddy's fourth differing font, — the one used on a single illustration, — was used on the seventh plate only. That scene includes the little child sitting in the light of Spirit, reading Science and Health Key to the Scriptures.

The fourth typeface accompanying this illustration reads:

Life, without birth and without end
Emitting light!

Another point of interest about the seventh illustration is that it has no title. Ten of the eleven illustrations have titles. The seventh is the only one without a title. The caption below this picture reads: "I thank thee, O father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."

I thank thee, O father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou
hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed
them unto babes. Jesus

THE PERFECTION OF THE INDIVIDUALITY OF GOD, MIND

Part V

By

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THROUGH the Bible, beginning with the first chapter of Genesis, the truth of God and man appears. Moses saw on the Horeb Height God revealed as the I AM THAT I AM. That Truth or covenant was established and needed only to be accepted and wrought out in life-practice. In the Apocalypse we understand the Lamb which sat on the Throne of God to be this understanding of the I AM THAT I AM, which is defined in the book on The Apocalypse by Edith Armstrong Hoyt as the Mind of man. The Revelation of John contained in this book devolves, revolves, around this idea: and as the I AM THAT I AM, or the true basis of all thought and demonstration, enters into every phase of life or experience, the chips begin to fall if we hew to the line. As we understand The Apocalypse in this way, the visions of John are clearly understood — for what he depicts in vivid pictures are the chips falling away from the true standard of living in all departments of life, as the Science of being, the I AM THAT I AM, is practiced and understood: and rightly these chips should fall for it is only in this way that there crumbles away false reasoning concerning life. When one is convinced of the reality of the I AM THAT I AM he is not afraid to let the chips fall for nothing is lost or can be lost that is real; only that is being eliminated that should be eliminated.

Now someone may say, “Suppose you see something very clearly and know what should be done but find it impossible to carry it out? What would you do?” Does that proposition of mortal thinking change the unalterable Principle of existence, the Science of being? No. Then my position would be clear. I will stick to the Principle of my being and if the situation involves me and another individual, this understanding would bring about a separation if we disagreed, as

Abraham and Lot's parting, but with no enmity — each to demonstrate his understanding of the Life that is God, now, not shall be.

If more than two persons are involved, even in a majority decision, I will state my proposition even if I am the only one in the group thinking that way. If I should be in a minority, I shall abide by the decision of the majority, but I never change what I know to be correct from my own standpoint of experience so from then on as far as I am concerned the majority decision is not right and there I stand — I can do no otherwise — for if I do I am not true to myself. But this mental stand keeps the light burning, so to speak, even in the midst of adversity or having to go along with some things of which we do not approve. What else could the statement in the Bible mean which reads: "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit, or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" "If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." (Ps 139:7-10)

Whatever is right to you or me based upon the fixed rule of "perfect God and perfect man" must so remain. We cannot concede or relinquish our understanding of some subject in order to bring about a settlement. We may walk with him to Emmaus, but while we are walking we are resolutely and firmly fixed. We may sacrifice one cheek and we may turn the other, but even so we remain fixed in our decision in what we believe to be right. Again, in this way, the light keeps shining midst the seeming darkness, but we never concede. Only when we are wrong and it is so proved, do we change a position; but if not, such a solution can only come about by being firm in what we think we know.

Think on the lives of Jesus, Mary Baker Eddy, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and many others who have left the world better than they found it, if I may say it that way. At Valley Forge when the troops and Washington were not being fed or equipped by the government, the men wanted to give up the struggle. Washington said in words to this effect, "Leave if you must but I am remaining." Think what that little steadfast beam of light did for the world! Washington let the chips fall and in falling right rallied to him, and you know the result.

On the other hand, it is wonderful when two or three are gathered together in His or Her name. The warmth and assurance of such meetings is glorious; but this coming together of the oneness is not a heterogeneous mass of oneness, but

a oneness based on One, the only One, the unity of God and man, Mind manifest, or the individuality of Mind appearing. This demonstration is the house built on the rock, on fixed Principle, goodness, which the winds and waves of mortal thinking cannot shock. It is not the house built on the sand, an ever-moving foundation, nothing fixed or permanent which, of course, is not able to hold together under attack.

Perhaps some of us here today are thinking, "Is not Mrs. LeBlond's question harsh and unloving in saying that we should be willing to work in this way?" If there are, may I say that the condition of thought which one sees every day operating in different avenues of being forces the conclusion that the foundations of shifting sand seem ready to be accepted by persons not firm in the understanding and willingness to stand for what is right, the rock, come what may. This firm understanding never includes personal criticism, never returning evil for good, but rather a definite realization of the question at issue. Scientific criticism is based on perfect Principle — perfect God and perfect man — on the Science of being and has no person in it. It *is* Principle.

During the past year I am sure all of us have seen the motion picture "Martin Luther." The history of the life of Martin Luther graphically depicts what we are unfolding. There was nothing mean or personally critical about him, but what he knew to be right made him steadfast; but at the same time he was personally kind; shall we say, never belligerent. In the midst of almost overwhelming circumstances he never faltered. When confronted with the critical questioning of his opposers, he said, "Here I stand. I can do no otherwise; so help me God!" Mrs. Eddy puts that at the beginning of the chapter entitled "Science of Being" in our textbook. Very appropriate, don't you think?

This Science of my being and your being must stand whether accepted by others or not. In neutralizing error we must remember that we are not neutralizing Truth nor ever attempt to in endeavoring to arrive at a conclusion. Truth is the Truth and it never fails. Our textbook declares, "Christian Science acts as an alterative, neutralizing error with Truth." "The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind." (S&H 162:5-7,9) Can you imagine Science and Health taking a half-way position with anything that this Science is correcting? It is even ridiculous to state; but what of us? Now let us name a few things which confront thought today;

analyze them according to this basic law of consciousness — perfect God and perfect man.

This country was established as a Republic. Benjamin Franklin so stated when he was asked by a lady after the Constitutional Convention, “What kind of a government have we, Dr. Franklin?” and he replied, “A Republic, madam, if we can keep it.” Well, we kept it for about 115 years or up to about 1898 when the tendency to change into a democracy began to show itself. A Republic provides for the sovereignty of the individual, and as one historian says, “Throws around the individual the solemn circle of the law.” Another writer says that the “individual is the pivotal point in the government of the Republic.” This concept allows the individual to work out his own salvation without interference from the government. To insure the freedom of the individual, the Republic includes the principle of checks and balances. I might insert here that there is a definite similarity between the Constitution of the United States and the Manual of The Mother Church and the forms of government they set forth in their respective fields. These two documents on this of comparative study would be a good thing to do this year.

To return to my point, the essential principle of the Republic is its checks and balances among the three branches of government — legislative, judicial, and administrative. If these three branches are not kept in perfect check and balance each with the other, the Republic is in danger and the ensuing result of not maintaining the checks and balances is the loss of individual freedom. For over fifty years we have been gradually chipping away the rock on which our Republic was built, and in the last twenty years particularly we have almost abandoned entirely the principle of checks and balances. Even today the executive branch of the government is over-balanced and top-heavy. It is assuming too much power which should rightfully belong to the legislative branch. The executive branch endeavors to initiate what it thinks the people would like instead of leaving the initiation of legislation to Congress and contenting itself with the administration of such legislation.

We can see that the failure of our people to hew to the line in maintaining the constitutional principles of the Republic, checks and balances, has resulted in the changing of our form of government in its practical application. With the form changed, we next find that the type of legislation enacted and insisted upon by the people themselves

is completely contrary to our premise “perfect God and perfect man.” Such things as social security, socialized housing, socialized medicine, subsidies; in fact, any interference in business or the lives of individuals conflicts with our perfect concept of God and man. Should the government do anything for the individual? Do you believe the kingdom of God is within the individual or in the government? According to your answer to this question is your acceptance or rejection of the governmental laws just mentioned.

Now we can see that the failure to hew to the line of understanding that the kingdom of God is within each individual has produced Socialism in our beloved America. Should we not be ashamed of ourselves as a nation to have failed our Founding Fathers in such a manner? As Christian Scientists we should be more ashamed for at least we have the Science of being clearly before us. Under no circumstances should any Christian Scientist have supported any of the foregoing pieces of legislation, and yet I am sorry to say our Movement was most remiss in not objecting. The average American has allowed the truth of his being to be neutralized instead of his neutralizing the error by insisting he can work out all these national problems from the premise of the Kingdom of God within him.

Association Address - 1954
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CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS

AND MATTHEW 13:33

AT first glance, picture Number One in *Christ and Christmas* presents a celestial view, — the “lone brave star” with dark cloud formations well-distanced. However, a closer examination of the clouds, which seem

to vanish into light as they approach the bright luminary, changed the viewpoint. Now there appeared to be a leavening process taking place, and Matthew 13:33 came to mind. "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." The clouds no longer looked like clouds, for they became lumps of kneaded dough in which yeast was hidden. They were seen as, *First*: Science, represented as a Madonna with child; *Second*: Theology, represented by an aged theologian; *Third*: Medicine, represented by a moustached head inclined. The heavily darkened appearance of each suggested that their spiritual laws were perverted at this stage of thought. Today we rejoice over the second appearing in the flesh, showing us that the seeming perversion can be removed by the Science of Christ, the leaven, and that the spiritual laws of Science, Theology, and Medicine are perfect and operating in our experience when applied.

Surely of interest are the sequential pictures Number Six, Number Seven, and Number Eight voicing Science, Theology, and Medicine (in that order). One cannot deny that all have one thing in common, — the need to leaven thought regarding the measurement of time, that time is not a concomitant for achieving, but a stronghold of error which must be overcome. As the viewer touches the hem of Truth's garment, which the artist has taken license to exaggerate, picture Number Six reveals the fullness of the identity of the discoverer and founder of Christian Science. She bridged over time-honored systems and proved there is no palsy. Picture Number Seven contrasts the old man held in darkness with the aged theologian in plate Number One. Picture Number Eight, has no star because it is a danger zone. Substituting personalized prayer for medicine, the open book, has bound the heavily mustached man, symbolized in plate Number One, into a state of protracted healing. The foregoing comments are merely one viewpoint of what can be grasped through the spiritual leavening process.

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SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATIONS

Part III

By

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WE have considered "Translation" from the viewpoint that Christian Science, understood, translates matter, or states and stages of human thought, into Mind; now, let us consider "Translation" from the opposite viewpoint.

Mrs. Eddy says, *Miscellaneous Writings* (22:10), "Christian Science translates Mind, God, to mortals." That is, Christian Science translates God, Mind, meaning all Reality, to mortals. We know, of course, that God, Mind, cannot be matter or a mode of mortal thought, but God, Mind, gives us spiritual ideas, and Christian Science translates these spiritual ideas, or realities, into mortal thought as good things which the human mind can understand.

Jesus translated spiritual ideas, or spiritual facts, into loaves and fishes for the multitude, into tax money for Peter; into the wine for the wedding feast. These examples of the Master show us that it is possible to receive, in its visible form, any spiritual fact or idea in which one can function, while yet in human consciousness.

Many of us seem slow in reaching a satisfactory solution of our daily problems; slow in making our own demonstrations; and slow in giving the proof to others that there is a wealth of desirable things at hand. When it comes to a wealth or an abundance of health and joy and peace, and supply, our proof of Christ, or Reality in our midst, seems very meager. This, of course, is a result of a meager understanding of certain spiritual facts. (*Unity of Good* 61:22-25)

We all need fully to understand that all things or all creation is not to be separated into two groups, one group spiritual and the other group material. Mrs. Eddy says (*S&H* 369:21), "Jesus knew that man has not two lives, one to be destroyed and the other to be made

indestructible.” Jesus knew that the God-Life is all there is to the so-called human life; and that the divine idea is all there is to so-called material good things.

And we need to know that creation, that is, all things, is ONE CREATION; and that all things are spiritual, no matter in what state or stage of human growth we are in. The living God made heaven and earth and the sea, and all things that are therein, and everything in creation is exactly the same at this moment as God conceived it; it is good and very good and it is spiritual. There can be nothing outside or beside or unlike the all-inclusive ONE-INFINITY.

When rightly viewed, all natural things, from the sands on the seashore to the stars in the heavens, are formations of Spirit and are spiritual. So, also, is everything from a pin to a palace, including houses, and lands, and money, when these are correctly understood. Mrs. Eddy says (S&H 70:12), “The divine Mind maintains all identities from a blade of grass to a star, as distinct and eternal.” Then a star, which to one state of human consciousness is inanimate matter, when rightly viewed, is an identity or is identical with Mind, Spirit, and must be spiritual. The whole point at issue is our individual viewpoint.

To the most of us, the sand on the seashore would seem very inanimate and material, but to Jesus it would not seem so. Mrs. Eddy says (Mis 74:13), “Christ Jesus’ sense of matter was the opposite of that which mortals entertain.” Then what to us is material, must have been, to Jesus, spiritual.

There is an old legend taken from the Aquarian Gospel, which tells of Jesus when he was seven years old. He was telling the people who had gathered before his home, of a dream. He said, “I had a dream, and in my dream I stood before a sea, upon a sandy beach. The waves upon the sea were high; a storm was raging on the deep. Someone above gave me a wand. I took the wand and touched the sand, and every grain of sand became a living thing; the beach was all a mass of beauty and song. I touched the waters at my feet and they were changed to trees and flowers and singing birds, and everything was praising God. I heard a voice which said, ‘There is no death. The sea of life rolls high; the storms are great. The multitude of men are idle, listless, waiting, like dead sands upon the beach. Your wand is Truth. With this, you touch the multitudes and every man becomes a

messenger of holy light and life. You touch the waves upon the sea of life; their turmoil ceases; the very winds become a song of praise. There is no death, because the wand of truth can change the driest bones to living things and bring the loveliest flowers from stagnant ponds; and turn the most discordant notes to harmony and praise.” (Valley— Glossary, S&H 596)

To Jesus, things at hand were not inanimate, material things. This legend illustrates the fact that everything at hand, when viewed correctly, is spiritual Reality. With our wand of Truth, these spiritual facts can be translated into concrete, visible forms which we can understand, and into human experiences which are needful. “Our heavenly Father knoweth that we have need of these things.” Such things as health and sight and beauty and food and clothing and homes and friends and money.

It is very important to know that these are not two groups of creation, but that all things are spiritual.

Since there is only one group of creation, and all is spiritual reality, then it is very necessary that we understand that the concrete, visible expressions of these realities is the spiritual fact of Reality itself, even though these visible forms appear as human sight, food, home, or a friend, or money.

How different would man and the universe be to us, if we would let this sense of separation of the human concept or material thing, and the divine idea, be swallowed up in unity, and see that loaves and fishes, the money and the wine, as the spiritual fact at hand, through the discernment of the reality of what the material senses behold.

Divine realities and their concrete expressions in human good co-exist, they are ONE AND THE SAME THING. Let each one become aware and conscious of this great fact.

“The spiritual ideas” that God gives us, and their translated daily supplies, are a unit; indivisible and inseparable. As one gains the more glorified concept of Substance and its accessibility, things will be seen in their finer and more etherealized form, quality and beauty. Let us accept the fact that Reality is present in the very place where we stand. Reality is the divine Substance or Truth within us, or is our state of consciousness

which we may utilize to fill our every need. It is right for us to translate these divine ideas, or spiritual facts, into concrete, visible forms and bring them to human sight and sense.

Humanity is, at present, functioning only partially in the completeness and abundance of Reality, so to sight and to sense, our abundance of good appears to come gradually. Our infinite Good, to human sense, is only partially seen and, therefore, only partially utilized and demonstrated.

It is only as we lift our vision above the realm of appearances, and function in the spiritual fact of abundance, as at hand, here and now, that we can bring the spiritual fact of abundance into tangible expression, and the good things that we desire.

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THE MISSION OF MARY BAKER EDDY

A Wakening Mission

JESUS' mission was a wakening mission to rouse a slumbering world. And he was sent not to all mankind, but only to Abraham's seed, – to those seeking the holy city. When one to whom he was not sent appealed to him for healing his response was, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matt 15:24)

Jesus gave examples of overcoming the so-called mortal laws of lack, limitation, time, space, gravity. But mortal thought was most impressed with healing the sick, raising the dead, and overcoming death.



SEEKING AND FINDING

The picture, "Seeking and Finding," tells us that her work uncovered the serpent, and the words accompanying the picture tell us that this understanding was "dearly sought with fierce heart-beats."

From our textbook we have learned that the right foot symbolizes dominant power and the left foot a secondary power. Could this same symbolism of dominant and secondary apply to the right and left hand? In this illustration Mrs. Eddy's left hand is very obvious and her right hand is definitely out of sight.

In "Christ Healing," plate number two in *Christ and Christmas*, Jesus' right hand is extended toward the patient. His left hand is extended toward the light, the spiritual healing power. In plate number six, "Christian Science Healing," this is reversed. Mrs. Eddy's right hand is pointing to the light, the Principle and power of healing, while her left hand is extended toward the patient. The robe on Mrs. Eddy's shoulders is white. The robe on Jesus' shoulders is black.

Jesus cast out demons in his healing work. He was well aware of evil and called it the devil, a liar, Satan, Lucifer. And he said, "The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me." (John 14:30)

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Each Christian Science practitioner advertising in our columns has signed his or her name to the following statement:

"I am one hundred percent in agreement with Christian Science as discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy, as exemplified in her life and works, and as set forth in her book Science and Health. I acknowledge Mary Baker Eddy as the God-anointed and God-appointed Revelator to this age. I also acknowledge it to be a 'special offence' to represent falsely by word or work our Leader and Pastor Emeritus (Church Manual, Article XI, Section 12). And I am in agreement with the demand of her Church that a member shall not practise or teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in its textbook Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures (Article XII, Section 12). I further aver that I do not practise or teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in Mrs. Eddy's last (1910) edition of Science and Health."

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THE MISSION OF MARY BAKER EDDY - continued from page 22

Mrs. Eddy had two distinct nine-year periods in her missionary work. The first was from 1866, her discovery of Christian Science, to 1875, her publication of *Science and Health*. The second nine-year period began in 1871 when the great Red Dragon appeared in her experience. And it ended in 1880 when she said that she had fully fathomed evil. If not by that time, surely very soon thereafter, our Leader knew that her mission was to expose the wickedness, the elementary latent error, that she had fully fathomed and to dethrone the evil that claimed to be the prince of this world. She fulfilled her mission.

Our mission is to seek and find her footprints, and to follow them.

To
The patient, glad toilers in the vineyard of our
Lord, I lovingly dedicate my *Footprints*.

—Mary Baker Eddy

Footprints that perhaps another
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Longfellow— *A Psalm of Life*

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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.

I am so grateful for every issue of TICS. In the April 2015 issue, Scientific Revelation by Martha Wilcox has been very enlightening.

Luba Lakusky
Youngstown, Ohio

Something beautiful was revealed to me the morning of February 26 when pondering the first picture in Christ and Christmas, and I cannot resist sharing it with you.

The thought came that picture Number One is embryonic, the Genesis of the discovery of Christian Science. So, I wondered if this scene is what Agassiz actually saw when he peered through a microscope at the vulture's egg, though he misinterpreted it. The answer was

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

—Mary Baker Eddy—

“yes!”, for Science and Health fell open automatically to page 561, naming Agassiz. Then I wondered if Mrs. Eddy’s statement about “the seed is in itself” refers at all to plate Number One. Again the answer was “yes!” because with one flip, the book opened to, “But the seed is in itself, only as the divine Mind is All and reproduces all – as Mind is the multiplier, and Mind’s infinite idea, man and the universe, is the product.” (p 508: 2-5) Then I wondered if picture Number One transitioned into picture Number Two. Returning to page 561, the answer was “yes!” which reads at the end of the paragraph bearing Agassiz’s name, “To John, ‘the bride’ and ‘the Lamb’ represented the correlation of divine Principle and spiritual idea, God and His Christ, bringing harmony to earth.”

Name withheld by request

Thank you...for every issue of TICS...

I do have 2 questions and would be most interested to receive any thoughts, insights or experiences you can relay regarding two items...

1. In the latest issue of TICS you refer to reptilians 3 times. I am aware from books, publications, the internet and individual accounts of such beings. My question is have you had any encounter, experience, or communications with these beings (beyond media accounts) and what, if any form did they take; including what, if any message was communicated?

2. Mrs. Eddy states: “Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual...if suffering from a belief in sickness you will find yourself suddenly well.” She also talks about “one moment of divine consciousness”.

My question here is: In your experience, what would you recommend as the most effective way to “become conscious for a single moment” to attain that “one moment of divine consciousness”?

David Coote
Monument, Colorado

Answer: We were very pleased to receive the informative article “Then and Now” which uses the term “reptilians.” We feel that the word reptilian is simply the adjectival form of the noun, reptile; but

we left it as written in the event that it is being used as a noun today. Reptiles symbolize the serpentine sense of evil that our Leader has uncovered for us. In her vision of 1872, she knew she had to go to the very bottom of the sea ("elementary, latent error"). At the bottom "horrible reptiles" hissed around her. The word serpent indicates this evil wickedness in both Mrs. Eddy's writings and in the Bible.

Jesus told us to be "wise as serpents." And our Leader tells us that "The wisdom of a serpent is to hide itself. The wisdom of God, as revealed in Christian Science, brings the serpent out of its hole, handles it, and takes away its sting." (Mis 210:11)

Christ Jesus foresaw the mission of Christ Mary when he said, "They shall take up serpents." Every advanced student of Christian Science has learned something about handling malicious animal magnetism. But a Scientist does not communicate with error. His communion is solely with divine Mind. "I will listen for Thy voice."

When we begin to see the tremendous work of our Leader in uncovering, handling, and nullifying malicious mind, we truly begin to appreciate her words in *Miscellaneous Writings*: "He who has faith in woman's special adaptability to lead on Christian Science, will not be shocked when she puts her foot on the head of the serpent, as it biteth at the heel." (210:15)

2. "Humility is the door, honesty is the way and spirituality is the summit." (DCC 10:5)

The prayer unceasing to be used on all occasions and at all times lays the axe at the root of unreality, materiality. "There is no matter and no mortal mind. God is All-in-all. All is harmony, health, holiness." (DCC 63:30)

Reviewing frequently the question, "What is man?" and its answer on page 475 of Science and Health is very helpful. Giving special thought to the statement therein, "that which has no separate mind from God;" and refusing to have a separate mind from the divine Mind, closes the door on aggressive mental suggestion. It also affirms the statement in the Christian Scientists Prayer that there is no mortal mind.

A LETTER
FROM OUR LEADER

May 1, 1907

My darling Student:

Yours read and understood. Now let me forewarn you to make no more investigations at the White House, and send no more of my publications nor those of other Scientists there — till the new President is elected, whoever he be, and not then. Remember this that I charge you, viz., avoid being identified pro or con in politics. If you do otherwise, it will hinder our cause, remember this. Keep out of the reach of such subjects. Give all your attention to the moral and spiritual status of the race. God alone is capable of government; you are not, I am not, but God has governed through His anointed and appointed one in the way of divine Science, — not politics nor the making or breaking of national laws or institutions. He, God alone is capable of this. (TFL 367)

[Written to Augusta E. Stetson]

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CORRECTION

A transposition in the last issue of TICS, April, 2015 — On page 12, the first sentence in the article “Then and Now” should read: “Science only can explain the incredible good and evil elements now coming to the surface.” — not “Science can only...”

The manhood and womanhood of God have been revealed.



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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*

