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INTRODUCTION

It is becoming well known that our thinking determines our experience. But when we are in need of help and healing, how do we change how we think? This change comes when our understanding of Christian Science spiritualizes the inmost thoughts. Through study and prayer we learn that we are each independently dependent on God for all things. He brings into our experience all the good that belongs to us. This spiritual enlightenment unfolds first in the heart of consciousness, and then objectifies itself in better health, greater supply, and happier relationships.

These four addresses by Helen Spangler take us beneath the surface of our thinking into the inner thoughts where we find that infinite good is ours as we realize that God is the great Giver. Whether the good we are seeking is health, friendship, or supply, it unfolds first through a better understanding of God and our relationship to Him. It begins subjectively.

Helen Spangler is especially clear on demonstrating our needs by seeking them first in the inmost thoughts. She shows how this inner self can be permeated with spiritual understanding. On reading her addresses, it is obvious that she writes from understanding and not from theory.

Very little is known about Mrs. Spangler. That she was an outstanding teacher is obvious from reading her addresses. She was married and had two daughters. A friend gave her *Science and Health*, and it has been said that once she opened the book she never put it down. She had Christian Science class instruction from George Shaw Cook, and was a practitioner and teacher in Los Angeles, California, from the 1930s until 1964. Many articles by her were published in the Christian Science periodicals. She did extraordinary healing work. She once said she had seen everything

healed but leprosy. Soon after that a leper came to be healed, and she healed him.

Each year Mrs. Spangler taught a class of thirty students and held a meeting of her association of students. She wrote an original address to read on this special day. Only eight of her addresses were printed and distributed to her students. The first four have been published in the book, *Man's Relationship to God*. In these last four addresses she continues to define with special insight her understanding of the subjective nature of being.

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In Genesis we read, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. . . . And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. . . . Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them." Now you know just how old I am, and I know how old you are. And that is finished. A beginning suggests an ending, so I like to think, "In the eternal, God unfolded His Being as man and the universe."

Jesus said, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." He also said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the *words* that I speak unto you, *they are spirit, and they are life.*" Our consecration is to really understand and know God, and thus gain the unfoldment of Life here and now. We know that God is all that exists at this moment, and He is all that ever has existed, for *He is All.*

Our revered Leader tells us in *Miscellaneous Writings*: "The man Jesus demonstrated over sin, sickness, disease, and death. The great Metaphysician wrought, over and above every sense of matter, into the proper sense of the possibilities of Spirit. He established health and harmony, the perfection of mind and body, as the reality of man; while discord, as seen in disease and death, was to him the opposite of man, hence the unreality; even as in Science a chord is manifestly the reality of music, and discord the unreality. This rule of harmony must be accepted as true relative to man. . . . The origin, substance, and life of man are one, and that one is God, — Life, Truth, Love. The self-existent, perfect, and eternal are God; and man is their reflection and glory."

Unless otherwise noted, all quotations by Mary Baker Eddy are from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.*

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To know God, is man. It is not man that is knowing, but Mind knowing — that *is* man. “Man is the expression of God’s being.” Then, God expressing Himself is man. The divine Life is the activity of God in His own creation. “Man is not absorbed in Deity, and man cannot lose his individuality, for he reflects eternal Life; nor is he an isolated, solitary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all substance. In divine Science, man is the true image of God.” These are not just beautiful statements. They are expressing to you your real selfhood, your real being. They deserve much study, contemplation, realization, and demonstration.

Man is like Mind, in which idea has its being and perfection. Man is the evidence of eternity. He is love manifested, not just loving. He is exactly like Soul, spiritual consciousness manifested in beauty, grandeur, nobility, humility. They not only belong to man; they *are* man.

Mind is Father-Mother of the universe. Ideas are His children. We exist as ideas, not as people with ideas. Jesus left no body behind in the ascension. His so-called material body, being only a belief, an illusion, a human concept, there was nothing to leave behind.

Law is the very force and function of our being. Everything we know concerning God is law. Law is the nature of God made active. Law is the activity of God in His own creation.

A man’s possessions are the result of his thinking, and not something beyond his control. Jesus was the richest man the world has ever known. His resources were so inexhaustible that property of every description was valueless to him. He knew that the only form of limitation was the false human sense of divine Mind. He eliminated man’s belief of matter-body in the elimination of disease, just as he removed the limitation of food to feed the five thousand. Mr. Kimball wrote: “Take your Scientific Statement of Being. There you have a total denial of matter, but not a denial of man or body. You have, too, the declaration of the allness of God, infinite Mind; this sums up the whole thing. You neither deny man,

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nor man's expression, nor his individuality, but you deny the basic lie which says that man or the universe was ever put into matter." Jesus had in his understanding of Principle, the Principle of producing mentally everything he needed. He knew that "all is infinite Mind, and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all."

God's way is always simple, clear, and direct. Argument does not heal; Truth heals. The essential thing is to see the perfection and eternity of man as God's likeness, and the perfect ever-present activity of law. We must annihilate the thought that there is any cause or source of disease, or any power to produce it, any man to manifest it, or any substance for it to act or thrive upon.

That which governs the universe and man, that which keeps everything in its right place, expressing perpetual harmony and activity, may seem to be material, may seem to have a material finite motion; but, since God is omni-action, the only creator, the only Mind, the only governing power, that which gives everything life, being, activity, which continues everything forever, is necessarily *God*, the only power and presence. This infinite Mind embodies its ideas, and this is the body of God. Since man reflects this divine body, in which there is no evil mind to be objectified as pain, disease, imperfection, or inflammation, this body is eternally healthy, complete, and perfect.

Thoughts are things. Mrs. Eddy tells us: "Metaphysics resolves things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul." Mind is not expressed in things, but in thoughts. Thoughts are not what they may seem to be, but are infinitely beautiful, glorious, active, and harmonious. "The myriad forms of mortal thought, made manifest as matter, are not more distinct nor real to the material senses than are the Soul-created forms to spiritual sense, which cognizes Life as permanent. Undisturbed amid the jarring testimony of the material senses, Science, still enthroned, is unfolding to mortals the immutable, harmonious, divine Principle, — is unfolding Life and the universe, ever present and eternal." Everything in the universe is idea and exists eternally. What seems

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to human sense to be the destruction of error, is false, for it has always been just error, nothing, an illusion.

In *Miscellany* Mrs. Eddy gives us a very clear understanding of our relation to God when she says, "If we say that the sun stands for God, then all his rays collectively stand for Christ, and each separate ray for men and women." So each ray reflects all the qualities of the sun, and man, as divine idea, reflects all the qualities of God, in quality, but not in quantity. Each ray hasn't a little light of its own, but it directly reflects the light and heat of the sun. Let us remember that the sun reflects itself in its wholeness through the rays; so we cannot help but reflect all the qualities of God in their entirety. This leaves no excuse for exhaustion or being tired as a result of giving out *good*.

This unfolds to us the fact that the wholeness, allness, completeness, harmony, eternity, and goodness of divine Mind, God, Spirit, do not have to be demonstrated in human experience in order to be true. They are self-evident facts whether humanly known to be so or not. Likewise, the perfection and immortality of man are eternal facts and require no human proof or confirmation. Acceptance of these facts confers an assurance nothing else can, and it is by knowing and holding on to these facts in the face of all the arguments and pictures to the contrary in the nature of discord, pain, and disease, that we prove our understanding and make our demonstration of our oneness with God.

Accept these grand facts — that there is no matter, no evil, nothing to fear, nothing to cognize it or express it, nothing to sustain or manifest it. From this standpoint we see that all thoughts, or things, in the universe at this moment, come from the almighty Power. They are maintained, vitalized, directed, and governed by *itself* — the everlasting God, good. Thoughts are things. Mind is not expressed in things, but in thoughts. Let us watch our thoughts, not watch with matter, error.

All there is to a so-called human organ is the living, active idea of Truth, and this Truth is the only substance. We seem to

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have many organs because the one infinite spiritual idea of organ is infinitely reflected. Webster gives the definition of organ as "a mental faculty regarded as an instrument of the mind or compared to an organ of the body." The multiplicity is expressed only in mortal phenomena; but the fact is, there is one infinite idea, that is infinitely expressed.

God is my God, and He is the all-seeing Mind, and that is my all-seeing Mind. Every organ is a sound organ because it is the reflection of a sound Mind. What appears to be functioning in our body as many organs, or ideas, is the reflection of divine Mind reflected infinitely. The function of an idea is the continuous expression of Mind. Life is the one-seeing, one-hearing, one-thinking, and one-acting Mind manifested infinitely and eternally. There is one Mind, one God, one body, and this must be our body, for God is our present God, Mind is our present Mind, which must be eternally active and eternally perfect. We must be conscious of this fact of spiritual body, and always connect it with its divine source, and always recognize that it is the divine fact at hand, regardless of the physical appearance of an opposite. It is not through spiritualization of body, for body is eternally spiritual and perfect as God made it, but it is through the spiritualization of our sense of body that we gain harmonious action and functioning. Mrs. Eddy says: "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick" – *the sick view of man*.

It is interesting to note how eyes or seeing is used in healing. "Jesus beheld [sight] in Science the perfect man, who appeared [sight] to him where sinning mortal man appears [eyes or sight] to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw [eyes] God's own likeness, and this correct view of man [eyes] healed the sick [view]."

You cannot feel that an idea having such value as eyes, has no tangibility. Yet, one may say, "I cannot see it with my eyes." If there is an association with eyes and seeing, then eyes and seeing

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are one, and the divine Mind that sees its own perfect creation in absolute perfection and sees it forever unfolding, is that same Mind which constitutes all there is to eyes and to seeing. It not only governs eyes, it *is* eyes. Mrs. Eddy defines eyes as “Spiritual discernment — not material but mental.” Let us have an illustration to help us see the real and only man.

A young man came for help and said that his business was a mess and that he was sick through and through. I said to him, “You must see man as spiritual.” He said, “If you were out in the business world, you would realize how difficult that is.” I asked him if he worked five days a week and eight hours a day. He replied, “Yes.” I told him my schedule was seven days a week and twenty-four hours a day, and that very seldom did anyone call me except to voice error, sin, and suffering. He said that he could see that I had the same problem to meet.

I asked him to just assume that he had a million dollar business and wanted someone to take entire charge of it. He agreed that it would be a big job, and would take a big man to handle it. I asked what if a man weighing 275 pounds came in to see him, but he soon found that he was dishonest, would lie, steal, and was immoral and crude. Then, another man weighing 135 pounds came in, and he found him honest, alert, dependable, with good business judgement, moral, and clean. Which man would you choose?” He answered at once, “The last one.” I said, “But you agreed it would be a big job and require *a big man*.” He answered at once, “I chose the *big man*.” He saw at once that he had not considered matter at all, but had seen the spiritual man who reflected the qualities of God — honesty, justice, intelligence, etc., all entirely spiritual qualities, God-qualities. This is spiritual discernment — “eyes.”

You do not have to heal a body which is out of order, since the only body there is, is always in perfect order. The body does not change; that is merely the appearance to finite sense. The only body there is in all its perfection and beauty, exists as the identity of Soul, spiritual consciousness.

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If I have a so-called patient who is sick or diseased and I believe it, I am mesmerized, or dreaming that man is material; and because the testimony is to that effect, I must see it as a dream; and the dream and the dreamer are one. What I am dreaming about man is my dream, my mesmerism. I have no patient to be healed for man is never sick. There is nothing to heal, just the need to awaken from the false material sense of man and the universe. If I keep awake, every mesmeric argument will be annihilated, every lie will be uncovered, every belief of life in matter will be quickened with the Spirit of Truth, for "it is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing."

Jesus never failed in his quickening work. He healed the individual belief, and he healed the multitude. He knew one scientific fact; he knew one man, perfect in God's image, and no mesmeric beliefs found any response or lodgment in his consciousness. A patient comes to you as a dose of mesmerism, or hypnotism, to make you oblivious to God's infinite presence and power as the only presence and the only power. Mrs. Eddy once said, "God has just told me what 'age' is. Age is God's open door to eternal Truth." In *Unity of Good* she said, "The Christian saith, 'Christ (God) died for me, and came to save me;' yet God dies not, and is the ever-presence that neither comes nor goes, and man is forever His image and likeness." She continues, "In Science, Christ never died. In material sense Jesus died, and lived. The fleshly Jesus seemed to die, though he did not. The Truth or Life in divine Science — undisturbed by human error, sin, and death — saith forever, I am the living God, and man is My idea, never in matter, nor resurrected from it! 'Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.' (Luke xxiii:5,6.) Mortal sense, confining itself to matter, is all that can be buried or resurrected."

We must learn to think out from Mind, and *as Mind*. We must drop off these "mental swaddling-clothes," leave the tomb of material sense, come out of the cave of ignorance. The dead are not all buried in graves, but in material beliefs. The only difference

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between the rut of material sense and the grave is that one is deeper than the other. Let us *come to life* as spiritual ideas reflecting all of the qualities of God. We must know constantly what we are, and then love our neighbor as ourselves. Mrs. Eddy tells us that "Love is the liberator," and Paul wrote, ". . . love is the fulfilling of the law." When our consciousness really becomes *Love*, we shall be able to meet the human need of those coming to us for help; for "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." We must cease giving activity to evil in our thinking and see that "Mind, God, is the source and condition of all existence."

If we could clearly see and know the nothingness of all mesmerism and hypnotism, we could handle anything, because that is all error ever is — a false belief in a power apart from God, which breaks every commandment and denies God's omnipotence and omnipresence. We must handle the world thought. God is the only governing power, the only law-maker.

Mind does not function by means of ideas. Mind functions *as ideas*, as consciousness or conscious awareness. We must recognize that a human walks, talks, carries on his daily activities, breathes, rests, and digests his food, *as Mind*, never as matter. When you see a human walking, is it matter or Mind that walks? The function and that which identifies the function is *one*. "No faculty of Mind is lost," hence there is no loss to that which identifies the function, or idea. The body is matter only to those whose state of thought misinterprets substance. "Life, Truth, and Love are [the only] substance. . . . mortality will cease when man beholds himself God's reflection." Giving up the belief that *persons* and *things* are matter, does not destroy persons and things, but brings them into view more clearly as they really are — the manifestation of Mind. "Detach sense from the body, or matter, which is only a form of human belief, and you may learn the meaning of God, or good, and the nature of the immutable and immortal. Breaking away from the mutations of time and sense, you will neither lose the solid objects and ends of life nor your own identity." It is the

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translation of matter into its original language, Mind, which is continually going on as the practice of Christian Science — the unfolding of the incorporeal body.

The seeming restoration of Jesus' material body is the proof of the eternity of individual identity. The incorporeal body which unfolds with the ascension had always been Jesus' body, since he lived the *idea* that "I and my Father are one," which is the ascension. Jesus is recorded as saying, "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." He that lived the fact that "I and my Father [Soul, spiritual consciousness] are one," is keeping his saying, and this is immortality. This living of the ideas of Soul, instead of the beliefs of sense, is the ascension. Paul said, "To be carnally minded is death." Since Jesus' mentality was the Christ, he never knew death. His disciples believed him to be dead. This knowing, this Soul-sense, which was his spiritual or incorporeal idea, body, even when termed material, forced the belief about him to change, and the changing belief made him disappear. They called this the ascension. The dematerialization of thought, or the spiritualization of material beliefs, was the ascension. They could not see him because their material beliefs blinded their eyes. "If a material body — in other words, mortal, material sense -- were permeated by Spirit, that body would disappear to mortal sense, would be deathless." It was only after he broke bread with them, explaining the truth about himself that their eyes were opened, and they recognized him as the self-same Jesus.

Mrs. Eddy speaks of "the spiritual Jesus," which she says was, "The highest human corporeal concept of the divine idea. . . ." These two definitions seem contradictory. We conclude that that which is humanly evident, or believed to be humanly evident, is actually the divine idea appearing to the human sense of seeing. Without the divine idea, there could be no concept. In *No and Yes* Mrs. Eddy tells us: "Jesus' true and conscious being never left heaven for earth. It abode forever above, even while mortals believed it was here. He once spoke of himself (John iii:13) as 'the

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Son of man which is in heaven,' — remarkable words, as wholly opposed to the popular view of Jesus' nature." In other words, the Christ, and what the Christ is believed to be, are really one, since the belief, or highest human concept, is the Christ appearing, or there would be no concept. The only presence is the Christ and the human concept, one and the same Christ Jesus — the belief "reducing to human perception and understanding the Life which is God."

The great progress along mechanical and scientific lines in a material way, has been stupendous, but the progress along spiritual lines has not kept pace with it. The need of the world is to know Christ, to have the Christ-Mind, and to live it. He is our Governor, our government, and He presides over us with divine authority, love, justice, and honesty. His reign is forever, and He refuses to accept another for us, our nation, or any other nation. He is the creator and dictator of the universe, and will be forever.

At this time there is a great necessity for alertness on the part of everyone who is self-governed and has named the name of Christian Science. In our country the political situation has assumed an aspect utterly unlike anything that has ever preceded it. Now, what are we going to do about it? There ought to be no doubt as to what the intention is of certain organizations to gain official ascendancy in the United States and dominate it entirely. We will not handle this if we adopt simply a system of resistance, because we do not fight error as something or somebody, but by clearly knowing its nothingness and the omnipotence and omnipresence of God, Spirit. We know that God has already done all things well, and this is the standpoint of Christian Science. "Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present." Then we can say, "My country, the government of divine Principle; my government, God's government, is now established and it is untouched by any warring elements, so-called political or financial; nothing that can be conceived of in the way of social, religious or political organizations can touch the divine idea." This should awaken us to the arguments of hypnotism and propa-

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ganda, mass-psychology, and the mesmerism sent out over the radio, television and press. Let us know its powerlessness and replace it with the true facts of being. We must claim the divine consciousness, for that alone is what heals.

Having gained a clear understanding of God, we find that our textbook tells us: "The real man being linked by Science to his Maker, mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to God, and to recognize the divine sonship. Christ, Truth, was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of Spirit over the flesh, — to show that Truth is made manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body, healing sickness and destroying sin. . . . Christ presents the indestructible man, whom Spirit creates, constitutes, and governs. Christ illustrates that blending with God, his divine Principle, which gives man dominion over all the earth." This brings out clearly our real being and our oneness with the Christ consciousness.

In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy tells us just how to attain this fact of our being, and it is a wonderful actuality to follow in healing, "Self-renunciation of all that constitutes a *so-called material man*." This means to renounce material birth, material parents, body, possessions, surroundings, etc.; then "the acknowledgment and achievement of his spiritual identity as the child of God, is Science." We acknowledge that we are the children of God, but we must achieve the understanding of that fact, "that opens the very flood-gates of heaven; whence good flows into every avenue of being." Do you see how this would heal any claim of abnormal growth or accumulation of error? "cleansing mortals of all uncleanness" — the belief that you are a mortal — "destroying all suffering," — there is no matter to suffer for you realize you are a spiritual idea — "and demonstrating the true image and likeness. There is no other way under heaven whereby we can be saved, and man be clothed with might, majesty, and immortality." This is very clear. She says, "there is no other way under heaven" — to do it, to be saved.

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“As many as received him,”— accepted the truth of being — “to them gave he power to become the sons of God.” This enables us to claim our divine heritage of eternal life, infinite Mind, divine Love. “The spiritualization of our sense of man opens the gates of paradise that the so-called material senses would close, and reveals man infinitely blessed, upright, pure, and free; having no need of statistics by which to learn his origin and age, or to measure his manhood, or to know how much of a man he ever has been: for, ‘as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.’”

As you study this, it will be of great help to you in healing and in living. Jesus, thinking divinely, acted humanly; and acting humanly, he was divinely propelled and divinely guided. *We may talk in the relative, but we must think in the absolute.*

Man’s government is God; and if governed by God, his possibilities are co-equal with God, for he is the full and perfect expression of God, and he “reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker.” There is no outside to infinity. No one is pure who believes in evil; no one is healthy who believes in disease. Evil, fear, disease, lack, envy, etc., are imposed beliefs which we accept or reject. No matter what mortal man appears to be — what mortal mind argues, what pictures it presents — in actuality, man is a perfect, harmonious, healthy, satisfied, spiritual being. God never made an imperfect, inactive, or useless thing. He made man in His image, the image of eternal Life, divine Mind, infinite Spirit, and that settles it forever. In *Christian Healing* Mrs. Eddy writes: “God is All, and in all; that finishes the question of a good and a bad side to existence.”

Paul’s demonstration on the Isle of Melita was not in destroying the *viper’s power to cause death*; his demonstration was to prove that a *viper is an expression of Mind* in a particular form. Vipers have never been anything else but expressions of Mind, and yet, because many persons believed that their misconception of a viper was an object, and this object had life in and of

itself, these people died. They died because their misconception of a viper existed to them as an objectified thing, not because they were bitten by a viper; they died because of their belief or illusion. This may also be applied to the atom, to polio, and other false beliefs — believed and built up by mortal mind. *Science and Health* tells us: "The illusion of Moses lost its power to alarm him, when he discovered that what he apparently saw was but a phase of mortal belief. It was scientifically demonstrated that leprosy was a creation of mortal mind and not a condition of matter." Then, why endeavor to do anything to matter? Let us heal the mortal belief with the divine fact.

Daniel was sufficiently illumined by Truth when in the den of lions that the lions were peaceful and harmless. They always have been and always will be the eternal manifested form of Spirit, Mind. A lion will always remain a lion to lie down with the lamb. Our misconception objectified as a lion will change as our false belief is reconciled with the truth of Mind's creation — Mind's conception. We can apply this reasoning to the atom, and other false beliefs, and their power and sense of destruction. Our Leader writes of God, ". . . who made all that was made and could not create an *atom* or an *element* the opposite of Himself."

I shall relate another instance. A mother bunny rabbit had three babies in her nest. A rattle-snake came up and begged to come in. It said, "Oh, it is raining and I am so cold. Won't you take me in where it is warm? You look so *kind and good*." That is how mortal mind would mesmerize anyone. The mother made the snake promise not to devour her three little babies. The third day when the mother returned, she found only little white bunches of fur, and no babies. She said, "But you promised not to hurt my babies." The rattler replied, "Oh, but you knew that I was a rattlesnake!" *She let in* a rattlesnake, instead of an idea of divine Mind. She failed to "resolve things into thoughts, and exchange the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul."

Daniel *knew* that God was omnipotent and omnipresent,

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and that man and the universe are governed by one and the same Mind; he *knew* that God was the only presence right there, and always had been, and would continue to be forever. *He knew it.* He was not just saying words which he did not know were true. It was Daniel's sureness of the omnipresence of infinite *good* that dispelled the seeming evil consciousness of the King and the lions. How very important it is for us *to know this divine fact today*, in order to bring peace to this turbulent mortal sense of the world, wherever error may be endeavoring to operate. The unity of all of God's ideas is the Christ Mind; within this consciousness is individual man, our real self. Mrs. Eddy tells us that Truth must first be written on the tablet of our heart in order to serve ourselves, and in this way we serve others.

James said, "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss." Are we outlining humanly, accepting incompleteness and lack? Do we expect something we now think is withheld from us by a loving Father-Mother, thus admitting separation? Jesus said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do," in my name, my nature and character, the nature and character of infinity, of the omnipresence of Spirit. We must know that as a child of God, we possess these qualities. They are not something to be obtained — but realized and claimed. We must not admit any separation between God and man, between Principle and idea.

For centuries the world has pictured to us the result of war waged between the *suppositional* forces of evil and the *dynamic* forces of good, as if it were real, leaving resentment, hate, injustice, and destruction. It is not possible to destroy greed, jealousy, dictatorship and human will with missiles, bombs or machine guns. The only way these beliefs can be exterminated is by Christ, Truth, the Gospel of Love. It is impossible to make them any part of our individual being, for our individual being is in and of God, divine Mind. They are healed, as sickness, lack, or any discord is healed, by destroying the false beliefs and affirming the fact of God's infinite goodness. Our health, our home, our business, our every activity

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for good is in divine consciousness. What would there be without this divine consciousness? Nothing. Then let us be alert as to what we accept in consciousness as real.

Had Jesus accepted the picture painted of him by his family and friends, as a loving person healing the sick, raising the dead, performing miracles, he could not have accomplished the resurrection or the ascension. Man's dominion over all the earth belongs to the state of consciousness which knows itself as divine oneness, divine completeness, the image and likeness of God.

In the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence, man's completeness is based upon the recognition of his true value or divine nature, in which is affirmed certain inalienable rights, such as "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Christian Science brings the recognition of man's entire freedom as the full representation of Mind.

God is All. To know and understand this would enable us to heal instantaneously. The danger is not where the physical body is or its seeming condition, but where our thinking is and what our thinking is.

James says, "The prayer of faith shall *save the sick*." Paul says, "Now *faith* is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. . . . Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Jesus saw the absolute necessity of having a clear understanding and an unbounded faith. He said that if we have faith as a grain of mustard seed, we could remove mountains (of false beliefs or error of any kind). Faith is the fact of omnipotence and omnipresence of God, good. Faith, accompanied by a clear understanding of God's infinity and eternity, His all-mightiness and omnipresence, will cast all hypnotic suggestions into the Sea of oblivion — nothingness. Demonstration is the discernment and evidence to us of this fact.

Let us ask ourselves some very searching questions. Have you unbounded faith in your Father-Mother-God? Have you faith in

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His Son — His only begotten Son? Have you faith in the fact that you are His son; that you are an idea in the Christ-consciousness, and that the Son speaks with the authority and understanding of the Father? Have you faith in the words of Christ — that where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I, in the midst of them?

Understanding of God is the son of God. Have you faith that the *Father and you are one*, and that the Father doeth the works? Have you faith in the Being who was, and is, and ever shall be, whom nothing can erase? Have you faith in the Word which is God, and that this Word goes forth, and shall not return unto you void? Have you faith that Mind, Principle, never fails? Have you faith that Mind is revealing itself, and that as you are hearing it, that it becomes your consciousness, and is *you*, and that it enables you to speak with authority, and to heal? Have you faith that Mind unfolds itself, and so proves itself?

In a demonstration, we do not prove the Truth, for the Truth is always true, everywhere, and there is nothing else. When we awaken to the fact of man's true being, which is always present, the lie is annihilated as nothing. Is there anything but the presence and substance of God? Is there anything to darken or cloud this presence? Are you dwelling in this presence of the most High, under the shadow of the Almighty? Is there any outside to this presence, this infinite eternal Life? Do you endeavor to be ever-conscious of this presence?

When you have made these statements of spiritual facts, do not be disturbed if so-called mortal mind will immediately challenge you. It challenged Jesus after his forty-day fast. At first he answered their questions about turning the stones into bread, etc., then, he firmly said, "Get thee behind me, Satan," and it ended the arguments, and "angels ministered unto him."

When Lazarus was raised from the dead, Jesus demonstrated that Life is infinite and the eternal preservation of man; and this proof was accomplished by dependence upon absolute facts of

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being, rather than upon human belief and experimentation. When Jesus fed the multitude in the desert, he proved that substance is spiritual, unlimited and ever at hand; that the activity of life in sustaining creation was through divine law, not through material belief or process. The premise must be perfect God and perfect man. Jesus was the human concept, but his work was divine and accomplished through divine power.

In the Old Testament, Christ was revealed, but not as a person. In the New Testament, Jesus, seemingly a person, the "highest human concept," proved that Christ is humanly available — the coincidence of the human and the divine, the human disappearing and the divine appearing.

Jesus said, "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." Christ is your Saviour as much as he was the Saviour of Jesus. Christ saved Jesus, raised him from the dead, and enabled him to ascend *above* a material body and universe. Jesus did not leave a body behind because he knew it was only a belief, an illusion, and he overcame it through Truth, the knowledge of true body. Our Leader says, "Thought will finally be understood and seen in all form, substance, and color, but without material accompaniments." The son of man is the spiritual idea, or expression of everlasting Life, which is God, the only Life. God is your God, and He is your life. We are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, heirs of eternal life and health, eternal perfection. This is our heritage, and we must claim it and take possession of it.

The fiery furnace was heated seven times more than usual for fear it would not kill the three Hebrew boys — in which was revealed the 'fourth', which was the form of the son of God, *or their realization of their spiritual individuality*, the coincidence of the human and the divine. We are not individualized separately from our brother; we are one with him in the Christ. We have no Mind, no Life, no Love apart from our brother; hence the command is to love our neighbor as ourselves. There is no other consciousness than the infinite Christ consciousness, our consciousness,

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encompassing and embracing all true being. The presence of God is the real fact back of every condition or circumstance, and it is the only presence, and is ever available through right thinking.

War is not elsewhere. It is the conflicting arguments of mortal mind and human belief, and we must meet it with the Truth and defeat it. We must not admit a mortal mind to produce evil phenomena. If everyone in the universe would begin today to keep the two great Commandments — “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself” — just where would war, conflict and destruction be?

Mrs. Eddy writes: “The true sense of being and its eternal perfection should appear now, even as it will hereafter.” Christian Science makes divine power available to humanity; it brings the realization of harmony and heaven here and now as an actual fact of our existence. It ends wars, heals lack and poverty, restores health and wealth, gives vitality and inspiration, sets aside any belief of separation from God, any postponement of immortality, and reveals the perfection of man and the infinity of good *now*.

If you believed that you had passed on with a cancer, you would awaken to the fact that you did not die and that disease did not kill you, but that God is your life, and that Life is uninterrupted and eternal. Then why not awaken to that fact here and now, overcome the very appearance of death, and realize that there is nothing in the universe but God, Life? Let God say, “I am the Lord that healeth thee,” “who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.” This replaces the false picture with divine Love, the angel of His presence.

The only man there is, reflects the fullness of Mind, “the full representation of Mind.” The true being is perfect, and you do not treat it or endeavor to heal it. You heal your false delusive sense of man. Coincidence means to correspond exactly. So the human, in demonstration, is made to correspond with or yield to the divine. “The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of

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base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind," our Leader tells us.

When the spiritual fact unfolds, the human sense of pain and disease disappears, showing it to be but a mortal belief, while health is a divine fact. In this way we are reducing to human perception and understanding the eternal fact of Life, which is God, Spirit. This is the healing ministry of Christ — the unfolding of the qualities of God as man, — not just making sick matter well matter. Life is a constant challenge to see spiritual values in everything we experience. It is a demand and an opportunity to express the power which is God.

All the fear, the anguish, and the misery we experience is wrapped up in the belief that we are dealing with person (mortal man), instead of Mind. This appearance, which we call person, is in reality the very presence of Mind, always in communion with our God-Mind, the only intelligence. You and I could not see the Christ without a Jesus — that is, unless it was manifested for our understanding. We cannot see power unless it is manifested by somebody or through something, and then, it is *power* we see, not the somebody or something. We see, hear, feel, the *good we know*. It will appear in some understandable form, such as — health, happiness, joy, etc.

In the crucifixion and resurrection, the people saw the continuity of Life, and they called it resurrection, but they could not have seen it and understood it unless Jesus had manifested it. It was the continuity of Life they really saw.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus took with him three of his disciples and led them up into an high mountain, to talk with Moses and Elias, (yet Moses had lived twelve hundred years before Jesus). Moses represented the law and Elias the prophets. They were held in highest veneration by the Jews. This vision overcame Peter's power to reason clearly. The sublimity of the transformed Jesus, or the Christ, should have filled the vision of Peter so clearly that Moses and Elias would hardly have appeared. But the

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human self must be completely eclipsed by the Christ. Peter would have built three tabernacles, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elias. But a cloud overshadowed him, and a voice said, "*This is my beloved Son: hear him.*" This instance is evidence of the human embracing the divine, for the humanity of Jesus was expressed in the fact that when the disciples were sore afraid, Jesus, seeing their fear, "came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And, when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only."

This was the first instance of Jesus' ascension — ascending above the material senses to talk with those who had gone on twelve hundred years before. Then, in the ascension, forty days after the resurrection, Luke tells us that Jesus led his disciples out of the city — out of the turmoil of the material sense — to Bethany, "House of God." There are many references of his leading his disciples to Bethany. He raised Lazarus from the dead in Bethany. The Master, so conscious of eternal Life, of his coexistence with God, infinite good, omnipresent Spirit, lifted the consciousness of his disciples and blessed them — his *belief* of human selfhood vanished in what we call the ascension, and they saw him no more.

This is our goal — putting off the old man of material beliefs and putting on the new man, born of Spirit; relinquishing all belief in matter and evil, and realizing the fact that *we coexist eternally with God as His expression, coinciding eternally with Him as the manifestation of His Being.*

The moment we begin to understand God and think God-thoughts, we become more like Him. There was nothing about his human body, or his blood, that enabled Jesus to heal, or that made him righteous, or a Saviour. Righteousness is divinely mental; so is character, honesty, inspiration, integrity, and stability. They are not in matter, nor are they dependent upon matter for activity or continuity; but *they are man*; they are his being. Jesus said that he was in the world, but not *of it*. Let that which is divinely real, divinely true, supplant that which is erroneous, and man is born anew.

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Spiritual existence cannot be conceived of without manifestation, or body. Mrs. Eddy says, "Body cannot be saved except through Mind." One must have that which expresses life, love, intelligence, form, outline — all of which are spiritual and eternal. Nothing deformed or imperfect expresses Spirit, therefore it is unreal and *has no existence*. But life, love, intelligence is not in that which expresses it; they are in God, the source of all being, and never separated from Him. "Spirit diversifies, classifies, and individualizes all thoughts, which are as eternal as the Mind conceiving them; but the intelligence, existence, and continuity of all individuality remain in God, who is the divinely creative Principle thereof."

Body, the embodiment of divine ideas, the body of man, can never be sick, depleted, inactive; it can never grow old, infirm, and contains nothing that can die, for "man is the expression of God's being," the divine body. Man has nothing apart from God, so he has nothing that can be taken from him, nor can anything imperfect be added unto him through any hypnotic mortal mind. Every claim is a specific belief that there is something wrong with body, and must be handled specifically. There is only the immortality of body, the universality of body, the perfection and wholeness of body, the embodiment of spiritual ideas, the only body. Man is God expressed; therefore man is the body of God expressed. "Man is the expression of God's being. . . . If there was ever a moment when man did not express the divine perfection, then there was a moment when man did not express God, and consequently a time when Deity was unexpressed — that is without entity. . . . Man is, and forever has been, God's reflection." (This is your age again.)

Frequently it is said to me, "I see the perfect spiritual man so clearly, and know there is no other man, but the physical error remains." How can it remain when you know the truth and know error is nothing and never existed? Where is $2 \times 3 = 11$? Is it anything or anywhere, and does it exist? Can you ever see $2 \times 3 = 11$? *No*. Know the truth, and know it with conviction and understanding.

David overcame Goliath because he overcame the false

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sense of personality and relationship. He who enthrones Principle, dethrones matter, personality. He will be the victor over every Goliath, because he declares, as David did, "Whom have I in heaven but thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee." In *Miscellaneous Writings*, our Leader tells us that "God is our Father and our Mother, our Minister and the great Physician; He is man's only real relative on earth and in heaven." There is only one family, one God, and we are His children. Conditions change, but relationship never. An idea of God is infinite and is independent of human beings; it is unlimited in its activity and is operated by Principle at all times; it is unifying, cooperative, loving, inspirational, because it is one Mind unfolding itself infinitely. This idea is independent of all so-called external mortal mind phenomena, because it includes, as its being, all that there is. These ideas are what Mind is. Mind is all-seeing, all-hearing, all-being, and so is Mind's expression, man.

Mrs. Eddy tells us that "Mind is the source of all movement, and there is no inertia to retard or check its perpetual and harmonious action." What a powerful statement this is, and what it would mean to each of us if we were constantly conscious of this eternal fact. There is nothing to stop the perpetual and harmonious action of anything God made, and He made all that was made. Our work is to clearly understand that this one infinite, powerful Mind is governing us and is governing the universe eternally.

Christian Science reveals to us the fact that God, Mind, does not unfold progressively from one point to another, but infinitely from perfection. "That which hath been is now, and that which is to be hath already been." Therefore there are no different states or stages of consciousness, no lesser mind than Mind, no universe but the universe of infinite Mind unfolding itself as ideas. In *Miscellany*, our Leader tells us, "God is one, and His idea, image, or likeness, man, is one. But God is infinite and so includes *all* in one." The appearance of human progress is the disappearance of ignorance, or mortal mind, rather than in understanding

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more of God each day. Again from *Miscellany*: "Progress is spiritual. Progress is the maturing conception of divine Love; it demonstrates the scientific, sinless life of man and mortal's painless departure from matter to Spirit, not through death, but through the true idea of Life, — and Life not in matter but in Mind."

Matter is not a material thing, but it is what we are thinking about, and this is what needs correcting. We see life everywhere. Abide in irrepressible Life. It is accurate and imperative for you to define yourself as the expression of eternal, irrepressible Life, God.

Mrs. Eddy says, "The fowls, which fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven, correspond to aspirations soaring beyond and above corporeality to the understanding of the incorporeal and divine Principle, Love."

In *Retrospection and Introspection*, Mrs. Eddy writes Christ's "prime command, was that his followers should 'raise the dead,' He lifted his own body from the sepulchre. In him, Truth called the physical man from the tomb to health, and the so-called dead forthwith emerged into a higher manifestation of Life. The spiritual significance of this command, 'Raise the dead,' most concerns mankind. It implies such an elevation of the understanding as will enable thought to apprehend the living beauty of Love, its practicality, its divine energies, its health-giving and life-bestowing qualities, — yea, its power to demonstrate immortality. This end Jesus achieved, both by example and precept." Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within *you*." This is the coincidence. This phenomenon called universe must be improved by way of spiritual understanding, spiritual unfoldment as Spirit, else it will destroy itself. This is our important work today.

"Soul is the substance, Life, and intelligence of man, which is individualized, but not in matter. Soul can never reflect anything inferior to Spirit." Jesus said, ". . . if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you." This is the divine All encompassing the human concept of the divine. This is the awakening from the Adam-dream to man's eternal, spiritual reality. The

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demonstration of immortality comes with the recognition that man has no life to lose, no substance to disintegrate, no intelligence to become non-intelligent.

The fact that man, including the universe, is pure reflection, does not signify origin, but action, actuality, expression. Mind, being eternal, without origin, its creation would have to be revelation, reflection. The immortality of body, or identity, is as fixed and permanent as Soul, God. This being true, man's identity can never be absorbed or submerged by anyone or anything. Mrs. Eddy says, "The one Ego, the one Mind or Spirit called God, is infinite individuality, which supplies all form and comeliness and which reflects reality and divinity in individual spiritual man and things."

This individuality of Soul, which is your identity, means that you have eternal characteristics which distinguish you from me, and these characteristics constitute your identity. Science dematerializes human sense and demonstrates spiritual facts, and that is why Job could say, "In my flesh shall I see God."

As we identify what we apparently see, hear, feel, with the spiritual ideas which Mind *is*, these ideas appear tangible, substantially as our world. For instance, any idea expressing or revealing God as Love unfolds as our understanding or conscious thought, and it then becomes visible, substantial, and tangible as our world. The consciousness of it gives form and activity to it, and we have a sense of Love as filling all space, eliminating all sense of need.

In *Miscellany* we read: "Neither the Old nor the New Testament furnishes reasons or examples for the destruction of the human body, but for its restoration to life and health as the scientific proof of 'God with us.' The power and prerogative of Truth are to destroy all disease and to raise the dead — even the self-same Lazarus. The *spiritual* body, the incorporeal idea, came with the *ascension*. Jesus demonstrated the divine Principle of Christian Science when he presented his *material* body absolved from death and the grave." The reason that Jesus' material body, or highest human concept of body, could be absolved from death and the grave

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was because the so-called material body appeared as his identity, which distinguished him as *Jesus* to human sense, but it was his spiritual character and never a material body. What they saw as a material body was the "idea" of him, and served to identify, or name him. Mrs. Eddy says, ". . . for mortality will cease when man beholds himself God's reflection, even as man sees his reflection in a glass," showing that mortality is a state of *thinking*, a false belief about God and His creation, and not a condition of matter.

Unity of Good tells us that Jesus "annulled the laws of matter, showing them to be laws of mortal mind, not of God. He showed the need of changing this mind and its abortive laws. He demanded a change of consciousness and evidence, and effected this change through the higher laws of God." Today, the belief that the Christ-idea is personal, that it can be possessed, instead of being all-possessing, dulls our understanding. We must turn from the false material belief to the *divine fact itself*, and we shall find that understanding is never more nor less than the ever-present omnipotent Mind, "the temple, or body, 'whose builder and maker is God.'"

Jesus knew no life divided — no human and divine, no separation of Soul and body, no division of consciousness. He said, "Spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." The flesh and bones of Spirit — the material body or identity of Jesus — was his understanding, the idea he lived and expressed. The body is not matter except to the state of thought which misinterprets substance. Jesus' understanding that he lived as Soul, spiritual consciousness, gave him "flesh and bones" — identity or substance — which were never matter. The ideas which he lived and which were his identity, made it impossible for him to lose his own identity and individuality. This was the lesson of the resurrection. In other words, we will follow what our beloved Leader tells us: "To divest thought of false trusts and material evidences in order that the spiritual facts of being may appear, — this is the great attainment by means of which we shall sweep away the false and give place to the true. Thus we

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may establish in truth the temple, or body, 'whose builder and maker is God.'”

Spirit is invisible and intangible only to material sense, yet Spirit is the only visibility and tangibility because Spirit is the only substance. “Where there is no vision, [spiritual consciousness] the people [body] perish,” implying that the demonstration of immortality here and now is dependent upon “vision” — spiritual perception.

There is no righteous indignation. Jesus “opened . . . not his mouth.” If he had replied, it would have dethroned the Christ in his consciousness, and he could not have made the demonstration over death. It is a sin to believe in matter, evil, disease, or death.

When Moses saw the burning bush, he saw fire, light, heat, but no destructive element. Supply, spiritual substance, does not die, cannot be destroyed. Body is substance, the “substance of Truth, Life, and Love” in which there is no age, discord nor decay. Can anything stop infinite good, God, eternal Life, from *going on and on*? Intelligence, kindness, and love are the direct manifestations of God, going on and on all around us in every detail of existence, but we do not always see them as the presence of God and give God the credit. There is just one forever Being. As you maintain this oneness and allness, you will be amazed to find the ability of Mind to produce its own evidence, its own immediate presence. We do not need to talk so much about God, but let God talk to us about Himself.

When the human being sees that the body is not matter, but false belief externalized, he gets matter-body out of the way and heals disease. “The illusion of Moses lost its power to alarm him, when he discovered that what he *apparently saw* was really but a phase of mortal belief. It was *scientifically demonstrated that leprosy was a creation of mortal mind* and not a condition of matter. When will it be understood that matter has neither intelligence, life, nor sensation, and that the opposite belief is the prolific source of all suffering? God created all through Mind, and made all perfect and eternal.”

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Mrs. Eddy designated Jesus as the Master Christian, the Master Metaphysician, and justly so, because Jesus' demonstrations of the Truth, the Christ, were immediate and complete. He demonstrated one Mind without a medium. He said to the man with a withered hand, "Stretch forth thine hand," and it was healed; to the blind man, "He put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up," look and see, or look through, and he was healed. This proves that neither the eyes nor matter were the medium of sight.

If Mind, or Spirit, knows nothing about matter, it knows nothing about the human concept called eyes or ears. Neither could Mind or Spirit be dependent upon our concept for seeing or hearing. When there were five thousand people to be fed, Jesus did not send the disciples to the city to buy bread; but he immediately multiplied the loaves and fishes, which were right at hand; and after they were fed, they gathered up twelve-baskets full. Jesus demonstrated *divine Mind to really be omnipotence, omnipresence and omni-action*. These divine facts were born in and thoroughly established in his consciousness. What would be the result if these same facts were thoroughly established in our consciousness today, here, and now? Our revered Leader tells us that "Consciousness, as well as action, is governed by Mind, — is in God, the origin and governor of all that Science reveals."

Let us dwell longer on this most important word *consciousness*. God, being the source of infinite supply, the moment we "exchange the objects of [material] sense for the ideas of Soul," limitation is lifted. Let us remember that Soul, spiritual consciousness, is the direct opposite of material sense with its limitations and destruction. The nothingness of man without God must be clearly perceived and understood before the greatness of man with God is clearly understood and realized. It is not human completeness and perfection that is required, but human emptiness, and divine fullness and forever-ness that is necessary. Only that is ours which we possess as true ideas within our consciousness. This unfolding is our occupation, health, wealth, vitality, inspiration, companion-

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ship, at all times. It is God's presence expressed in action. All that the actual selfhood of Jesus was at any time, was the Christ. All that you are, or I am, in reality, at any time, is what is true about us, our spiritual selfhood as an idea in the Christ consciousness, our oneness with God. When Jesus walked on the water, he did not do anything to the water or to the law of gravitation to make this possible. He was so clearly conscious of his divinity that his supposed materiality ceased to be in his consciousness, and he was immune to it. This was a step in the resurrection, and it was going on until the ascension.

In the depths of your consciousness, realize over and over again, with understanding and humility — I am an idea in divine Mind, hidden with Christ, in God; thus you associate yourself with God instead of matter, and you will find yourself with a sense of power and dominion you have not had before. Know with conviction, "I am where thou art, I am what thou art, I am because thou art, I and my Father are *one*, for I am His perfect reflection." God made all, owns all, and governs all, and as we accept His guidance and protection, we will be progressive and prosperous, for Life is expressed in action — divine action. Spiritual facts are endowed with the power of God and a spiritual fact established in consciousness has absolute dominion over all counterfeits. In *Unity of Good* Mrs. Eddy says, ". . . an acknowledgment of the perfection of the infinite Unseen confers a power nothing else can."

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Association Address of 1960

In *Manual of The Mother Church*, we read: "At a meeting of the Christian Scientist Association, April 19, 1879, on motion of Mrs. Eddy, it was voted, — To organize a church designed to commemorate the word and works of our Master, which should reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing." Jesus said, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." From this we understand that the mission of Christian Science is to unfold to us a clear, comprehensive understanding of God as eternal Life, as divine Love, infinite Mind, the all-encompassing Spirit, Soul, divine consciousness; Truth that is true all the time, everywhere; Principle, the source of all law, power, government; substance, — the substance which is "eternal and incapable of discord and decay" — and then to realize and be ever conscious of the fact that man is "the spiritual image and likeness of God; the full representation of Mind."

This is the unfoldment in our consciousness of the Christ, "The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error." "The Christ was the Spirit which Jesus implied in his own statements: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life;' 'I and my Father are one.'" Mrs. Eddy continues, "Our Master taught no mere theory, doctrine, or belief. It was the divine Principle of all real being which he taught and practiced. His proof of Christianity was no form or system of religion and worship, but Christian Science, working out the harmony of Life and Love."

Then, in order for God to be made manifest, this is the way and the place where it is to occur. Here in this God-consciousness

there is no night, no belief in evil, sin, sickness, death, poverty, dissension, war, jealousy, and other etceteras of mortal belief. The Divine Mind is conscious of our existence, and Mind, knowing the perfection of its own ideas, is a Christian Science treatment.

In her *Message to The Mother Church for 1901*, Mrs. Eddy writes: "After Jesus had fulfilled his mission in the flesh as the Son of man, he rose to the fulness of his stature in Christ, the eternal Son of God, that never suffered and never died. And because of Jesus' great work on earth, his demonstration over sin, disease, and death, the divine nature of Christ Jesus has risen to human apprehension, and we see the Son of man in divine Science; and he is no longer a material man, and mind is no longer in matter. Through this redemptive Christ, Truth, we are healed and saved, and that not of our selves, it is the gift of God; we are saved from the sins and sufferings of the flesh, and are the redeemed of the Lord." Furthermore, Jesus could have prevented the crucifixion and the sorrows he endured. He endured them for us. The question as to whether Jesus died on the cross, as the human sense of death is understood, cannot be answered by yes or no. The answer must include an explanation of what occurred to material sense testimony, to those who witnessed the crucifixion, and then what actually took place within the consciousness of Jesus himself.

Undoubtedly, to the material sense of the friends and foes who were present at the crucifixion, Jesus died; but it is equally clear that the mesmerism of death never entered his consciousness. If he had, even for a brief period of time, given consent to the suggestion that his life was in his material body, and by destroying his body his enemies could destroy his life and his momentous work, which was their innate desire, Jesus never could have proved his dominion over the claim of death and resurrected his body from the tomb.

Jesus clearly foresaw the attempt to destroy his life by destroying his body and he said plainly, "Destroy this temple and in three days *I will raise it up.*" In other words, Jesus knew that his

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human sense of body was the effect or structure of human thought, and that, as such, he could rebuild it by precisely the same thought process which enabled him to multiply the loaves and fishes.

This momentous demonstration of Jesus differs only in a degree from the lesser ones which preceded it – those of healing disease, overcoming death, and stilling the tempest. The overcoming of a mild phase of disease is, in a degree, the overcoming of the claim of death, and to the extent that we realize the unreality of death, we are able to quickly and successfully heal the sick. If it were true that he did not die, why did Jesus cry out for help? It was because of the lack of understanding of his disciples. He never lost consciousness, he never fainted, he never lost dominion over all the circumstances incident to this most trying test and final proof of healing and teaching. Had Jesus protected himself from this severe test, the crucifixion, his demonstration would have been incomplete. He did this for us. “Three days after his bodily burial he talked with his disciples. The persecutors had failed to hide immortal Truth and Love in a sepulchre.”

This was Jesus’ mission. We also have our mission. “The Christian Scientist has enlisted to lessen evil, disease, and death; and he will overcome them by understanding their nothingness and the allness of God, or good. Sickness to him is no less a temptation than is sin, and he heals them both by understanding God’s power over them. The Christian Scientist knows that they are errors of belief, which Truth can and will destroy.” We realize how our Leader worked and sacrificed in order to give us this Truth which enables us to solve every problem; to really know that our life, our health, our intelligence, and every good thing we have comes directly from God, infinite Love. Let us be awake to our opportunity and responsibility of making a better world; a universe of peace and plenty for everyone; a universe governed by divine Mind. This will enable man to be at-one with God, and to know the utter unreality of all claims of matter, sin, disease, and death.

“Divine Truth, Life, and Love gave Jesus authority over

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sin, sickness, and death. His mission was to reveal the Science of celestial being, to prove what God is and what He does for man." Then Jesus' mission was not just to heal the sick and make man comfortable in matter, but to make us conscious of God's presence and His eternal preservation of man in His likeness. Mrs. Eddy further states, "Jesus patiently persisted in teaching and demonstrating the truth of being. His students saw this power of Truth heal the sick, cast out evil, raise the dead; but the ultimate of this wonderful work was not spiritually discerned, even by them, until after the crucifixion, when their immaculate Teacher stood before them, the victor over sickness, sin, disease, death, and the grave." It is well for us to contemplate whether we comprehend even the simple statements of our dear Leader and are demonstrating our understanding.

Jesus' teaching and example proves that understanding alone is not sufficient to bring salvation to humanity. Jesus demonstrated and declared man to be the Christ-idea, the concrete manifestation of God, and he gave proof of this divine fact by healing the sick, feeding the multitude, and raising the dead. Never did he base his practice upon the beliefs that he was a human being advancing toward the Christ. The Christ-Saviour must be in evidence as expression, as being. In John we read: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask any thing in my name, I will do it." Jesus healed because of his divinity, the Christ-idea. From the standpoint that he was the Christ manifested and because of this concrete premise, the divinity of Jesus was expressed simultaneously in his true humanhood, "the coincidence of the human and the divine." It is not only a privilege, but a necessity to know and declare frequently and with understanding — I am that I am; I am spiritual; I and my Father are one; I am Spirit manifested; I am co-existent and eternal with God. There is no separation between

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Life is expressed in activity. God is infinite, eternal Life, the source of all activity. This activity is harmoniously governed by divine Principle. Whatever is natural, normal, useful, good, and perfect is a divine fact at hand, but imperfectly or humanly perceived. It is known as matter, but is thought manifested or externalized, and we clearly understand that it is not of God, and therefore not real or existent, because we know that "all is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." Every organ, cell, fiber, nerve, tissue, gland, and muscle in the so-called human concept of body, exists right now in the divine Mind as divine idea. "Immortal Mind, governing all, must be acknowledged as supreme in the physical realm, so-called, as well as in the spiritual."

Because the spiritually minded expresses life and harmonious activity, my being, or body, being the expression or manifestation of the one Mind, must also function perfectly. Since there is one Mind, there is one man, one organ infinitely expressed. "There is no involuntary action. The divine Mind includes all action and volition, and man in Science is governed by this Mind." All so-called human organs do not function from any intelligence or power of their own, but function because they exist as the identity or manifestation of divine Mind, and reflect the activity of the divine Mind. The function of an organ is the continuous expression of eternal Mind, Life. There is no matter body as mediumship between God and His likeness, man; between Principle and idea; between cause and effect. Our false human concepts of organs and functions never interfere with the harmonious activity of the divine, any more than a false note on the piano interferes with the principle of music.

Christian Science teaches us that man is created and governed by divine Mind. This is made clear in the title of our textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. If we have Science, we have health, for they are one and cannot be separated. As you establish divine Science, divine Truth, in your life, you establish health; for God is eternal Life and is eternally your life, your health, your perfection. This is by divine law and authority. If

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you really have divine Science, it takes care of your health, supply, sight, hearing, your being; for all are intact in God and are constantly being replenished by infinite Mind, substance. "In Him, we live, and move, and have our being," our seeing and our breathing. Let us thank God for everything as He has made it and sees it, and endeavor to always see it as He made it and sees it. This is perfect sight — "to acknowledge the perfection of the infinite unseen." It is power and dominion.

Good is power because it is God reflecting Himself. Hence kindness, honesty, integrity are power because they are divine attributes of God. Life is Love in action. Life and Love are one. Our whole life-work is to express God in manifesting the qualities of God. The divine continuity, activity, eternity, and foreverness of the universe show forth this power of God. What keeps the earth rotating on its axis, the sun shining, the stars wheeling, the birds singing, the trees growing? Surely, not man. The same power that governs and sustains the universe keeps your eyes seeing, your ears hearing, your functions acting, your heart beating, and your home and business active. The axis of the earth does not get old and creaky, or have hardened arteries, or become incapacitated. The earth revolves on its axis every twenty four hours. From that same source comes the balancing of the clouds, the eternally beautiful sunsets, your strength, health, intelligence, and life, your completeness and satisfaction. The unthinking lobster loses his claw and grows it again. Because of wrong thinking, denying God as the only power and creator, man does not retain this power. We must let God be All-in-all to us. He is *All*, but we do not let Him be All-in-all to us. We let false beliefs interfere. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and will sup with him and he with me."

When we, as Christian Scientists, clearly understand that God is the only Mind, and since He is my God, He is my Mind; that this Mind is universal in its scope and sees only its own infinite, perfect manifestation; then, when I look out through this Mind, I

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can see only the perfect universe and man as His perfect manifestation, governed by divine Principle. However, if I look out into the world through the so-called mortal mind, I see war, hate, fear, disease, suffering, want and woe. In all the world, divine Love can see nothing but its own image and likeness; and this Love, which is my being and your being, “inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way.” These divine facts must be declared and known to us until we feel them in our heart and soul and can prove them. Wherever Life, Truth and Love are expressed, God is present.

If we understand that man is actually God’s idea, he is not in battle, not in a distant land, or in some distant space, for that is the objective sense of man. Man is God’s idea *now*, forever present in the one Mind, constituting an indispensable, indestructible, and ever present element of our consciousness. “Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord,” and neither height, nor depth, nor any other mortal belief can separate you from Him, for subjectively, He is forever with you in Divine Mind. There is nothing outside infinity — God’s presence. God’s creation cannot be inverted, perverted, or subverted, and there is no other creation but the one perfect spiritual creation governed by the divine Principle. It is most important that we attain and maintain this important fact now. The world needs our clear spiritual knowing.

Spiritual facts are endowed with the power of God, and a spiritual fact established in consciousness has absolute dominion over its counterfeit. Our revered Leader writes in *Unity of Good*, “. . . an acknowledgement of the perfection of the infinite Unseen confers a power nothing else can.” If we implicitly hold to the knowledge that God is All, we cannot see the false claim because, being within the orbit of infinite Mind, we cannot see any inverted image or false testimony of the senses.

Jesus knew his oneness with God. He practiced from the standpoint of his divinity and because of this clear, correct understanding, the divinity of Jesus was expressed humanly. Jesus never

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surrendered his true humanhood, but transformed it as his consciousness unfolded spiritually on through the resurrection. Here he proved the power of Mind over matter, or material beliefs and laws; and the power of life over death, to the ascension, where he proved that there is no matter and no death. Jesus demonstrated the Christ. He is our Way-shower, to show us how to do the same. "CHRIST. The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error."

Jesus was the highest human concept of the Christ. Let us not put a mental separation between our divinity and our seeming humanity. Let us strive for a clear realization of the coincidence of the human and the divine; where the human perceives the divine and the human belief ceases to be. This proves the human to be a false concept and the divine to be an eternal and divine reality. God's elect are not persons but are ideas; His intelligence appearing in our individual consciousness, in our individual life.

The nothingness of man without God must be clearly perceived and understood before the greatness of man with God is clearly understood and realized. It is not human completeness and perfection that is required, but human emptiness and divine fullness and foreverness that is necessary. "His thoughts are spiritual realities." Then it is clear that all thoughts are of God and are spiritual realities; that man and his intelligence, continuity, and existence forever remain in God. Accepting this fact, can man ever lose his intelligence or life, or express any semblance of such a belief?

Jesus' words and works were one, "the word made flesh." He showed forth life out of infinite Life itself. When the idea of Life was present in the consciousness of Jesus, the fact of eternal Life was coincidentally present, and the concrete evidence was manifested, as in raising Lazarus from the dead. When the idea of food for the thousands came to his consciousness as a need, the concrete fact, which is the idea expressed or externalized, appeared to feed the five thousand. "Jesus beheld in Science [in Truth] the perfect man," and so this perfect man appeared to him. Only that is

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ours which we possess as true ideas within our consciousness. This unfolding is our occupation, our wealth, our health, our vitality and inspiration; our companionship and environment at all times and in all places. It is God's presence expressed in action.

Fruitful building requires consecration, inspiration, and demonstration. It is our duty and privilege to consecrate our thinking to a God-like Cause, which is the Saviour of mankind. To stand firmly, acknowledging as real only that which expresses Life, Love, Mind, Spirit, health, harmony, and good, and to be instantly able to see the utter unreality, the utter nothingness of every argument of matter or evil, is true consecration. This enables us to truly love our neighbor as ourself, and find our true dwelling place in heaven, supreme harmony, and immortality. We would not have to choose between two evils, for there would be no evil, "neither sorrow nor crying;" no night, for there would be only the light of infinite Love, where every need is met before we call.

If, in our hearts, we can fulfill the words of those assembled at the Annual Meeting of 1906: "To preach the gospel and heal the sick on the Christ-basis is the essential requirement of a reinstated Christianity. Only as we pledge ourselves anew to this demand, and then fulfill the pledge in righteous living, are we faithful, obedient, deserving disciples." The necessity to maintain our consecration and allegiance to Christian Science and to our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, becomes more necessary each day. The world's chemicalization, resulting from a greater knowledge of Truth, has brought to the surface the worst elements of animal magnetism and mental malpractice. Everyone with whom we come in contact is capable of influencing for good or evil, and we need to remember that we may do likewise. Christian Scientists, more clearly than any others, understand the allness and ever-presence of God and the nothingness of every claim of evil, and it is our work to stand fast and firm in knowing God's allness and His infinite power and presence. The solution to every problem has been given to us in the First Commandment: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me,"

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and the commandment of Jesus: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self."

In unity there is strength. We are aware of the fact that there is nothing more fatal to the progress of Christian Science and our growth than dis-union, occasioned by strife, jealousy, and envy, operating through its members.

When we recognize self and selfish ambitions as less important than the Cause of Christian Science and are willing to make any concessions of self, however humbling they may be, in order to edify the Cause, we will grow in our unfoldment and be of greater service to the Cause and to the world. When the enemy endeavors to scatter our forces by dividing us into factions, shall we assist him by giving assent to every mental manipulation? We must see the Christ just where the error claims to be.

There is in the experience of Nehemiah an interesting and illuminating illustration of the clear, correct mental attitude toward the attacks of error. First, the problem of choosing the right thing regardless of the hardships and sacrifices involved. This is the forever command of Principle: "Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve."

Nehemiah was a prince of Judah and was taken captive by the Persian King. Although he was compelled to live in a foreign land, he loved his people and he loved Jerusalem. The report that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and the gates consumed by fire, brought dismay and grief to his heart. After prayerful consideration that he might return to serve his people and rebuild the wall, he was given the opportunity to lay his desires before the King, who gave him permission and even furnished him aid in rebuilding the walls. Those who have gained some glimpse of the power of Christian Science to redeem mankind and build a wall of defense from sin, sickness, sorrow, and death, have consciously commenced their work in the defense of this "New Jerusalem," or "Divine Science; the spiritual facts and harmony of the universe; the kingdom of heaven, or reign of harmony."

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It is interesting to note that once having perceived the necessity of building the wall, Nehemiah did not reveal his intention to anyone, but went out alone at night to lay out his plan. Then he called his people together and “told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; and they said, Let us rise and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.” Then the enemy appeared in the form of Sanballat and others, and laughed them to scorn. Nehemiah listened to none of the arguments of “much rubbish to be cleared away,” lack of time, ability, tools, etc., which then, as now, would lull heavenly aspirations and create fear. Nehemiah’s answer was, “The God of heaven, He will prosper us,” and they continued to build.

The claims of error may present themselves again and again, apparently growing more subtle with every repetition, claiming to be our thinking, even coming in the guise of good; but the understanding of man as the image and likeness of God, the “all-knowing, all-seeing” God, the omnipotent and ever-present Mind, enables us to detect these claims as impersonal error, as nothing, and to overcome them. In *Pulpit and Press*, our Leader writes: “Know, then, that you possess sovereign power to think and act rightly, and that nothing can dispossess you of this heritage and trespass on Love. If you maintain this position, who or what can cause you to sin or suffer? Our surety is in our confidence that we are indeed dwellers in Truth and Love, man’s eternal mansion.” Nehemiah, instead of becoming afraid, ordered every man to put on his armour of defense, to keep his sword in one hand and continue the work. Should not we, too, be alert to the necessity of detecting and uncovering error in every form, as well as declaring and realizing the Truth? Relying wholly upon God, the children of Israel struck no material blow. Likewise, we need not engage in any material struggle, neither are we to meet error as something or somebody. Let us make our defense in the calm realization of the nothingness of the material sense testimony and the allness of God, good. The work is first in the individual consciousness or inner wall; “. . . let the reign of

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divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin;" and then, in the building of the outer wall, the City of all mankind, ". . . and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!" (*Church Manual*)

When the wall was nearly completed and the children of Israel were dwelling safely within, evil did not relax its efforts. Many attempts were made to persuade Nehemiah to leave the protecting walls and meet error on its own level, "in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono;" to relax a little; to indulge in a little self-edification; to believe that *he* had done the work, and to depart from his understanding of God's allness and man's relationship to God. Nehemiah was not deceived by error's malicious efforts. He said, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" Error is persistent and insistent. Four times he was sent for to come down, and so he prayed, "Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands." Strengthened, he continued to build and the wall was completed. His enemies were cast down for they "perceived that his work was wrought of our God."

In the 15th chapter of Matthew, we read that Jesus took Peter, James, and John up into a high mountain, up into the consciousness of heaven, where he was transfigured, and Moses and Elias talked with him. A voice spake unto them saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him." So we, too, need to be lifted up into spiritual consciousness, to recognize man's unity with God, and to be conscious of our spiritual selfhood. What becomes of the "son of man," the belief that we are material, when God visits our thought? "As many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God." The Christ is ever revealing the truth about God, and the nature and essence of God; and the Christ will continue to unfold in spiritual man, "the beauty of holiness," God's wholeness, the wonders of creation.

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We remember that Nehemiah had much rubbish to be cleared away before beginning to build the wall of defense. So, the rubbish of mortal mind beliefs must be cleared away before we have a sure foundation for our wall. In these days, as in the days of Nehemiah, the workers have many hidden, subtle, tricky arguments to uncover and destroy. They are being coaxed by the Ammonites, Moabites and many other 'ites and 'ologies to come down from the wall of spiritual understanding and indulge in a little materiality, to have a diagnosis, an X-ray. What is there to heal? Not man, for he is eternally God's perfect likeness. Not matter, for it is only mortal belief externalized; so there remains only false belief to be healed by knowing the truth, the true man, as Jesus did.

The students of Christian Science may find themselves with many demands and duties outside, but they should remember with Nehemiah that they are the children of God, citizens of "New Jerusalem. Divine Science; the spiritual facts and harmony of the universe; the kingdom of heaven, or reign of harmony." Their hearts must be with their people. The work of the Cause of Christian Science depends upon the work of the individual student. Let us be about our Father's business.

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Association Address of 1961

Our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, has given us the definition of God: “The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence.” She further tells us that “God is individual, incorporeal. He is divine Principle, Love, the universal cause, the only creator, and there is no other self-existence. He is all-inclusive, and is reflected by all that is real and eternal and by nothing else. He fills all space, and it is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and individuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind. Hence all is Spirit and spiritual.”

Accepting these divine, eternal facts, we realize that God is all that exists at this moment and forever. All means *all*. Then, where is God? Like the sunshine and atmosphere, He is all around us. Job said, “The universe is God’s, in whose hand is the Soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.” Someone else has beautifully said:

*If God speaks to thee in the summer air,
The cool soft breath, thou leanest forth
To feel upon thy forehead,
Do’st thou call it God?
Nay; but the wind.
And when out of the dewey garden green,
Some liquid syllables of music strike
A sudden speechless rapture through thy frame,
Is it God’s voice that moves thee?
Nay; but the birds
Who sing to God and all the world.*

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Are we conscious of the fact that all life, love, intelligence, and the supply of every good thing we have, is directly from God, the source of *all good*? Mrs. Eddy once said, “No person, place, or thing in all the universe, no claim of circumstance, can by any possibility interfere between me and all joy and all good. You may falsely think that something stands between you and your heart’s desire, and go through life with that desire unfulfilled, but it is not so. Deny it, and you will find yourself free, and good will begin to flow unto you, and you will clearly see that nothing can stand between you and your own.”

All good is here now and is ours by reflection — our heritage as God’s child, His perfect likeness. God is Life, eternal Life. Since He is my God, He is my Life. Life is the source of all being and life is expressed in action. This being true, the action of Life can never be interfered with and can never stop. Action is divine Mind, governed by divine law, controlled by almighty power, expressing eternity and infinity. We should never associate life with matter, with material belief, with finite sense, as if it were a person, a process, or something that can end. Infinite Life is the source and transmitter of all action and is everlasting. Mrs. Eddy writes: “One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity. This exalted view, obtained and retained when the Science of being is understood, would bridge over with life discerned spiritually the interval of death, and man would be in the full consciousness of his immortality and eternal harmony, where sin, sickness, and death are unknown.” Jesus said, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” Thus we see that we are working not only to heal disease, but to gain eternal Life, the knowledge of our oneness with God.

We cannot pray ourselves into heaven and leave our neighbors outside, and that means all mankind; for heaven is a state of harmony where there is no consciousness of evil, but an innate consciousness of the ever-presence of omnipotent Love. We must

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prove that this Life, or infinite Mind, as it unfolds, is the basis of all our conscious existence. We do not attempt to do anything with the lie of death, but to stop believing it, stop breaking the First Commandment. One Life is enough for all of us, for Life is infinite, eternal. There is nothing about eternal Life that can die. We exist as one unfolding conscious idea. Life is omnipresence functioning or manifesting itself right where you are and as what you are. When Jesus said to Lazarus, "Come forth" — there was nothing there to say, "I can't!" Jesus spoke to the one infinite consciousness which is always the same — always alive, always acting.

"All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation." Then we must evaluate everything correctly of which we are conscious, no matter how it may appear to us humanly. Evaluate means to obtain correct value, to appraise as being one with God, infinite Spirit. "All is infinite Mind" infinitely manifested "from a blade of grass to a star," and as "distinct and eternal." Everything of which we are conscious is an idea, and is alive and living forever. In human belief, things are divided into the animate and inanimate, the spiritual and material, the divine and human; but in Christian Science, we learn that they are not two, but one. That they are called inanimate is only the false material sense of the animate. Because of our ignorance of God's infinite being, of God and man as one being, we accept the false sense as the real. We know that "metaphysics resolves things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul." There would be no counterfeit unless there was the real to counterfeit.

Christian Science teaches that the universe, as it really exists in the God-Mind, is a compound as well as an individual idea. The universe contains not only its own perfect individuality and unity, but it consists of an infinite number of ideas, each of which has its own perfect identity and individuality. In *Unity of Good* Mrs. Eddy writes: "The scientific man and his Maker are here; and you would be none other than this man, if you would subordinate the fleshly perceptions to the spiritual sense and source of being."

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Our work then, is to subordinate or subdue the fleshly beliefs and pictures, and accept only the real, spiritual facts. When humanity attains the true concept of its divinity and maintains it, the mental and spiritual will be harmonized, and Truth will reign supreme. This realization, gained and retained, would enable us to fully understand the words in *Science and Health*: “The earth’s orbit and the imaginary line called the equator are not substance. The earth’s motion and position are sustained by Mind alone. Divest yourself of the thought that there can be substance in matter, and the movements and transitions now possible for mortal mind will be found to be equally possible for the body. Then being will be recognized as spiritual, and death will be obsolete, though now some insist that death is the necessary prelude to immortality.” How wonderful! Then being will be recognized as spiritual, eternal, with nothing in it to die. “The true sense of being” — this means God’s being, your being, my being — “and its eternal perfection should appear now, even as it will hereafter.” Jesus said, “I and my Father are one.” Identity, individuality, and life were real to him only as spiritual, and he accepted no claim of matter or evil.

Jesus, while in the human form, established to sense and sight the Truth he presented. He set before the world the fact that there is no power and no presence in sin, sickness, bondage, or limitation. It is the vision of the Christ, the true knowledge, and with this vision, the Word will become flesh, will be humanly manifested. Christ is defined as “the divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error,” or the belief in the flesh.

If we attain and retain the Mind of Christ, all things become new — our concepts of all things become like Him, and therefore real, spiritual, and perfect. If we are looking out into the world and seeing sin, disease, death, hate, war, and destruction, we are accepting in consciousness another creator, and thereby breaking the First Commandment and every Commandment. To look out into the universe of divine ideas and see everything God made and pronounced good, is spiritual perception — is eyes, sight. Because

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this God-Mind expresses activity and life, my body, being the expression or manifestation of God-Mind, must function perfectly. Since there is one Mind, one man, one organ infinitely expressed, there is one infinite Mind functioning perfectly. What seems to be the functioning of the organs of our present so-called body, is the functioning of the God-Mind reflected infinitely. There is no matter body as mediumship between God and His image and likeness, between Principle and idea. Our false human concept of organs and functions never interferes with the harmonious activity of the divine, any more than the striking of a false note on the piano interferes with the principle of music.

The Christ-Mind supplies what the mortal mind lacks and what the human man needs, and shows him how to use that supply. It comforts the perturbed consciousness and annihilates its fears — fears caused by its own ignorance of God and His creation. It destroys darkness because Christ is the “light of the world.” The word *Christ* should not call to thought any personality, because Christ is just as impersonal as God, just as eternal, just as infinite, just as true, just as ever-present and all-powerful. So is man, God’s likeness, just as impersonal, just as infinite, just as eternal as Christ. The law of Christ makes every law of God humanly possible and ever-operative in human affairs. “The divine Mind, not matter, creates all identities, and they are forms of Mind, the ideas of Spirit apparent only as Mind, never as mindless matter nor the so-called material senses.”

The disciples brought to Jesus two loaves of bread and a few fishes, all they had available for food for the five thousand. Jesus’ conception was just the opposite of their limited one. He knew that the loaves and fishes were infinite ideas, infinitely expressed; and he knew also that each one of the multitude, being the conscious identity of the one infinite Mind, included, therefore, everything they needed; and it was expressed, even as the loaves and fishes were. The multitude was ignorant, however, of their oneness with God, of infinite Mind, of infinite supply; and were not

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aware that they identified infinite substance — the substance of Life, Truth, and Love. To them, the loaves and fishes were separate from their consciousness, and they thought they had to attain them humanly in order to have them. To the multitude, the supply was material and limited.

The vision of Jesus was spiritual and unlimited, and above the human sense and its limitations. The very need that the disciples and multitude considered material and limited, Jesus knew as divine and unlimited, the abundance promised to all God’s children. To Jesus, food was a divine idea identifying divine substance, and could be increased, doubled, or multiplied wherever he was according to the need. Even though the place was in the desert, he ordered them to sit on the grass to eat. There was no desert in Jesus’ consciousness and no lack. He saw food as a spiritual idea, universal, omnipresent good and right at hand. Those who were with him undoubtedly saw only their false concept of the loaves and fishes. To the materially minded, all is material, and to the spiritually minded, all is spiritual. The trouble is not with things, but with the lens through which they are seen. There is only one thing present, and that is the idea of Soul. Just where the material object seems to be, is the idea in divine consciousness.

People believe that their bodies are material and may be diseased. The finite, material sense of body involves suffering; but we are taught in Christian Science the fact that man is “the compound idea of God, including all right ideas.” Divine ideas are eternally active, ever-living, ever-conscious, and in the harmony of divine body, ever-coordinated. There is only one fact about body, the embodiment of divine ideas — namely, that it is spiritual substance, Life, Truth, and Love. God gave you dominion as part of your being, so claim it, exercise it. Let it be ever-operative in your consciousness. Let it be a law of expulsion and annihilation to everything unlike God, Spirit.

Man is the full expression of God’s activity. He is omnipresent activity. Where are you? Ever-present in divine Mind. In

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Miscellaneous Writings Mrs. Eddy writes: “. . . it was Jesus’ approximation to this state of being that made him the Christ-Jesus, the Godlike, the anointed.” He is divinely mental and expresses all of the wholeness and completeness of God. There is not God and something else. God is *All*.

The Christ-Mind never heals, never changes anything, but brings to light the presence of eternal life, eternal health, eternal perfection. The infinite presence of eternal Life, Truth, and Love is the only substance. This infinite Mind embodies all of its ideas, and this is the body of God. This is where you live and move and have your being. Each of us, as ideas in the Christ-Mind, unfolds his own universe.

The storm on the lake which frightened the disciples while the Master slept, was recognized by him immediately upon awakening, as their individual universe. As he “resolved things into thoughts,” God’s thoughts, he found no storm in his spiritual universe, which to him was the real. There being no spiritual storm, there could be no translation of it into the human sense of universe. So the material storm which frightened the disciples was without origin or support in the Mind of Jesus, and so it was resolved into nothingness. The water, the lake, did not disappear because it is a type of spiritual truth in the universe, a truth which is translated into human sense by water appearing usefully and beneficially.

The Master saw and evidenced good in his spiritual universe by changing the water into wine, multiplying the loaves and fishes, healing the sick and raising the dead. Because it was his spiritual universe, he was the absolute master of it. The word *miracle* translated means *sign*, and we see that these happenings, so miraculous to mortal sense, were signs or symbols of the presence of the Christ-Mind. When trees, shrubs, and flowers burst into blossom, that is the divine perfection appearing to human sense. In the practice of Christian Science, we are dispelling beliefs, not treating organs or a human person, not treating a condition of matter because there is no matter. In *Unity of Good* Mrs. Eddy writes:

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“The reality and individuality of man are good and God-made, and they are here to be seen and demonstrated; it is only the evil belief that renders them obscure.” This being true, everything of man’s being, his body, activity, intelligence, is real and is good; but this fact must be demonstrated; it must be evidenced. It is only the belief in evil, a belief in “other gods,” that obscures this demonstration. How zealous we should be to cease believing in that which not only obscures our real selfhood, but obscures good, even *God*.

Jesus did not condemn the disciples when they saw the multitude as having no food. *Unity of Good* states: “Jesus required neither cycles of time nor thought in order to mature fitness for perfection and its possibilities. He said that the kingdom of heaven is here, and is included in Mind; that while ye say, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh the harvest, I say, Look up, not down, for your fields are already white for the harvest; and gather the harvest by mental, not material processes.” Jesus did not condemn, but he recognized that his declaration of God’s infinite presence had uncovered the belief of life and sensation in matter as unreal and not true. He separated malpractice from man, and healed by knowing the one Mind is the Mind of man, and the futility of false belief. He told the disciples to “give them to eat,” to reverse the denials of God, of His omnipotence and omnipresence, and to see the spiritual fact of abundance at hand. How similar to what our Leader tells us, “The earth, at God’s command, brings forth food for man’s use.”

Jesus proved that Mind is substance, law, action, power, and presence, that demand and supply cannot be separated, that desire is prayer, and that heaven is here and now. Jesus understood the Principle which is governing all and producing all that man has need of. Mrs. Eddy was the revelator of this great truth of God’s infinite presence for the salvation of the world; yet she had to make the rules operate in practice; she had to prove them; she had to transfer every belief in our thinking back to its source — infinite Mind, God.

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Mrs. Eddy writes: “. . . the universe, inclusive of man, is as eternal as God, who is its divine immortal Principle. There is no such thing as mortality, nor are there properly any mortal beings, because being is immortal, like Deity, — or, rather, being and Deity are inseparable.” How inspiring! There are *no mortals*, and being and Deity are inseparable. Your being and my being are inseparable from Deity and are immortal *now*. This is a spiritual fact, and will never cease to be a fact, and it is the fact right here and now. Our work is to realize it, prove it, act it, and be it.

The devil did not need matter; he needed only to have us believe in it. He did not need loss, disease, fear, hate, ingratitude, envy, dishonesty, etc. He needed only to have us believe in them and indulge in them. God never gave them power, and they have only the power we give them in belief. Mrs. Eddy told us years ago that “there is no matter,” but mortal, false belief objectified.

This is the day of hypnotism, mesmerism, and propaganda. The television, radio, and press have given them great impetus and many possibilities of promotion. There are liberated powers of mortal mind, wickedness in high places, mental assassination, mental manipulation, etc. What it formerly did ignorantly, it now does intentionally and maliciously. The cunning, subtle methods of mesmerism, hypnotism, mass-manipulation and brain-washing, destroying and breaking every precept of the decalogue, and every moral law of justice and right, must rebound upon themselves. The Christ-consciousness cannot be destroyed. It is the source of all intelligence and law. We must be awake and alert, think clearly and knowingly. This Christ-Mind is saying to us today: Claim your heritage of freedom and joy as children of God, and like the prodigal son, say, “I will arise and go to my Father” — Mind. Dispel the material sense and let the I, the only I there is, go to the Father-Mind.

Man is not self-made; nor does he reach perfection by states and stages of growth inspired by personal effort. Jesus said, “Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?”

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It is by the unfoldment of the fact that God made man perfect, and that he exists at the standpoint of perfection, that he gains his stature as a man of Principle. If in Christian Science, we are not progressing, not gaining a clearer sense of our likeness to God, we will continue “tilling the soil” of material sense testimony.

Denying error does not make error unreal, nor does our affirmation of Truth make Truth more powerful. These mental gyrations of the human mind are powerless to heal or to supply our needs. We must silence the material sense and enter into the closet of spiritual being. The belief in error is all there is to it. It is not saying words that heal; but it is knowing the omnipresence of God, and man’s likeness to Him. We do not build character, but through unfoldment, we recognize our real selfhood as God’s expression and this reveals true character. “Now are we the sons of God,” is the ceaseless demand to rise higher. That is character building. “Christ presents the indestructible man, whom Spirit creates, constitutes, and governs. Christ illustrates that blending with God, his divine Principle, which gives man dominion over all the earth.” Then, when talking of Life, Truth, and Love, we are not talking about something separate and apart from us, but we are gaining a true realization of our real being. Do not think about Mind, God, but think as Mind thinks, see as Mind sees, have as Mind has. Do not let the television and radio do your thinking for you.

The mentality that sees animal magnetism and malpractice as a person or a great power, cannot handle it, but is handled by it. If you say it is a person, it becomes your personal sense, and you are giving it body. If you do this, how can you then say that man is eternally God’s image, or that God is all-power and all-presence? We must know that there is no mortal mind to produce such a false phenomenon; no mortal man to manifest it, and no one to see it or fear it. Disease is mesmeric. The moment some disease is mentioned or described, one experiences a dread, a fear, a *dis-eased* mental condition. It is an imposed belief, an imposition, a purely human invention. Going from the sublime to the ridiculous, — did

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you ever see a cat angry? You have noticed how it bows up its back. Now, you would not give it a treatment for the hump on its back, nor for the curvature of its spine, would you?

In Revelation we read: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." How wonderful to feel that God is ever at the door of our consciousness, knocking; remember, the latch is on our side! We must hear the voice and open the door of our consciousness. Thinking of His being there, and your being there, is *atonement*. You have something to do with your thought to enable you to hear His voice, and to feel your contact with this divine omnipresence of infinite Mind. You have to open your thought to His presence and adjust your thought to let the divine Mind speak, or unfold itself to your consciousness. This requires entering into the closet of Spirit and closing the door to material sense.

Our Leader writes in the textbook: "The manifestation of God through mortals is as light passing through the window-pane. The light and the glass never mingle, but as matter, the glass is less opaque than the walls. The mortal mind through which Truth appears most vividly is that one which has lost much materiality — much error — in order to become a better transparency for Truth. Then, like a cloud melting into thin vapor, it no longer hides the sun."

Let us dwell on this thought and see if it does not convey a clear concept of God's infinite presence — His omnipresence. If you see light shining through glass, even though they do not mingle, yet the light occupies exactly the same place that the glass does. Think how close the light is to the glass, how it penetrates and warms it. Now, think of God just as close to you this moment, and every moment, permeating your very being with spiritual ideas, with the glory of eternal Life, until you feel this warmth of Love glowing in your consciousness. Does this not give you a loving concept of God's immediate presence and enable you to give a real life-giving,

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ever-living treatment? Just as the light shines through the glass, so is the unseen presence of God throughout all space, ever-present to meet our every need. In this way, you have found the very heart of prayer, of knowing “man’s likeness to God, and man’s unity with Truth and Love,” man’s only true substance. In this earnest prayer, we see that God is ever shining through the very thoughts we are entertaining, and we feel His nature and presence. Thus, right out in what seems to be empty space, when we are detached from all material sense, we enter the realm of spiritual consciousness, and recognize that “God is at once the center and circumference of being.” We can then say with understanding, “In Him we live and move and have our being.”

Do we find time each day for great refreshment in prayer? We certainly should, for we need it, and the world needs our earnest prayer for God’s guidance in every activity, and for our beloved America. When we consider that the whole world, outside of Christian Scientists, is believing in evil, we realize how important our work is — to know evil’s nothingness and the omnipresence of God, infinite good, and to awaken the world to this fact. It is the command of Jesus, to go out into the world, preach the gospel, and heal the sick — the sick of mind and heart externalized physically.

When John went to the Isle of Patmos, what did he do? He went to the sea, and when he had seen the nothingness of all evil, he saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Through spiritual vision, he transcended the human, the belief in God and devil, Spirit and matter, Truth and error, Life and death. Today, we are having to sail the sea of human concepts, mortal arguments of fear, hate, envy, destruction, etc., and Mrs. Eddy has taught us how to do it.

Healing is not the endeavor to change or to restore something. It is the process of knowing the true being which is already whole and perfect. We do not try to make a treatment heal, for you cannot keep a right treatment from healing if you make your contact with God. In the case of the withered hand, the widow’s son

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raised from the dead, the lunatic boy, just what really constituted their difficulties? Were they primarily physical or were they mental images externalized? Were they phases of mortal belief, of fear, hatred, and rebellion, operating and binding the individual consciousness, or were they physical? Jesus healed them mentally.

Disease is mental, falsely mental, even though it registers as physical phenomenon, or what is called matter, which is mindless and senseless. Being entirely mental, these beliefs can be changed and uprooted. Jesus healed every disease, even lack and suffering, and he did it all by knowing the "Truth that makes free," free from every argument of evil. It takes spirituality to neutralize the aggressive magnetic fixedness of these many false beliefs. The human mind cannot do it.

The presence of all faculties, of reason, revelation, and ability to draw conclusions, is called the presence of Mind. These words, when understood in their true meaning, have presence and indicate what God is. We must realize that there is a power always available to you, always present and operating for you, bigger than any person or set of persons, greater than any organization or belief in organization, superior to any circumstance or combination of circumstances. Man can never be redeemed while he believes evil is real. He can only be rescued. Jesus knew that in all the infinity of God there was nothing like sickness, old age, blindness, or a withered hand. He knew that God is *All*.

God created all and pronounced it good; then it must be complete and perfect; and man, His image and likeness, is complete and perfect. When we are looking to and accepting a limited sense of things, and the false sense of manhood and womanhood, we are embodying in our thought all of the burdens, sorrows, and sufferings of mortal mind. This is not man; it is not of God's creating. We do not accept man as material and imperfect, and then endeavor to remake him in the image and likeness of God. The real and only man is sustained by God. Since creation is complete and perfect, every idea must of necessity be complete and perfect. Do

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we accept this fact and continually hold it in consciousness? To know this is possession, and will help in meeting claims of lack and limitation. You must have a settled consciousness of the possession of *your* things, your God-given heritage, your health, joy, thoughts, ability, etc., that will not permit intrusion or robbery.

How can you claim dominion over what you do not claim and do not believe you possess? As we acquire this sense of completeness, of possession, we will see that a sense of loss is impossible, and we will find ourselves progressing in every line. Take possession of health and wealth, of ability and progress. They are all mental and are yours. Let the result be what divine Mind decides and not what some mortal thinks. Stop talking and claiming disease, lack, loss, and trouble. What happens to resentment and self-pity when you cease talking and thinking about them? God does not expect you to deny Him. He has a purpose for you, and no belief of age, injustice, lack, or misfortune can stay His hand. He is working in you to accomplish good. Listen to Him, not to mortal man or mortal mind. Go forward! Back of every spiritual fact is all the power of infinite Truth, and Truth knows nothing about material age or material birth. These divine truths are dynamic and irresistible, and will dip right down into your problem. Spiritual facts are active, eternally active, and they accept God as All, as both cause and effect. A Christian Science treatment is an eternal fact. Do not think it will heal now, but that in the end the patient will die. Ignorance of God is the only patient, and it never had any life. There is nothing to die. Every real treatment is God's treatment and is enforced by infinite power.

We must recognize our God-given ability to accomplish good, and the utter inability of error to prevent it. It requires alert, watchful, prayerful guarding the door of our mental household to maintain these foundational facts in consciousness, but they are life. Jesus said, “To know God is life eternal.” That is our work. We are just as old as intelligence — just as incorporeal, divine, supreme, eternal. How old is divine intelligence, infinite conscious-

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ness? In *Miscellaneous Writings* our Leader writes: "Mortals will lose their sense of mortality — disease, sickness, sin, and death — in the proportion that they gain the sense of man's spiritual preexistence as God's child; as the offspring of good, and not of God's opposite, — evil, or a fallen man." We are learning that Mind is infinite; therefore there is nothing else. It is revealed to us that this consciousness of Himself, that moves in accord with Him, is governed by His law, is the sense or spirit of man. Man is idea, or the consciousness of God.

Are we listening to the arguments of mortal mind and fearing its suggestions and images? If so, we are breaking the second Tenet: "We acknowledge and adore one supreme and infinite God. We acknowledge His son, one Christ; the Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God's image and likeness."

When we believe we have overcome all of the beliefs of animal magnetism and mental malpractice — that they do not handle us or operate in our thinking — we need to ponder earnestly and see if we have overcome all fear, pride, envy, deceit, hatred, revenge, etc. If we have not, let us begin anew to work more earnestly. Never voice error except for the purpose of destroying it.

The more we believe in and talk error, the more it is objectified. It gets you to do what it cannot do — *talk it*. The lie, of itself, can do nothing. God did not forewarn us against evil, only *the belief in it*; for did He not say of the "tree of knowledge of good and evil" — "in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die?" There is no material condition so severe, so acute or malignant, so chronic or overwhelming in any way, that will not vanish before the operation of divine Principle. The divine Principle is always operating for us, but we must know it, understand it, put it into operation, and recognize that it is divine and eternal. The naturalness of the presence of God, the presence of good, the presence of all that is eternal, the presence in our lives of all beauty, charm, peace, attractiveness, etc. — that is called the presence of Soul. The presence of that which could never begin and never end, that

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which knows no other presence but good, is called the presence of Life. The presence of that which never errs, is called the presence of Truth. The presence of that which is irresistible and invariable, the power and the law which operate because of it, is called the presence of Principle — the Principle of Love.

Every quality of man is first found in God. God's business is the ceaseless business of ideas, always harmonious, successful beyond expression, and absolutely infallible. God's business is already established; its laws are harmoniously and mutually beneficial; it blesses one and all. It is not subject to belief in hard times and good times. It is never intermittent and is never interfered with. A Christian Science business man must realize that the man he is dealing with may seem to express a great percentage of trickery, deception, etc., and he must be alert to detect these arguments and protect himself. You will be honest and require the man you are dealing with to be honest and just. In this way you are helping him. Business is healing, and it is needed today. Be stern and absolute, and have mortal mind understand it cannot mesmerize you and take advantage of you through dishonesty, obstruction of your activities, or rob you of what are your honest possessions. Your business must be helpful to everyone concerned — it is God's business, for He is the creator of all. He owns all and governs all.

“Where there is no vision, the people perish,” we read in Proverbs. In Revelation John records: “And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire. And he had in his hand a little book open; and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.” Let us be mindful of her saying that the “right foot” or “dominant power” was upon the sea — the unformed thoughts, such as malpractice, animal magnetism, hate, rebellion, etc., which seem so active today. John went down to the sands of the sea and looked out across the water, and he saw a great beast with seven heads and ten horns rise up out of the water. In other words, he saw animal mag-

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netism and mental malpractice, animality, dishonesty, hate, etc., including hypnotism and mass mesmerism, in their latent, invisible elements. After he had seen all there is to evil, even to the very depths of the sea of error, his spiritual consciousness was flooded with light and he saw a “new heaven and a new earth . . . and there was no more sea.” Through the spiritual unfoldment of the omnipotence and omnipresence of God, error was no longer real to him. Our Leader refers to *sea* as typifying latent error, the source of all error’s visible forms, also as “tempest-tossed human concepts advancing and receding.” You will recall that Jesus walked on the sea of troubled concepts to the disciples, and Peter said, “Bid me that I come unto thee.” He walked while looking to the Christ-Mind which Jesus expressed, but when he looked at the waves of human error, he began to sink. Let us also remember that when he called to Jesus for help, Jesus did not condemn him nor connect him with the fear — but put out his hand and saved him. Do we always follow this example?

Today, the world seems to be a sea of tempest-tossed human and mortal concepts or “elementary error,” the source of all error’s visible forms. Like disease, it is all mental, and even when evidenced materially, it is still evil thinking externalized. To meet it, we must resolve mortal thoughts into nothingness and replace them with ideas of Soul, or spiritual facts, and see God’s omnipresence and omnipotence. We are inclined to dwell too much on the human concepts and sink in the depths of confusion and discouragement, running hither and thither in a dither, and accomplishing nothing.

When Moses was asked to lead the children of Israel out of captivity, if he had spent much time figuring out just how he would cross the Red Sea, how far it was to the other side, how deep and where he would find the best crossing, do you think the sea would have parted for him? No! I feel his desire was to get away from the human sense of the situation and realize God’s infinite love, guidance, and ever-presence. When we are thrown into situations where we cannot humanly see our way out, let us cease

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considering human beliefs and pray for the vision and realization of the ever-living Christ, which always delivers. We need to strive for divine guidance, and not strive with error. The human concept is always imperfect, and I cannot expect a healing of disease if I am holding a concept of disease in my consciousness. You do not try to make a false concept of yourself perfect, but you replace it with the true idea. The belief in disease is not a condition of matter, but a false thought externalized. “. . . the sick through their own beliefs have induced their own condition.”

Thinking as God thinks, knowing as God knows, shows me the perfection of the body; however, the body is just as perfect before I know it, as it is after I know it. The substance of Life, Truth, and Love, man’s only substance, does not cease to be perfect just because I am ignorant of its perfection. It is eternally perfect because it is eternally the image and likeness of God, eternal perfection, and there is no power to make it anything else. The belief that the earth was flat did not flatten the earth. The earth was not changed, but man’s thought about it. Until man learned this, he lived in ignorance of the truth, the truth that makes man free from all lies. We hear about spiritualizing the body through thought. This regards the body as physical and undertakes to change matter into Spirit through mental effort. We are taught clearly that there is one creator, God, Spirit, and He has created all in and of Himself. Therefore we do not need to attempt to do that which God has already done perfectly and eternally.

Omnipresence means the infinite presence of God and all that God is, everywhere, all the time. Right now. Right here. Then, right now, God is all there is of the visible and the invisible, not only of the formless, the sea, but of the formed, the dry land. Man does not create nor change anything, he sees only that which eternally *is* — which is eternally good, God-manifest, and calls it good or evil according to his own spiritual unfoldment. “This testimony of Holy Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are

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spiritual, while to another, the unilluminated human mind, the vision is material. This shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages of consciousness.”

We do not cause spiritual perfection to be present; we recognize its presence. We do not possess the sunshine, even when it shines in our room. We enjoy it. We do not possess ideas, we reflect them. Since we reflect all of the qualities of God, we are very rich. We must have all through reflection. If we are not making our financial demonstration, perhaps we need to cast out fear, resentment, the acceptance of mortal mind laws of good years and lean years, injustice, etc., all of which are human elements and would obscure, obstruct, and blur our vision of God’s great love for us and the infinite good He has provided for us.

Jesus was the richest man the world has ever known. His resources were inexhaustible. Material property was entirely valueless to him. He knew the only form of limitation was the human sense of matter. He wiped out of consciousness the sense of matter as man’s body in the limitation of health, just as he did the sense of limitation of bread when he fed the five thousand with a loaf of bread and a few fishes.

Jesus had the understanding of Principle, the Principle of producing mentally everything he needed. He saw it all as thought objectified, and he reflected the all-knowing, ever-present Mind. If they brought a blind man or a leper to him, he instantly saw the real man and his correct view of man healed the sick view. In the beginning God said to the consciousness of every idea in His creation, “Let there be light, and there was light,” and this light was the Christ-Mind, your Mind, the only Mind. Jesus said, “If you know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.”

Perhaps the most aggressive mesmerism is that we can think a thing and still not consciously have it; that we can think health and wealth, and still not consciously experience them in daily living. The fact is, however, that we think *about* health and wealth, but do not realize clearly that they are inherent in man as God’s

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child by reflection. We should be keenly alert and individualize the fact that things exist only because they have been thought or conceived by God, as His image, His being, His own substance.

After John the Divine had looked all through the tempest-tossed sea of human concepts and had witnessed all there is to mortal mind, because of his spiritual wisdom, he could look beyond the appearance of evil into the spiritual consciousness of purity and clarity. He saw the City Fair, the tree whose leaves were for the healing of the nations; he saw the lamb, the stars, the candlesticks and throne, all symbols of the spiritual, which eye could not see — invisible to uninspired thought. In this divine state of consciousness he saw no temple or body, and there was no pain, no darkness, no tears, no death; and he said, “There was time no longer.”

Let us think of our beloved Master and his vision of the crucifixion. Did he not see beyond and above the struggle, and the event of the crucifixion, and the cross, to the culmination of the victory of life for the redemption of the world for centuries to come? It was this vision that gave him power to transcend and surmount the hatred and cruelty of his enemies, as well as all the circumstances which led to the crucifixion. He forgave those who had mistreated him, because he knew that they had no vision to comprehend what he was doing for the world and for them. Jesus could have avoided the crucifixion, but he endured this trial and sorrow in order to prove to us that life is eternal, and that there is no death to man, God’s image and likeness.

It isn’t what we have to meet, but the way we meet it, what to do and what to know. We must look to Spirit, not to matter nor material sense. We may experience the resurrection without the crucifixion, for error alone crucifies. Every time we exchange an evil thought for a spiritual fact, we are having our resurrection. When Job turned from self and prayed for his friends, whom he felt had been so cruel, when he rightly identified even that which his human sense abhorred, his abundance was manifest. This was not the restoration of a former estate, but a newness of life ex-

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perienced by a renewal of the mind — a subjective, spiritual sense of God and man. Hence the substance which was now Job's was the spontaneous expression of Mind's all-inclusive abundance, and not the result of human striving, nor mortal attainment. Man, the consciousness of God, in the individual, indivisible oneness of Being, is seen to include every divine verity. The being of Mind is made manifest though its ideas and as its ideas. Our God is a positive God; therefore, His thoughts, His ideas, are forever positive, complete, satisfied, and whole — as MAN.

“THE COINCIDENCE OF THE HUMAN AND DIVINE”

Association Address of 1962

Our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, tells us in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, “John saw the human and divine coincidence, shown in the man Jesus, as divinity embracing humanity in Life and its demonstration, — reducing to human perception and understanding the Life which is God. In divine revelation, material and corporeal selfhood disappear, and the spiritual idea is understood.” When “divinity embraces humanity in Life and its demonstration,” the human sense is resolved into its nothingness as a false human concept, and we see the coincidence of the human and divine manifesting the qualities of the divine, the Only, the one God.

Mrs. Eddy further says, “The woman in the Apocalypse symbolizes generic man, the spiritual idea of God; she illustrates the coincidence of God and man as the divine Principle and divine idea.” Mrs. Eddy saw the divine oneness. There cannot be *all* and something else.

In Genesis we read: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. . . . And God said, Let us make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and *over all the earth*, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him; *male and female* created He them.” Did God create a male and a female, or male and female in His likeness; in the likeness of our Father-Mother God — not two, but one?

Mrs. Eddy writes further: “To emphasize this momentous

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thought, it is repeated that God made man in His own image, to reflect the divine Spirit. It follows that *man* is a generic term. Masculine, feminine, and neuter genders are human concepts.” Then “God blessed them and caused them to multiply” — to manifest His power, to manifest the infinite divine Mind. This being true, who can curse man or cause him to lose his dominion and God-given power? Genesis continues: “And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. . . . Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.”

Our Leader states: “Here the inspired record closes its narrative of being that is without beginning or end. All that is made is the work of God, and all is good.” This is the coincidence of infinite good, and there is no evil. Accepting these divine facts, we know that God’s work is finished and complete, and that which does not coincide with this perfect spiritual creation is unreal, an illusion, the Adam dream. From these spiritual truths, we know that you and I are included in the completeness, perfection, and eternity of God’s creation, and there is, in reality, no problems to be solved, only the opportunity for Truth to be unfolded in our consciousness.

What is *Mind, God?* It is the capacity to think. It is consciousness or divine Mind. It is not a beginning, but is a continuous, self-existent, abiding consciousness, and has no ending. Beginnings imply endings. Mind and its ideas are co-existent and co-eternal. All the Mind you have consists of ideas. The infinite Mind cannot be expressed by anything less than infinite ideas. Self-existence implies eternity. Continuity means eternity. Mind must be without a single imperfection or possibility of destruction, else God would not be eternal, but finite, mortal. Mind fills all space; hence space is an idea in itself, not a distance between two points. Man reflects all ideas — “the full representation of Mind.”

God knows man as He made him, as His likeness; like eternal Life, infinite Mind, divine Spirit, all-encompassing Love, upright, perfect, ever-acting, ever-living, harmoniously employed, joyous and satisfied. There is not a single attribute of God that man

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does not express *now*, at this moment. Man is inseparable from and dependent upon God for every thought, act, life, and the supply of all good, all wisdom, health and strength. Each idea of God is absolutely essential to God for His complete and full manifestation. One idea has no more understanding or ability than another, for God reflects Himself equally through His children, and in proportion as I know this, these qualities are manifest to me and in me individually. In *Miscellany* we read: “If we say that the sun stands for God, then all his rays collectively stand for Christ, and each separate ray for men and women.” This unfolds your relationship to God, the same as each ray of the sun is related to the sun. The sun reflects itself equally through each ray.

When the apostle John stated: “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us,” he was enunciating the great scientific fact that all love starts with and is included in God, and not in man. So, also, we may say, “Herein is Mind, not that we know God, but that He knows us,” for all right mental activity must start with and be included in the one infinite divine Mind. Can we possibly think a true thought or conceive a divine idea which God has not already conceived? If so, man would be a creator. Therefore we are sure that every true thought or divine idea starts with God, divine Mind, and is indeed in and of divine Mind. In fact, since God, or divine Mind, is all, all right mental activity must express the presence and power of divine Mind, and is God with us.

This man knows no unemployment, for he is constantly employed in reflecting divine activity which operates 365 days each year and admits no slack period or rush period, no good days or bad days, no lack of right ideas. Can you imagine God, infinite Mind, saying, “I have all the right ideas I can use for the next two months; if you will come back then I might find a place for your ideas?” God’s business is located in the kingdom of heaven, harmony, eternal activity, and there are no poor districts or strategic districts, no strikes, no pensions, no old age provisions. Since He is surrounded by the atmosphere of divine Love and harmonious activity, that is all there is, and there is no sense of friction.

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Mrs. Eddy speaks of the equipollence of God, "The equipollence of God brought to light another glorious proposition, — man's perfectibility and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven on earth." This allness of God, translated to human thought, is the nothingness of evil, the nothingness of matter. This is the coincidence of the human and the divine. Equipollence means two different propositions equal in power expressing the one fact. A fact is always affirmative; the statement of it may be made negatively or affirmatively. Because the fact is one, the two statements have equal significance. "God is All" is the affirmative of the one idea. "There is no evil" is the same fact stated negatively.

Our Leader says that when she learned the allness of God, "she beheld the awful unreality of every claim of evil." She also says, ". . . the only reality of sin, sickness, or death is the awful fact that unrealities seem real to human, erring belief, until God strips off their disguise."

In the second chapter of Genesis, after all was finished and pronounced good, "there went up a mist" of material thinking, and the Lord God made man of the dust of the ground and placed him in the Garden of Eden. "In this text Eden stands for the mortal, material body." In this we have the first instance of hypnotism and surgery. But according to this narrative, surgery was first performed mentally and without instruments; and this may be a useful hint to the medical faculty. A deep sleep fell upon Adam, and a rib was taken out of Adam, out of which the Lord God made Eve.

They were told that they might eat of every tree in the garden except the "tree of knowledge of good and evil." Is not this the human sense of good and evil, God and devil, Spirit and matter, eternal life and death? Have we not been eating of this fruit ever since and suffering from the results, for it denies God's omnipotence and omnipresence, and breaks every commandment.

As a punishment for this disobedience, the Lord cursed the ground from which he had made Adam. Adam and Eve had two children, Cain and Abel, and jealousy arose and Cain slew Abel.

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This shows us the result of believing in material creation — that we are born in matter as a helpless babe, then grow up to noonday, and down the other side to old age, helplessness and death. Can you imagine heaven filled with old age, with helpless, blind and deaf people? These are material sense and never any part of man, God’s spiritual idea.

I felt that if we reviewed this picture of material sense of man and God’s creation, we would study more earnestly and strive more diligently to gain and retain a correct view of our real selfhood. This is the surgical operation we need, and it will bring the greatest sense of freedom and our God-given dominion. However, we need not be hypnotized in this operation, but we must refuse to be hypnotized into the belief we were ever anything but God’s perfect child. Our Leader tells us this when she writes: “We should consecrate existence, not ‘to the unknown God’ whom we ‘ignorantly worship,’ but to the eternal builder, the everlasting Father, to the Life which mortal sense cannot impair nor mortal belief destroy. We must realize the ability of mental might to offset human misconceptions and to replace them with the life which is spiritual, not material. The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man *is*, not *shall be*, perfect and immortal.”

The positive is absolute, affirmative, constructive, real, and actual. The negative neutralizes, rejects, counteracts, and is passive. Think of our beautiful universe which supplies our every need — food, flowers, shrubs, life, love, etc. — being counterfeited by a claim of electrical vibrations of positive and negative forces (which produce friction) being the creator. Look at the friction in the world today — the material sense of good and evil, Spirit and matter, eternal life and death, Love and hate, expressed in rebellion, hate, fear, destruction, and suffering. This denies God’s omnipotence, His omnipresence, His omniscience and omni-action. It breaks every commandment and can be healed only by keeping the commandments and following closely the teachings of Jesus and our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy. Consider the countries which

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deny God and are endeavoring to destroy all religion, and see the famine, want, suffering, and lack manifested there. How grateful we should be for the clear understanding given us in Christian Science of a loving, all-powerful God ever at hand to meet our every need.

There are so many avenues where electricity plays such an important part, and it is so active in the minds of so many people, that it behooves us to consider it seriously today. It gives us warmth, light, transportation; and, through its different vibrations, sound is carried instantly to different lands, eliminating time, space, and accomplishing, in a material way, great good. We remember that Jesus did these things without the use of electricity or any material means. When he wished to cross the lake, he was immediately there. He entered rooms without troubling to open doors; he walked on the water, fed the multitude with a few loaves and fishes. Electricity is claimed to be an avenue of great good, and on the other hand, causes destruction and death. It is a claim of good and evil, purely material, and is the counterfeit of the one infinite force, Spirit, God, ever present, needing no wires or material method of transmission.

Mrs. Eddy once said that she trembled when she thought of the experiences ahead of mortals when they began the use of electricity as power. It works both ways — it can take you to church or to the cemetery, and any power that works both ways is not of God. She counseled her household to declare that no electro-magnetism or telepathy can bring poison here. Jesus said that he saw “Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”

The following was copied from a fly-leaf of one of Mrs. Eddy's books:

“Man being God's image, nature and expression, cannot absorb, secrete, or accumulate any mental poison, in the mental atmosphere of conflicting human opinions and beliefs. Electricity is the friction of human beliefs. Electricity has no power to send poison through the pneumogastric nerve to cause gas or fermenta-

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tion. Poison has no active principle, no *modus-operandi* or chemical effect or consequence.”

“Every treatment is the operation and enforcement of spiritual law and it cannot be reversed.”

“It is always well to handle the belief of electricity in case of nervousness and excitability, also for the belief of acidity. Nervousness is electricity.”

“Electricity claims to govern and control man. It claims dominion over him, but *God* gave man dominion, over *all*. Elementary static electricity cannot govern nor destroy man. Let us know that the only currents are the healing currents of Truth.”

“Be positive, spiritually minded, and *know* that the calm strong currents of true spirituality always regulate and govern man’s life.” Copied as coming from Mary Baker Eddy.

Mortal means death, and mortal mind claims to function as electrical vibrations to supply the nerves, which function as eyes, ears, nerves, when there is but one all-powerful Mind. We exist as the expression of the one infinite Mind, which is all-seeing, all-hearing, all-living, all-loving. This means that we do not see because we have eyes, but, *because we see*, we have eyes. The matter eye does not see when separated from Mind, Life. God is the only creator, and He is all-seeing; then the seeing creates, or forms the eye, not the eye, the seeing. We do not live because we have a heart and it acts normally, but, *because we live*, we have a heart and it acts normally.

An idea of God is infinite, spiritual, and is independent of human beings or personalities. This idea is unlimited in its activity; operates everywhere at all times; is unifying, cooperative, reciprocal, loving, inspirational, because it is one Mind unfolding itself infinitely. The function of an idea is the continual expression of Mind. This unfolds the fact that the function of Mind, which is Soul, includes the eyes, which are spiritual perception, or sight. Mrs. Eddy states: “Knowing that Soul and its attributes were forever mani-

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fested through man, the Master healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, feet to the lame, thus bringing to light the scientific action of the divine Mind on human minds and bodies and giving a better understanding of Soul and salvation.”

This little poem is by an unknown author:

*I am the place where God shines through,
For God and I are one, not two.
He wants me where and as I am,
To carry out His perfect plan.
And if I am relaxed and free,
He'll carry out His plan through me.*

In studying Christian Science, we are studying the Science of Life. Until this happens, nothing happens. Without Life, there is nothing; you cannot even think. Life is the basic fact; nothing can ever touch it. It is just there and you cannot do anything to it. It is eternally self-existent — God, Principle, Love, Mind, Soul, Spirit, infinity just going on being Life forever — living forever and ever. This is an essential fact. A spiritual fact can be and must be humanly demonstrated. No one should have ever died after Jesus demonstrated the unreality of death. Belief is all there is to death. The Life that is eternal is *now*, and it is the only Life. There is no human concept of man that ever had any life to lose. Jesus manifested the Christ. He appeared to be a human being, but he knew that the divine facts were just as true as they ever would be and just as demonstrable. Consequently he was able to control, manifest, and direct what is called material existence. He made the demonstration that, though life is spiritual and not material, it had the evidence of being a continuance of material life. He reappeared with a material body.

The beating heart, the breathing lungs, the seeing eye, the hearing ear go on forever as the function of Life, Mind, just as the earth revolves on its axis, and has for centuries. It does not get

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tired, old and creaky, but turns around every twenty-four hours and is always on time. This is the activity of Life, Mind — our Life and our Mind. You cannot keep in thought the human heart or human eyes as Mind functioning, for there is no matter, no material sense to suggest inaction, or diseased action, or stoppage of action. “It is mental quackery to make disease a reality — to hold it as something seen and felt — and then to attempt its cure through Mind. . . . Mental practice, which holds disease as a reality, fastens disease on the patient, and it may appear in a more alarming form.”

As a reflection of divine consciousness, generic man, idea, includes creation, and he rules it by divine law. Therefore, every individual, reflecting God, possesses or includes right ideas, and reflecting them from their divine source, and being divinely cognizant of them, *is his dominion*. He rules, not by human will, because there is nothing human about him; but he rules by divine will which is always good, lawful, just, and right. This is the coincidence of the human and divine, where the human fades into its nothingness and the divine is understood and acknowledged.

What is *idea*? It is defined by Mrs. Eddy as: “Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe. . . . Hence God combines all-power or potency, all-science or true knowledge, all-presence.”

Paul writes in Romans: “The powers that be are ordained of God.” Christian Science is the power of God in evidence, in operation. The power of God is so natural that it does not have to will itself to do anything. Mrs. Eddy says, “The world would collapse without Mind, without the intelligence which holds the winds in its grasp.” Because man is an idea of God, made in His image, then power and intelligent action are natural to his being. Any sense of effort is deflection, and not reflection, and man is God’s reflection. Effort and inaction are but beliefs in separation from God — *duality*. The Christ-understanding, or the law of divine Principle exercised, can restore even to human sense, the functions, form,

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substance, as well as the stimulation of man. Jesus demonstrated this fact. Mrs. Eddy defines man as: "The compound idea of infinite Spirit; the spiritual image and likeness of God; the full representation of Mind." Then man is the omniscience, the omniscience, omnipresence of everything that expresses God. We cannot separate man from God, for "man is the expression of God's being." It takes both to make *all*. This being true, every tissue, cell, function of my being is saying: "I am spiritual; I am whole; I am eternally perfect." In *Pulpit and Press* Mrs. Eddy says, "Who lives in good, lives also in God, — lives in all Life, through all space. His is an individual kingdom, his diadem a crown of crowns. His existence is deathless, forever unfolding its eternal Principle. Wait patiently on illimitable Love, the lord and giver of Life. *Reflect this Life*, and with it cometh the full power of being."

Man is the word that signifies the representative of God, and because he represents God in the universe, he is an inclusive idea. Man is the embodiment of right ideas. Because body is spiritual, I haven't any material body, or any material brain, heart, or anything material to be sick or suffer. If you were treating someone for the disease of some organ, you would see the perfect divine fact of man as the embodiment of spiritual ideas, ever-living, ever-perfect. Man "has not a single quality underived from Deity" and he "reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker." Do not treat as if you were going to bring about right action, but see that action and omnipresence of life are simultaneous. The will of God is always done. There is no other power. Christian Science does not see matter as perfect, but sees the unreality of matter. You do see perfection; it comes to you in your treatment mentally, or spiritually, as realization; you see the perfect being expressing health just where imperfection and suffering claims to be. You do not outline or picture it as a perfect human body, but you perceive it as a spiritual fact. You cannot see Life, Love, Mind, Spirit, Soul, with the material eyes — yet, without Life, Mind, Love, what is there?

We do understand so clearly that ideas constitute our real

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being, and that when there is an abnormal condition of the human body, it will disappear under the clear realization and perception of perfect God and perfect man as His likeness. Treatment is God with us, and seeing God's creation as He made it and sees it, brings into our perception this spiritual omnipresence. This is the coincidence of the human and the divine. “Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick” — *the sick view of man, not a sick man*. It is all mental. Jesus said, “Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,” from the lie. With this truth he healed all disease, suffering, and death. The substance of man is Life, Truth, and Love, which can never be sick nor die.

The capacity to think good and evil is human, and constitutes mortality. The capacity to think only good constitutes immortality, eternity. It may seem difficult at times to know whether we are hearing and obeying divine Mind, or listening to the wiles of mortal mind. The thinking of the Christian Scientist must be founded on humility — “I, of myself, can do nothing.” Christ Jesus said, “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”

I can best illustrate this need of humility by a statement of Mrs. Eddy to Adam Dickey. It shows the depth of her own humility and wisdom. “Mr. Dickey,” she said to him on one occasion, “People say I am changeable, — that I change my mind frequently. But, when I do, it is always God that changes me. Sometimes I will be headed in one direction, like a weather-vane, and will stay there for several days. The next time you see me, I will have turned completely around and am going the other way. But, in the meantime, God has given me additional light and has led me to make the change.” She said, “There have been times in working out a problem when I have not known what step to take, and finding it neces-

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sary to make a move of some sort, I have taken a step as nearly as I could in the right direction. Perhaps I would find out directly that it was wrong, but the step gave me a new point of view that I would not have had, had I not taken it as I did. I would not condemn myself, therefore, but would include it as part of the working out of the problem.”

Christ Jesus came when thought permitted the Christ to unfold. The essential thing was not the appearance of a human being, but the Truth itself — the Principle manifested in idea. It was not what Jesus was materially, but what he knew, that made him the Christ. His individuality exists forever, just as yours and mine exists forever. He came that you and I might understand God and man and their relationship. The important thing to perceive is that *what he knew* governed what he seemed to be — though what he seemed to be was not the reality of his being. The evidence of what he really was, his divine understanding, had to come to human consciousness in order that mortal man might be awakened and redeemed. This divine Truth is not a future possibility, but a present consciousness. The divine Truth comes to the consciousness of a human being and gives him dominion over what appears to be a human body before he entirely demonstrates that body is spiritual. It is always through Christ Jesus that we are saved, because he also had the belief of a material body, but proved that body is spiritual, and his body did what he wanted it to do.

Give a treatment with a sense of security and certainty, and because you are not thinking about God, but, because you are thinking as God thinks with the feeling that “I know that thou hearest me always.”

I shall read excerpts from Mrs. Eddy’s Course in Divinity of March, 1907: “Jesus did not make the demonstration over death, but yielded to it, because of the desertion of his disciples. If they had stood by him, we would now be in the millennium. That demonstration must be made, or the world will again be left in darkness. The students must hold up the hands of the Wayshower. They will say *you* have no need to do so, but you can see the need.”

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“The resurrection is seeing the real man that was never in matter. He never was sick to be made well. This is the way I did the healing. I never saw the material man before me, but the real man, perfect; and this healed instantaneously and no relapse. This is the way Jesus healed, as in *Science and Health* it reads: ‘Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man.’ This is resurrection.”

“At the crucifixion, how did the disciples handle the mesmerism when Jesus asked them to watch with him one hour? *They slept*. Had they been alert, knowing the unreality of jealousy, hate, malice, and all evil which was endeavoring to crucify the Christ, the church history might have been very different. Are we awake today to the malicious activities of the Anti-Christ?”

The United States alone has incorporated spiritual ideas in its Bill of Rights and Constitution. In *Miscellany* our dear Leader says, “I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God.” Being divine, it belongs to all people, and for all people. All men are the evidence of one Being. This will establish the spiritual fact of unity of all nations — one Mind, one power, one government, one Church universal.

In the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence, man’s completeness is based upon the recognition of man’s true value, or divine nature, which affirms certain inalienable rights, — such as “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Christian Science brings the recognition of man’s entire freedom, “the full representation of Mind.”

Let us consider seriously the beneficent efforts to help mankind today — social security, farm subsidies, old age pensions, etc. — and see if they do not stifle individual effort to achieve, to express intelligence, to succeed or to give, and destroy intuition and expression, and create mesmerism and inefficiency that is not inspirational, healthy nor progressive. Let us be awake to the hypnotic tendencies that would put individual alertness and inspiration to sleep and leave all in the hands of highly centralized government or political group — leaving the individual stagnant, inactive, para-

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lyzed under their dictation. This is not Americanism, not freedom, not Christian Science.

Existence is a giving process, a giving forth of God thoughts, or as Jesus expressed it, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Then he told us to preach the gospel, to heal the sick, to give. Giving is unfolding of Life, Truth, and Love, of law, power, etc., which, taken together constitute the abundance of good. It is divine Love, Truth, and Life announcing, "Here am I." In the infinite giving of God's thoughts, infinite supply is eternally present. This is what made Jesus the richest man the world has ever known. He was the one giving forth the greatest supply of power, Truth, intelligence, Life, and Love. His giving of God thoughts did not fail, no matter what the desperate need might be. In no single instance was he trying to get anything. What he gave *seemed* to material sense to be strength for the weak, eyes for the blind, food for the hungry, life for death; however, these were only the human expression, the necessary human translation of God's *thoughts*.

The traitorous disciple believed he was *getting* when he bargained for the thirty pieces of silver, and believed he was getting without giving anything in return. He was *selling* his Master's freedom and life, not his own. So Judas must needs vanish from the scene. It was only after the remaining disciples were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of giving that the great work of establishing the Church of Christ went forward. God gives Himself forth in eternal existence. Without this giving, God would be unexpressed. Although our Revered Leader had many trying problems to solve while establishing her Church, her consciousness was filled with the real creation of God, and her surroundings were beautiful and peaceful.

Let us take a stroll with her in her Garden, as described in Vol. 5. No. 2, p 55, of *The Christian Science Journal*:

VOICES OF SPRING

Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy

Nature, like a thrifty housewife, is at her Spring cleaning, setting the earth in order; but as she puts down white and green carpets alternately, the earth is by turns wet and dirty, or dry and dusty.

The voices of Spring come to us sad or joyful, even as the heart may be. They freshen forgotten harmonies, and mute memories too tender to talk. With brush in hand, Spring passes over mountain and meadow, painting it while she weaves the wavy grass, and brightening the tiny spray. She stirs soft breezes, rippling all nature with her restless wing; but, alas! her winds moan over new-made mounds, where mortal lore hath shed the unavailing tear.

Unconscious of human weal or woe, the little feet of Spring trip lightly on, turning up the daisies, paddling the cresses, waking the world of flowers to look lovingly on the laughing earth. Her dainty fingers put the fur caps on pussy willows, paint the tiny petals of the arbutus, color the blue azure with soft hues, and sweep with glad tones the lyre terrestrial.

Listen to the song of the turtle-dove, the brooklet's melting murmurs. Behold the timid leaves clapping their hands, the glory of the roses, and the alders bending over the streams, and shaking out their tresses in the water-mirrors. The snowbird may tarry in the storm, and pipe to the breeze; feathered tribes leave their winter homes and flock to vernal joys, and the cuckoo sounds her viewless flute; but old Robin comes soonest, to sing amid blossom or blast.

What should be the voices of Spring in the human heart? Resurrected and purified desires; praise, for man's ability to seek and find the Kingdom of Heaven here, — the reign of harmony that

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furnishes glimpses of the great Source whence cometh all earth's beautiful hieroglyphics of Love; joy, that human character may be stately as the cedars of Lebanon, and Truth thrive like the willows by the water-courses; humility, bowing down before His goodness, and peering through mortal mind; industry, arranging with beauty each budding thought as it puts forth new glories; higher aspirations and purer pleasures, which give spiritual energy and power to work for man and in obedience to God.

Has the Springtide brought this harvest to the human heart, putting on costly wardrobes, gained in seasons of toil, defeat, and triumph? Are Christian Scientists as faithful as the seasons, birds, and flowers? Do they challenge mankind as sweetly to flock to the Springtide of God's omnipotence, — His power to heal and save? Will they sing in the storm? If buds of hope disclose scarcely one blossom, and birds are silent, will they yet wait and work, till the latent elements of harmonious being control earth's cold and heat, sunshine and shadow, and the heart's seedling and germ spring into freedom and greatness?

The modest Violet lifts her blue eyes to heaven. The Crown Imperial rears her regal splendor to the god of day. Will mortals as wisely lift their perceptions above the clod, and look long enough away from earth, and toward heaven, to behold "how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"