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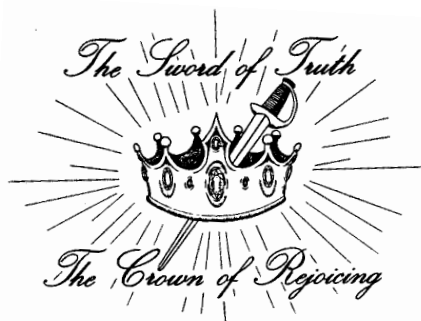
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Mary Baker Eddy — Her Revolutionary Works

Following are some excerpts from various writings of Mary Baker Eddy.

Declare the fact that the doors of opportunity were never so wide open as they are today.

God is our Father, and He is rich; His resources are inexhaustible, and whatsoever we ask for, we shall receive.

Could we but fill our consciousness with the thought that every individual idea of God is as fixed in its place in divine Mind as the steadfast stars in their orbits, it would help dispel the illusion that any of God's children is out of a position, displaced, out of line with the source of supply. No one of that universe, which is unseen and eternal, is ever out of place, for God is without variableness or shadow of turning, and His ideas reflect His stability.



A Treatment for Supply

Mary Baker Eddy

The power of divine intelligence gives you a business capacity without limitation, an acuteness and comprehension, a perception of character and clear-cut systematic knowledge which leads to success. Truth reflected by you attracts to you trade from all channels of good. There is no fear, sickness, envy, doubt, anxiety, hate, or jealousy.

The discordant conditions of business have no power over you. You have no power to attract them. The divine Mind is yours to draw from and execute with, to bring out in your business harmony, success, and prosperity. There is no unrest, discord, fear, or friction; no weakness, discour-

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agement, uncertainty, or failure. You have an inexhaustible supply. There is no avarice, greed, trust in money, or love of money. You have abundant proof of God's loving care and His law of supply.

You live in the land of promise. God has called you out of any sojourn in Egypt (in darkness), to return to your own country and inheritance. The days of hunger, famine, thirst are past. God is substance, Principle, Life. Man as His image reflects the capabilities and possibilities of Spirit.

You live in Mind, in the atmosphere of plenty. There is no power or presence that can resist good or prevent your prayer from being answered, from being effectual. While you remain in this frame of mind, you are obedient to the Principle of your being, and naught can hinder your healing the sick and the sinning.



“The Valley Shall Be Filled with Water”

Gilbert Carpenter

Mrs. Eddy told me of a demonstration that took place, when the roof of The Mother Church was being put on. It did not rain for about sixty days. Finally, the milkman left word at Pleasant View that he would be unable to bring any more milk, since there was not enough water in his well for his cows, and they were drying off. The next day, however, he came as usual with the milk, saying there were two or three feet of water in his well, despite the fact that it had not rained. He asked the students who met him, if they were witches or prophets.

After telling this demonstration Mrs. Eddy said, “Isn't God good? Oh! Mr. Carpenter, trust in the dear, good God.”

In II Kings 3:17 we read, “For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley

Mary Baker Eddy — Her Revolutionary Works

shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.” It would seem that Mrs. Eddy’s demonstration in the above case was a present-day fulfillment of this Scriptural prophecy.



Possession

Mary Baker Eddy

Practice having a sense of possession of all things. Taking possession of what God gives us is the step leading to God giving us what we desire. If you take possession of what is at hand for you, it becomes the loaves and fishes for you, the basis of multiplication. Jesus’ first question was, “How many loaves have you?” You must first have the consciousness of something to multiply. Keep practicing “this is mine” until the spirit of possession is gained, and you will feel “all things are mine.”

You must have a clear enough sense of possession to make others feel it. “All things that are the Father’s are mine” means just what it says. Things that have no possessor, anyone can claim. This is a sense of the Kingdom of Heaven within that gives power and control. Conviction is dominion. As we argue this of possession we shall see that a sense of loss is not possible.

Mind is all that recognizes or experiences within itself all power, all ability, all achievement, all results. Let us rid ourselves of an outside world, and learn that we possess all things, and were given dominion. A sense of possession is as much a law of your being as the distinct sense of activity. Take possession of healing, of health, of demonstration, of results, of a sense of results. Let the results be what you decide and not what some other mortal thinks for you. Our land of Canaan lies before you. Let us go in and possess the land.

Breaking Down Misconceptions of Christian Science

The time for thinkers has come. Truth, independent of doctrines and time-honored systems, knocks at the portal of humanity. Contentment with the past and the cold conventionality of materialism are crumbling away. Ignorance of God is no longer the stepping-stone to faith.

Mary Baker Eddy

Nothing is more antagonistic to Christian Science than a blind belief without understanding, for such a belief hides Truth and builds on error.

Mary Baker Eddy

To seek Truth through belief in a human doctrine is not to understand the infinite. We must not seek the immutable and immortal through the finite, mutable and mortal, and so depend upon belief instead of demonstration, for this is fatal to a knowledge of Science.

Mary Baker Eddy



Indoctrination — Unconscionable in Science

Andrew Kidd

As Heidi stated on the church website, “This is why I love Independent Christian Science: It teaches us ‘*how* to think,’ not, ‘*what* to think!’”

Who teaches this? One who does not speak beyond what he or she has proven, who points back to the Bible and Science and Health, who loves enough to correct and never to condemn.

The death-blow to the practice of Christian Science is indoctrination — “to teach to accept a system of thought

Breaking Down Misconceptions

uncritically,” as defined by Webster. Recently in our Sunday Roundtable, after several contributors described how they would deal with a specific type of problem, and what statements of truth (all excellent) they would use, one participant candidly admitted that, prior to his finding independent Christian Science, he “did all that and it never worked.” This individual had grown up attending Christian Science Sunday School, attended Principia (a college for Christian Scientists), and yet his life was a living hell until he found Plainfield and began getting de-programmed!

Although other Christian denominations have their doctrines and creeds to define what they believe, Mary Baker Eddy never established such an organization or set of doctrines. The fact that Christian Science became a denomination known for “not believing in doctors” was the result of disobedience, not obedience to the vision and direction of Mrs. Eddy. The governing body of the Christian Science movement, the Board of Directors, fell into the trap of all ecclesiasticism by trying to protect the purity of the teaching, and by so doing, encouraging “the flock” to *believe* instead of to *understand*, to merely accept a doctrine instead of having the heart transformed. This has resulted in “confusion worse confounded.”

The only way to “teach” others is by example, as Jesus did. Jesus’ life taught mankind to love God and our neighbor as ourselves, to thank Him, to turn to Him for guidance, etc. From this standpoint, Christian Science makes perfect sense, as we put off our “human,” selfish ways, and rely more and more on that inner voice, that spiritual sense instead of the physical. We begin to see that life as the world sees it is full of self-destructive contradictions, and that Science makes a lot more sense and really opens up the doors of hope and opportunity.

To teach anyone, especially a child, to believe that

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there is no matter, no evil, and no sin, that these are unreal, is a very dangerous thing to do. It leads to the kind of practice that Mrs. Eddy warned against in the textbook: "If Christian healing is abused by mere smatterers in Science, it becomes a tedious mischief-maker. Instead of scientifically effecting a cure, it starts a petty crossfire over every cripple and invalid, buffeting them with the superficial and cold assertion, 'Nothing ails you.'" This includes the parent "teaching" their child. The pure thought of a child is not favorably impressed by talking and not doing!

Our textbook says it more clearly than we ever could: "Emerge gently from matter into Spirit. Think not to thwart the spiritual ultimate of all things, but come naturally into Spirit through better health and morals and as the result of spiritual growth."

"If we would heal by the Spirit, we must not hide the talent of spiritual healing under the napkin of its form, nor bury the morale of Christian Science in the grave-clothes of its letter. The tender word and Christian encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience with his fears and the removal of them, are better than hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame with divine Love."



The Command Statements

Mary Beth Singleterry

Someone recently said that before coming to our church, he would diligently spend time studying the Lesson each morning, close the books, and then get back to the busi-

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ness of worrying! I found this very amusing, as it was something I could really relate to.

Years ago a practitioner gave me pages 390-393 from Science and Health to work with in order to break the worry habit, as well as for other problems. She referred to these pages as the “command statements” and suggested I underline all of them. If you refer to these pages, you will find quite a list including, “dispute the testimony,” “suffer no claim . . . to grow upon the thought,” “agree to disagree,” “banish the belief,” “mentally contradict.” Mrs. Eddy goes on with mounting enthusiasm!

At first I was like the one mentioned earlier; it was very inspiring to read these pages and to receive a temporary high, but applying them in my daily life was a different matter. It took practice and determination to meet every negative suggestion with the Truth. When the suggestion of sickness would come, I determined to “mentally contradict every complaint from the body.” As I consistently addressed every negative thought with as much God-given strength as I could muster, big changes began to take place. Sometimes it would be necessary to sing hymns — loudly! Sometimes it would be necessary to stamp my foot, but eventually error’s hold on me loosened.

If you are feeling things are somehow not working out for you, give this your full attention! When studying the subject of mathematics, we must not only study the textbook, but we must also work out some problems. Is that not true? Every day we are confronted with problems and we have the priceless privilege to work each one out in Christian Science, with the help of Almighty God!

Follow Mrs. Eddy’s instructions. When error is barraging you with all its negativity, call upon these command statements to rule error out of your existence! This is the Law of God. You can count on it to work!

“Feed My Sheep” — Christ Jesus

Lives alive with faith illumine the world; songs radiant with vibrant tones of deep conviction reach to the ends of the earth. Acts fearless with the certainty of omnipotent power guide the faltering step of others, and stimulate throughout the world the desire for right.

Una Willard

There is only one thing that can defeat the enemy, and that is “consecration until conquest.” But it must be wholly from a spiritual standpoint without one atom of animal magnetism or sense testimony admitted, or it is not consecration.

Herbert W. Eustace

The same Christ, Truth, which so illumined Jesus’ thought and through which he accomplished mighty works, is active today, enabling us to follow him in performing works that glorify God and free humanity.

Milton Simon

It takes every man and woman, with all their talents and powers in full operation, and obedient to the one central divine All-power, God, to make a true democracy.

Una Willard



Overcoming Inertia

Faith Holmes Hyers

Everyone has a constant need to guard against mental inertia. No matter how long we may have studied Christian Science, it’s still vital that each day we strengthen our spir-

“Feed My Sheep”

itual defenses. “All that error asks is to be let alone,” says Mary Baker Eddy in her article, “Ways that are Vain.” (My.) Over and over again in the teachings of Jesus and of Mrs. Eddy we find constant warnings to be alert. “I say unto you all, Watch,” was the message given by Jesus to his disciples many times; and Mary Baker Eddy says in her Message to The Mother Church for 1900, “The song of Christian Science is, ‘Work—work—work—watch and pray.’”

It is not enough to passively accept the truths of Christian Science; we must also vigorously deny the claims of evil. Jesus spoke with authority to every suggestion of sickness, sin, death, or worldly ambition which presented itself to him. He never hesitated to give a direct rebuke to the belief in fever, dumbness, or Pharisaism.

In this age, when there seems to be a majority on the side of materiality and the belief in the so-called power of human thought, there is much need for constant mental work. Again in Miscellany we read, “Unless one’s eyes are opened to the modes of mental malpractice, working so subtly that we mistake its suggestions for the impulses of our own thought, the victim will allow himself to drift in the wrong direction without knowing it. Be ever on guard against this enemy. Watch your thoughts, and see whether they lead you to God and into harmony with His true followers.”

An awareness of the methods and modes of evil must never be confused with fearfulness. Because this awareness is brought about by an understanding of God’s allness and the absolute powerlessness of evil, it is endued with calm courage, conviction, and clear vision. It recognizes the source of all evil and knows it to be “a liar, and the father of it.” It knows that a counterfeit has no reality, no substance, and no life. It realizes that thoughts which bear the fruits of ill health, ill will, fearfulness, and discontent —

however pleasantly they are arrayed in garments of well-meaning ignorance, time-consuming gossip, or mistaken legislation — are malicious, and should be conquered and proved powerless.

This spiritual alertness is the exact opposite of the mental inertia which allows graft, false propaganda, and selfish ambition to creep into politics, which drones on while immoral legislation is enacted, which remains in a purposeless state of rest while fear spreads an epidemic, and which is aroused only by desperate personal need. Spiritual alertness is aware that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”; and those who are alert, give thanks daily for the preventive power of God-inspired thought.

To “pray without ceasing” is not to spend all our days on our knees in our closets, but to constantly keep thought actively engaged in accepting and affirming the true, spiritual understanding of man, and in firmly rejecting and denying all that is untrue, illegitimate, and inharmonious. To work and “watch and pray” is to prove ourselves guardians of mankind, and sentinels on the watch towers of spiritual light.



“One Step Enough for Me” Blanche Hersey Hogue

Mrs. Eddy said, “God never leaves us without light enough to take one step. Do not stop walking till the light gives out.”

Survey the world today. Is there not light enough to take one step? Look out upon the problems of the brother man, of the world at large. Is there any struggle, or perplex-

“Feed My Sheep”

ity, or calamity, in any experience, where there is not light enough for one step? The trouble is, that we beg for light enough to see many steps ahead; to the end of the journey, or to the complete solution of the problem. We forget that we can, in any event, take but one step at a time, and that we really need no more light than is sufficient for that step. It may be a question whether Jesus, at the age of twelve, possessed consciously all the light needed to carry him triumphantly through a crucifixion, yet he had enough to confound the wise men in the Temple. As he journeyed on, he gathered strength and vision; and in the hour of the crucifixion, he had sufficient light to lead him to his resurrection. Assuredly, the great Master who bade his people “take therefore no thought for the morrow,” knew that today’s obedience will care for tomorrow. He knew well that our problems will simplify, and the fret and the turmoil cease, if we will rest content with light enough to take one step, and be obedient in taking that step in the light given. Such a spirit reaches not impatiently to great deeds in the future, but grows patiently and contentedly to them by means of the quiet work today.



God, what can I do
My brother to bless,
The Christ to express?

God knows how, where, and when.
A clear message,
To open hearts, He'll send.

Lillian Linnell

“Comfort Ye My People”

There is no human condition that is without hope, no situation in which one has grounds for discouragement. Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me,” and the same is true of all who humbly look to Christ for help in time of need.

Robert C. Bryant

Whenever we turn to God in unselfed love for guidance and strength, our prayers are answered.

Edna R. Lenoir

Man in tune with God, reflecting His power, expresses and applies it with wisdom and thereby uncovers, neutralizes and destroys evil.

Gilbert C. Carpenter

The only consciousness that there is, the only Mind, the only intelligence, the only action, the only power and law, is your Mind right now, and it heals everything.

Bicknell Young



Thoughts on Substance, 9/11, and the 23rd Psalm

Heidi Gwinn

I have always loved the 23rd Psalm. It has given me comfort throughout my life. When things have seemed so desolate, the 23rd Psalm spoke to my heart. This Psalm clearly tells us to trust God with all our heart. He is our shepherd, we are His sheep. We can trust Him to take care of us. The 23rd Psalm has been helpful with regard to the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. When the media won't let us forget, we can be still. We can remember the 23rd Psalm.

“Comfort Ye My People”

“Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; For thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.”

Notice it says, “The valley of the *shadow* of death.” I know that shadows have no substance. I know that death is not real. We are eternal beings. Furthermore, God is with us. We are not left alone. Would a shepherd ever leave his sheep? We can find comfort in all trials if we look for the truth and not appearances. The 23rd Psalm says to “fear no evil.” Fear is not conducive to manifesting anything of substance in our lives.

“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.” God can provide all our human needs, even in the presence of what is seen to be danger, or enemies, despair, helplessness, or loss of hope.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.” Hope is full expectancy of good things to come. I think manifesting substance requires hope and confidence. I expect good things in this life, forever!



Where Is My Place?

Author Unknown

Your place or your position is not something you make for yourself, nor yet is it anything you can ever possibly lose. Your place is not given you by persons, and persons cannot really take it away from you. Your place has nothing whatever to do with geographical locations or time limits. Your place is a thing of creation; it is yours by divine endow-

ment. Your place is consciousness, nothing less. Your individuality, yourself is your place. You can see, therefore, how your position is not determined by other mortals, but is rather solely dependent upon the divine author of all being. Knowing this, it at once becomes apparent that it is worse than foolish and useless for you to entertain fears for your place. It is in Mind and is secure. The vicissitudes and various fortunes of existence do not affect man's position. God gave each of us our place when He gave us our individual being.

You had your place "in the beginning," when the morning stars sang together. Man cannot lose his position when he knows what his place consists of; he can have no fear about it.



The Power of Our Textbook

Mary Beth Singleterry

Mrs. Eddy once instructed her students to turn to our textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, for healing; and to turn to her other book, Prose Works, for instruction. I have found even one sentence from Science and Health to be rich with meaning and one that can be practically applied to daily life.

Recently the following statement was in our Lesson on Spirit: "Spirit is the Ego which never dreams, but understands all things; which never errs, and is ever conscious; which never believes, but knows; which is never born and never dies. Spiritual man is the likeness of this Ego."

I copied this sentence on an index card, kept it with me, and worked with it during the week in the following

“Comfort Ye My People”

way: “Spirit is the Ego which never dreams” — I am not subject to the Adam dream nor am I subject to any dreaminess or absent-mindedness. “Understands all things” — with God as my Mind, there is no problem too big or too small that I cannot understand, and also solve! “Never errs” — no room for a mistake or an accident . . . Impossible! God’s direction is clear and ever-present. “Is ever conscious” — I am always aware of my surroundings and of my thoughts. Nothing can enter my consciousness undetected; nothing can take me off-guard. My time of rest is in God’s hands; “Which never believes but knows” — I know all I need to know when I need to know it. There is no wishful thinking or hoping here. I do know the Truth and can express it in my daily life without any confusion or any trace of doubt. “Never born and never dies”— I was not born into matter nor will I die out of it. My life is in God! I am the likeness of God, good!

Working in this way, many solutions to difficult problems unfolded in a simple and natural way. The power of God’s presence was clearly felt. Science and Health is called a “textbook” for a reason. As we really apply the Truths it contains, wonderful things begin to happen!



Trust

Be bold and trust God with all your heart,
With confidence, courage, that’s the best way to start.
Be strong, never waver, asking, “God, what do you say?”
There’s only God to lean on to take us all the way.

Lillian Linnell

Watching Points

The book 500 Watching Points was written by Gilbert C. Carpenter, C.S.B., and Gilbert C. Carpenter, Jr., C.S.B. These watching points were written for Mr. Carpenter's students, "to broaden their demonstration of Christian Science as Mrs. Eddy set the example in her home."

Watching Point No. 70

Gilbert C. Carpenter

WATCH lest, in your effort to expose the nothingness of animal magnetism, either you make a reality of it, and hence become afraid of it, or else you ignore its claims to power and existence, which is equivalent to being handled by it. It is nothing, and it must be recognized as nothing. It must be proved to be nothing and it must be kept nothing; but this attainment must come through a knowledge of its operation, and not through ignoring it.

Watching Point No. 72, 73

Gilbert C. Carpenter

WATCH lest the quickening within yourself concerning animal magnetism, which comes with spiritual progress, be interpreted as an increase in its power, activity and subtlety, instead of the uncovering in your own thought of a latent fear of it, or belief in it. Error cannot be handled rightly and destroyed until one has traced all effect back to cause and recognized that, although the mesmerism comes from outside, the yielding to it lies within your own thinking. This is only another way of saying what Mrs. Eddy once declared, "Error comes to you for life, and you prolong its life by giving it a false temporary sense of Life."

Animal magnetism is the human mind on the way out, aroused to resistance by Truth.

Announcements

Audio Recordings of Science and Health

We are happy to announce that we are producing audio recordings of Science and Health on CD. On them, Science and Health is beautifully and understandingly read by Andrew Kidd, who served as Reader in Plainfield Church for ten years. His experience and great love for Mary Baker Eddy and her revelation makes for a powerful listening experience, even for those familiar with the text-book. The cost is \$7.00 per CD.

Christian Science in Germany

We have published a newly typeset version of the inspiring book, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IN GERMANY, by Frances Thurber Seal, in paperback format. This book tells of her experience in bringing Christian Science to Germany in 1897. She had found Christian Science less than a year before, and didn't speak a word of German. Yet through her love and faithfulness to God, she was able to bring Christian Science to Germany, teaching classes to people from all over Europe. The price is \$6.00.

Full-Text Version of Plainfield Lessons

We are happy to announce that Plainfield Church now produces our independent Lesson Sermons in full-text booklet form. Each 8 1/2 x 11 inch booklet contains the full-text Lessons for one month. It fits easily within a briefcase or large purse. This offers a convenient, attractive alternative to carrying your marked lesson books when traveling. Each one-month issue is \$7.00, a 3-month subscription is \$19.00, a 6-month subscription is \$36.00, and a 12-month subscription is \$65.00, within the USA; international is \$9.00 per issue, \$77.00 for a 12-month subscription.

Church Services Available by Phone

Our Sunday and Wednesday church services can now be heard by telephone. If you don't have a computer and

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would like to listen to our services live, contact Plainfield Church for dial-in information. You will be provided with a toll-free phone number, and a pass code. This will connect you to a teleconference service which broadcasts our services at the time they are being held. Sunday services begin at 11:00 a.m., and Wednesday services 8:15 p.m. The services are preceded by 5-10 minutes of music, and you are invited to dial in early to hear this prelude. If you miss a live service, recordings can also be accessed through this teleconference service.

Our adult Sunday School class is also available, live and recorded, via this teleconference service. The adult Sunday School class begins at 10:00 a.m.

We invite everyone to join in, sing the hymns with us, and participate in the adult Sunday School class.

Testimonies Given by Phone

Anyone from out of town is now able, through our teleconference feature, to give a testimony live during our Wednesday services from their telephone. If you are interested, please contact the church for the toll-free phone number, code, and instructions. We look forward to hearing from you!

Live Services on the Internet

Have you heard our live services on the Internet? Plainfield Church broadcasts both our Sunday and Wednesday evening services, including the Sunday adult class, live on the Internet. Recorded versions of these services are available on our Web site at any time. Just log on to plainfieldcs.com, and join our congregation. We look forward to welcoming you!

Web Site

Our Web site, plainfieldcs.com, is constantly being updated with fresh, inspired thoughts, articles, services, and Lessons. It even includes a Lesson forum area to post com-

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ments about the Lesson. Please check it out, and leave a comment if you wish!

Plainfield Independent Quarterly

The Plainfield Church publishes its own Lesson Sermon Quarterly, based entirely on the Bible and Science and Health. A one-year subscription costs \$11.00. A single issue costs \$5.00. Subscriptions to overseas and Canada cost \$19.00.

CornerStone Subscriptions

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Plainfield Independent Newsletter

The Plainfield Church Newsletter is published in February, April, June, August, October, and December. It is available to members of Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent, free of charge.

Bicknell Young: Collected Writings

Collected Writings by Bicknell Young is one of our church's most popular publications. Due to widespread demand, the Plainfield Church has reissued this collection of Mr. Young's most outstanding writings on Christian Science. Included for the first time in this new edition is Mr. Young's article, Aggressive Mental Suggestion and Malpractice.

Collected Writings is bound in a blue leather-like cover. The price is \$15.00, with free postage within the United States.

New Members Are Welcome!

Do you love Christian Science, and wish to see it prosper and go forward? Then we invite you most lovingly to join us in membership. Please contact us, and we'll be happy to send you an application!

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Its Clear, Correct Teaching and Complete Writings by Herbert W. Eustace C.S.B.

This book is now available through the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent. It is an invaluable study aid for advancing students of Christian Science, containing many of the articles written by Mr. Eustace during his practice and teaching of Christian Science.

Mr. Eustace graduated from the Massachusetts Metaphysical College in 1902 with the degree of C.S.B., signed by Mrs. Eddy and Mr. Edward Kimball. After that, Mr. Eustace served the Christian Science movement faithfully for many years, as Trustee of the Christian Science Publishing Society, practitioner, and teacher of Christian Science well into the 1930s.

The following paragraphs, handwritten by Mr. Eustace, were left on his desk as his last written word (December 9, 1957):

"Mrs. Eddy gave two very important directions to every Christian Scientist before saying good-bye; in fact they were more than directions, they were commands and demanded imperative obedience. The one was to call disease animal magnetism as the specific term for error or mortal mind, and then handle animal magnetism. And the other was that Christian Scientists are not healing because they do not know how to handle animal magnetism.

"Here is a challenge to you. Do you not know how to handle animal magnetism? If not, why not; and from this moment let your every intent be to know how to handle animal magnetism and then do it; and heal the sick intelligently and instantaneously, which is the only way Christian Science does."

The book is bound in flexible red leatherette and contains 1040 pages. The price is \$27.00.

Letters from Readers

I've recently come across one of your Healing Thoughts magazines from 1999, and what a wonderful refreshing piece of work it was. Thanks to our God, and people who listen.

As you can see, I'm in prison, and have been for many years; but this is the first time I have ever heard of Christian Science or Mary Baker Eddy. I have the books Science and Health, Prose Works, the Manual and the hymnal. Never in my life have I ever heard such clarity into who God is, what He is, and who He is to us. I myself can't put into words the beauty and love that was bestowed on Mary Baker Eddy to give to the world.

Please send me a catalog with current prices.

California

Thanks to God for every good I have gained since finding this church, and thanks for practitioner support.

So happy that the Internet makes the Truth available to all who are sincerely seeking.

Georgia

I would like an application for membership to your church. I feel so enriched due to your accomplishments. I have been listening to your services and receiving the Lessons for a couple of months.

Virginia

Thank you for all that you do for the Plainfield Christian Science Church.

Today I am very grateful for a practitioner from the Plainfield Church, and also for the roundtable classes. Both have helped me by asking the pertinent and sometimes hard questions that helped me examine my true motives. As a result, I was able to make the necessary adjustments

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to a planned trip to avoid doing something out of guilt. Not surprisingly, my joy came back! Thank you all.

California

What a blessing it is to receive the new CornerStone magazine, which I read from cover to cover. It is filled with so many inspiring and practical articles, poems and information, so that we may go out and be a blessing to the world.

Vermont

I am on my second reading of CornerStone magazine. Thank you for the inspiring articles. It is as the Master said, "Feed my sheep." Keep up the excellent work.

Alabama

Recently I was annoyed by a sore neck that did not yield to usual treatments. Before, when such an event happened, I would start the study of our textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. I set as a goal the study of at least six pages of our textbook each day. I really cannot recall when the neck problem disappeared — it just disappeared. In a recent copy of The CornerStone magazine I read of a healing resulting from the study of our textbook. Mrs. Eddy reminds us that the full Christian Science message is to be found in our textbook, and how grateful I am for this Truth.

California

Enclosed is a check which represents 10% of a commission for selling a town home. I am a Arizona Realtor, and I am so grateful to be able to once again demonstrate God's gift of supply to meet our every need.

Arizona

Enclosed is a contribution, sent with many thanks for the dynamic and constantly inspiring website and activities

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of this independent church. It is exciting to be a part of the mission of this church to forward and share Mary Baker Eddy's revelation of pure Christian Science, dedicated to following the Christ.

Virginia

I love the weekly assignment. Talk about "Onward Christian Soldiers"! What is the point of studying if we aren't going to put it into practice. Absolutely nothing passive about Christian Science here!

Maryland

How fortunate we are to be able to attend the church services and the roundtable over the internet. Sometimes it is not possible to attend "live," so it is much appreciated to be able to listen to the recordings at any time on the wonderful and always improving website. I pray that all hungry hearts out there will find this church as I did almost ten years ago.

While listening to this past Sunday's service, with its beautiful music and Lesson Sermon, I thought of the basket that goes around during the collection. The collection basket is somewhat "virtual" to us listening across the miles, so here is our heartfelt contribution through the mail.

Vermont

Thank you for an inspiring roundtable and church service, and a beautiful chorus selection. When the service was over, I hated to "hang up." Thank you again for making it possible to participate in church from so far away.

Florida

CornerStone magazine is magnificent — truly a gem! The articles, poems, testimonies — all so healing and wonderful. The dedicated work that is done is truly appreciated.

Illinois

Edward A. Kimball — The “Paul” of Christian Science

Andrew Kidd

As Paul was to the early Christian church, so was Edward A. Kimball to the early Christian Science movement. He delivered more than 1,800 lectures on Christian Science, requiring more than 400,000 miles of travel, without airplanes! His ability to communicate the message to those unfamiliar with Christian Science was unrivaled. His lectures filled every hall to overflowing. His love and respect for Mary Baker Eddy and her revelation was indisputable, as is evident from his lectures and other writings. And apparently, like Paul, he had his share of physical discomfort, which he never let stop him.

That Mrs. Eddy had the highest regard for Mr. Kimball and his grasp of Christian Science, right up to the end of his time here on earth, is supported by the fact that she asked him to teach the 1910 Normal Class. Prior to that class, when Mrs. Eddy survived the vicious attacks that came through the Next Friends Suit, she came to a much higher understanding of body, and she chose Mr. Kimball with whom to share it. Each evening for several hours, she would drill Mr. Kimball to make sure he got it correctly. Apparently feeling his own end was near, he chose three trusted associates, including his student, Bicknell Young, and shared with them this precious teaching, in turn drilling them late into the night. Mr. Kimball passed on before he was able to teach the Normal Class.

What was Mr. Kimball's earthly reward? After Mrs. Eddy passed, he (posthumously) and his students were marginalized by the Board of Directors, accused of corrupting Mrs. Eddy's revelation! Terms like “Kimballism” and “the Chicago School” emerged. Who was responsible

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for this? It is safe to say, rather than getting into personalities, it was the Red Dragon from Revelation. What was the main point of contention? Essentially, Mr. Kimball declared that what we see as material things is a wrong way of interpreting what is actually before us. Correctly seen, the “material” thing (*i.e.*, organ of the body) is a spiritual idea. The “Red Dragon” crowd accused Mr. Kimball of corrupting Mrs. Eddy’s teaching, insisting that the so-called material organ is nothing, and represents nothing.

This explains why, very often, Christian Scientists are the most confused people on earth. “The material universe is nothing and represents nothing, while Spirit is everything, but we seemingly have to live in the material.” This has led, in practice, to a dualism that is fatal to the practice of Christian Science, and we have the Red Dragon, or unhandled animal magnetism, to thank for it.

We here celebrate that great worker, who arguably has done the most to spread Christian Science, aside from Mrs. Eddy herself, and conclude with this, her benediction after his passing: “My beloved Edward A. Kimball, whose clear, correct teaching of Christian Science has been and is an inspiration to the whole field, is here now as veritably as when he visited me a year ago. If we would awaken to this recognition, we should see him here and realize that he never died; thus demonstrating the fundamental truth of Christian Science.” (My.)

Following are some quotes from the writings of Edward A. Kimball.

Philosophies have been wrecked in trying to account for the origin of evil. I would jump into the lake if I found the origin of evil, because then it would be true. There is no origin, source, or foundation for evil. “Two times two is five” is

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a lie about “two times two is four.” This silences error.

God is Good, and that means that every right idea carries with it the very power of the universe. A right idea will move a mountain, because it is entitled to do the deed, and there is no adequate competition and no rival by way of power that can stay or obstruct or interfere with it. God has no other law for us than Life.

Take courage of every experience, and power will be yours. Go on, dear friends, and prove that you are the children of Him who cares for His own. Be faithful to Principle in all you say and do, and success will be yours.

You are a law unto yourselves. Heaven is within. The kingdom of God is within. You have the power within — use it.

Perfect rightness in thought, word and deed is the real man. Evil is a wrong sense of a right thing. Human body is a counterfeit of the true body, the body of right ideas.

When you have a case of sickness, you have three specific features: one, that there is a claim, and that there is a substance to be sick; another, that there is a cause for the sickness; and lastly, that there is a law to cause that sickness. And unless you break the law, you are not handling the case.



What Is Law?

Edward A. Kimball

Everything that is, is because of God; and that which created the universe is its law. The law of God concerning you is the law of Life to you all the time, the law of health, the

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law of strength, the law of enduring and continuing faculties, the law of your prosperity, your achievement, the law of your dominion; and there is no other law whatever in the universe. This is the only law there is, and there is no divine or natural law against you.

If you are sick, it is not because of law, but because of belief, ignorance, superstition and fear. God has not provided for your illness; there is no law that provides for it or procures it. There is a fable that, many years ago, a plague visited the city of Baghdad, and as a result ten thousand people died. Someone met the plague outside of Baghdad and reproached it for killing so many people. The plague answers, “You wrong me. I killed only one, and fear killed all the rest.”

Operative Christian Science is the enforcement of law. Christian Science means the annulment of the so-called law of disease. Whenever a Christian Scientist heals a case, he does so by smashing a so-called law. Every demonstration of healing proves that disease is illegitimate and abnormal, and that the so-called laws governing it are abnormalities, having no intelligence, no right to exist, and no power of continuance.

There is no law that can bind you or bind upon you any hereditary disease. You may give up the belief now and forever that you are under the doom of any such law. God never provided for any such law. Declare in the name of Christ that you are under no ban, that you are healed, because you no longer need to be afraid of it, nor believe in it, nor expect it to master you. Be not afraid. You do not have to be afraid of anything. The law of being to you means dominion; and when you begin to exercise it, you will find that you have larger equipment.

The foundation of being is God and a divinely provided life for man and an eternal law for his life, health and

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prosperity. Christ has abolished and always will abolish the so-called law of sin, disease, and death. You could not get away from the fundamental law of recovery to you if you tried. You only need to know that God's work is done, and that every provision necessary for your recovery has been made long ago, and that you are to stop believing something else.

A mortal cannot die out of the belief that body is material. He has got to live out of it. There is no way out of the belief of death, but to live!

Edward A. Kimball

Nothing is annihilated. The sense of things is transformed. The elements of mortal belief are gradually displaced by spiritual ideas, and so things are not destroyed, but seen aright — found to be spiritual, not material.

Edward A. Kimball



Declaring What Is True

Edward A. Kimball

What we are lacking in is intelligence, faith, and confidence. Error will come up and declare that you do not realize the truth. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to say, "I don't realize it"? It is easy to wind Christian Scientists up, unless they wake up.

What is your Saviour? Is it, "I am discouraged; I cannot realize the truth"? Is it "I haven't enough confidence in my treatment"? But what is the one being saved going to do? He will declare, "I *do* realize the truth. It shall not return

Edward A. Kimball — *The “Paul” of Christian Science*

void. It is the word of God, and I cannot be mesmerized to believe I have not confidence in it.” That is what one who is being saved will know.

You must declare what is true about yourself, if you want to be saved in Christian Science. If the suggestion comes that says you cannot do it, declare that you *can* do it. Whenever error asserts itself, you have to declare that you are right. If it declares you cannot lift your arm, declare you can. God governs, and in the name of Science and in the name of law, you have the right to declare the perfection of everything about you, and only as you do it will you be governed by good. I would, therefore, say that your saviour is the right idea about everything. This is the Christ with us, the power and affirming of the right idea.

Don’t stand around and say a few things and trust God to do the rest. He has done something. Bring out the facts of being and deny the error. You have got to do it. You sit around and say it is God’s business to bring it out. He has already brought it out! You must manifest it by reflecting God. You have to do this and have faith in it. What you want to do is to know that every treatment is the very word of God. It is the power of good that destroys the fear of evil.

Reflecting the law of God is the enforced law of annihilation to the so-called law of false belief. Your treatment has to be big enough to know that it is the operation of the divine law breaking the so-called law of false belief.

A Christian Scientist can do nothing more than to bring the whole healing process into the mental realm and not submit to the belief that there is something to cure. It is not a material body, but a belief in it. It is like a rubber ball which has been squeezed out of shape. As soon as you let go of it, spontaneously, according to the law of resiliency, it comes back into shape. Just as soon as you break down the belief, the body will recover.



Who am I?

Look not to the left nor to the right.
Look straight ahead, keep God in your sight.
Lies try as they may to act as a ploy.
Let nothing distract, nor take your joy.

Error crumbles and then falls away.
God's creation steps forth like a dawning day.
Persist we must to keep growing in grace,
We'll each find who we are — we are God-placed.

Lillian Linnell

The Independent Lesson Forum

If you haven't discovered the Lesson Forum on our church website yet, log on to plainfieldcs.com and click on Lesson Forum. You will find lively and inspiring discussions centered round our weekly Lesson. The individuality of the contributors is wonderfully evident. Those who participate find that it brings greater depth to the study of the Lesson. It provides an opportunity to ask questions, and share with others ideas that have been revealed to you in your study. Everyone is welcome to join in. We would love to hear from you!

The following is a sample of submissions from the Lesson, "Mind."

"How can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house."

I do not know if anyone has explained this one as accurately as Mary Baker Eddy. The human mind, pride in a self apart from God, is the strong man. In her home, she was constantly demanding her students "demonstrate." Cooking a meal with the slightest fear or pride was rebuked, for she detected the "strong man."

Now, if a student of Christian Science knows the textbook by memory, knows how to argue against every "claim," but has not bound the "strong man," he cannot demonstrate anything.

Response:

If we are not watching, we are day walking — asleep while the "strong man" has his way. I found this out first hand. I was asleep, but now I am awake. I and my family paid a horrible price this year because the strong man was hiding as sin in my life. When I finally awoke, I had to re-

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pent all my sins. I remember kneeling, crying, sobbing in utter pain for my mistakes. God forgave me, but it wasn't immediately. I had to be purified of the strong man's claim. One night after this turning from sin I awoke at midnight feeling "on-fire." The fire was mental. I couldn't sleep. I wrestled for six straight hours with this fire of purification. I will never forget it. It literally was a fire, burning the dross away from the gold of God's perfect man, and it was painful. I think I was wrestling with an angel — or maybe I was looking for an angel to save me from the sin that I had to face and repent from. Today I stand here testifying that the strong man must be rooted out or sin will attempt to destroy your life.

Since that baptism of fire, I was referred to this church and have found my life anew. I am so grateful for the work being done in this church — and the mentorship I receive from the practitioner. It has saved my life, and now I humbly ask God for guidance each day, and I carry a really really BIG hammer so I can utterly crush every sinful thought that arrives at the doorstep of my consciousness.

"Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ."

I love the fact that we have been provided the cautions, admonitions, the perfect Principle which (if and when followed) would keep our house (consciousness) holy. The question is, to what extent am I obeying that which will make me free? Am I giving up the "gods" that delay my healing? Am I loving God in deed, do I love the things of spirit enough to want to stay in the right Mind and thus overcome the strong man? Thank God for His love for all mankind, for the path we are to follow and be free.

“The World Has Need of You”

This section of our magazine features statements and articles of Truth to help us in our prayer for the world.

The work of Christian Science is to wake us up, not to so-lace us into inactivity and selfishness and ease.

Edward A. Kimball

The law of divine Principle is immutable. In the measure that we stand for it, it acts with the certainty of the Power which moves the universe.

Bicknell Young

There is no lack of any good thing, of any good thought or right activity in God's universe.

Anna E. Herzog

God is our supply, is inexhaustible. The lie that argues poverty, does not know us. We do not know it, cannot see, fear, hear, or manifest it, for we are living in God. God governs our home. Truth fills our household, is recognized, received, and sought. There is no resistance, no rejection, no indifference. Love destroys all unlike itself — removes all that is offensive. Mind plans every detail of our affairs. Nothing can obstruct the path of Truth — the only path in our consciousness.

Mary Baker Eddy



Supply

Martha Wilcox

The whole world knows that supply is vital to the well-being of mankind. As Christian Scientists we understand that fundamentally our supply already exists. We under-

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stand that the Science that demonstrates health, is the same Science that demonstrates supply.

If we think in or with the currents of mortal mind, we receive the results of such thinking, and when we think with our God-endowed dominion, we experience God's ever-present supply. We reap our harvest from the thinking which we maintain. Today we are where our thinking has brought us, and no matter what our present environment is, we shall fall, remain stationary, or rise to new heights according to the thoughts we maintain.

We who understand something of Christian Science, believe that the Science of supply exists, is established, and is as workable as is the science of mathematics. When once we clearly understand that the character of supply is as mental as mathematics is mental, we shall have our supply at hand, all the time. We do not go outside of our own mind to get the mathematical value we need, and we do not go outside of our own mind to get the supply that we need.

Jesus did not go anywhere to get the loaves and fishes. He turned at once to his own mind for his needed supply. Jesus knew that loaves and fishes were purely mental; they were thought forms, or forms of thought. He knew that each individual consciousness already included loaves and fishes and all other good, as well. Jesus proved in this demonstration that we already are the infinite supply that God is being.

When we understand that our supply is purely mental and consists of ideas already within our own mind, we shall experience our supply of things without delay, without mental labor, and without the sweat of our brow. Whatever may be our supply tomorrow, or next year, was our supply a thousand years ago. Our supply of infinite divine ideas has been inherent in divine Mind—our mind—from the beginning. There is no time nor distance between sup-

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ply and our own mind that is being our supply.

Since we already possess the infinitude of divine ideas in our consciousness, we cannot at the same time need or desire anything. When we finally overcome our ignorance of the Science of supply, we shall find ourselves in possession of all things. We shall find ourselves secure, abundantly supplied, and satisfied.

Everything in the universe belongs to God, to Mind; everything is in His hands; everything of which we are conscious has its being, its substance, and all its activities in the one divine Principle. Likewise, everything in the universe belongs to us. Each one of us is an individual expression of Infinity, and consequentially, each one of us possesses all the glories of heaven and earth.



My Petition

Dear God,
Help me
To see and be
The pure transparency
For Truth and Love
You have made.
O, lift us above
The seeming
Into being!

Anonymous

Business The Activity of Uninterrupted Good

Charles Kinter

Problems of shortages or surpluses, unemployment, inflation or deflation, all associated with periods of what is called economic change, can be solved through total reliance on the irresistible power of divine Principle, God. In Psalms we read, "As for God, His way is perfect."

The understanding of the perfection of God and of His idea heals business difficulties, as well as sickness or any other imperfection. But we must be firm and consistent in recognizing that the only thing going on is the activity of uninterrupted good.

The writings of Mary Baker Eddy provide inspiring insight into the true nature of business. Referring to the ever-operative divine Principle, she writes, "The operation of this Principle indicates the eternality of the scientific order and continuity of being." (S&H) The "eternality of the scientific order" and the "continuity of being" preclude the so-called cycles of "good times" and "bad times"!

There is no past or future, only uninterrupted good, unrestrained and unrestricted, entirely free from fluctuation. Within this completeness, there can be no cycles of growth and deterioration, expansion and contraction, because Mind is complete, steadfast, and inexhaustible. The Psalmist recognized the unchanging continuity of God, good, when he said, "For ever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven."

Understanding the true nature of business, we realize that in the fullness, entirety, and activity of infinite expression, there can be no stagnation, no unemployment, no unused resources, and no consciousness of anything but harmony and good. There can be only meaningfulness, in-

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stant awareness, freshness, and vividness in true business, because in the allness of Mind, abundant joy, completeness, and dominion are present. The only cause, God, can have only one effect, good.

The longing for economic security can never be satisfied through some outside material source. The only true security is found within the consciousness of real being. Here is the certainty of continuous harmony. Mrs. Eddy states with finality, “Man is, and forever has been, God’s reflection. God is infinite, therefore ever present, and there is no other power nor presence.” (S&H)



Work

Gladys C. Fulton

At the present time, when we hear much talk about business recession, lack of employment, and consequent beliefs of limitation, Christian Science lifts the unnecessary burden of fear and want.

When Jesus said, “The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise,” he revealed the true nature of work. He made it clear that the only real business there is, and the one which man must be about, is the eternal business of reflection. God is man’s only employer, ever supplying His infinite reflection with joyous and continuous work. Therefore, man can only know abundance.

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There is never an instant when man is inactive or without employment. Employment is in Mind, not matter; and in this true light, it is easy to understand that materiality cannot change it or rob man of it. So-called material circumstances have nothing to do with man's reflection of God. Mrs. Eddy says, "It is impossible that man should lose aught that is real, when God is all and eternally his." (S&H)

Reasoning from this height of spiritual insight, we realize that real work is not unequal material exertion, but restful spiritual activity. The only result of one's working for and with God is harmony, happiness, and plenty.

God employs His complete creation in the ceaseless business of reflection or expression; and man must and does occupy an eternal position without interruption. Not one of God's ideas can be displaced from its place in Mind; but all continue to work together for God, good, in unbroken harmony.

What of income or salary? Is not this the result of the understanding of the "affluence of Truth" (S&H), the unceasing inflowing of good, which can never decrease and needs no increase? It is always sufficient and just; and God causes His infinite reflection to express His abundance. There can be neither lack nor stoppage of this infinite supply of good.

This realization of the true nature of work shows us that materiality does not own, give, or take away one's work, one's ability to work, or one's income; for these are all in Mind, and are sufficient and permanent. When this understanding is applied to the problems of employment, mankind will rise superior to the limitations of the material senses, and will bring, even into present experience, assurance, joy, progressive harmonious work, and the abundance of good.



Keep On

Keep on “keeping on,”
Whatever your task may be.
Tho’ shadows seem to mar the way,
Keep on, and know that “He” —

Is always in all ways with you,
Side by side with God you go,
Onward — onward — onward,
Keep on, — keep on, and *know* —

That Truth omnipotent, unyielding,
Will never let you down.
Just keep on “keeping on,” dear one,
Rejoice — and wear the crown!

Art Anker

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False Education

Bruce Singleterry

Intelligence is mankind's natural state as God's reflection, but the human mind is easily misled.

From our first day on earth, the training begins; we take things on — some good, and many others that need to be unlearned. In Matthew, Jesus relates a parable where the kingdom of heaven is like a net cast into the sea and everything was drawn in, the good and the bad. But then began a separating process where the good was gathered into vessels, and the bad was cast out.

Why would anyone hold onto that which is not good? The answer is that the human mind is fundamentally lazy, and therefore doesn't exercise any distinction between the good and the bad. All too often there are those who will mindlessly think and do as they are told, obeying some so-called human authority. Human systems and organizations are often filled with people who blindly follow the crowd. But God has equipped man with a conscience, and given him the ability to follow it. God is the only Mind, our mind. How important it is to treat our mentality from the basis of one Mind, God.

How often have we heard it said of someone, "that's just the way he is." Is this what God would say? No one is locked into habits of thought and action. Man is free. It is the tyrannical human mind that would bind and enslave man. Mrs. Eddy says, "The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind." (S&H) Why would this stirring, this overturning, be resisted? Again, the human mind is lazy, so it needs a divine impulsion for us to put it off. It is also very prideful, so it needs to be learned that it is not a painful experience for us to have this pride stripped of its covering and ripped from our mentality, that this dev-

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ilish trait can be recognized as nothing to desire or defend.

Mrs. Eddy says, "Examine yourselves, and see what, and how much, sin claims of you; and how much of this claim you admit as valid, or comply with." (Mis.) Doing this honestly opens the way to needed change and progress in the upward way. God is here always for everyone, and His mercy endures forever.



The Devil Suggests

Sharon Welsh

God is All-power, and the only power. The devil, Satan, or animal magnetism, as Mrs. Eddy calls it, is powerless.

In Matthew it says that Jesus was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And after Jesus fasted 40 days and was hungry, the devil suggested that Jesus make the stones into bread. Jesus refused and replied, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The devil didn't give up, but took Jesus up into the holy city and set him on a pinnacle of the temple. The devil then suggested that Jesus cast himself down, because God would certainly send His angels to protect him and keep him safe. Jesus' answer was stronger this time, and he said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

Finally the devil took him up into a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, telling Jesus it would all be his if he would fall down and worship him. This time Jesus answered with all the power of God: "Get thee hence Satan for it is written thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve!" The devil fled.

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The devil was powerless to throw Jesus down from the temple — all it could do was to suggest that Jesus do it to himself! All error can ever do is to suggest; but when we reject those suggestions, as Jesus did, it flees from us, too.

Every day the devil suggests things like, “I’m tired, I don’t have time, I’m hungry.” These are merely mortal mind suggestions, but the only power mortal mind has, in belief, is what we give it by listening to it! It is our work to kick out these wrong suggestions with, “Get thee hence Satan!” If the devil persists, we persist with all the power and strength of God, and the suggestions will fall harmlessly away from us.

Christian Science teaches that these suggestions may come, but we have the tools needed to dismiss them. Mrs. Eddy says, “Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man.” (S&H)



The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand

Gary Singleterry

Many people believe that the kingdom of heaven is a location to be found after death, or a state unattainable on earth. But Christian Science shows that this is not the case. The kingdom of heaven is neither a location nor is it unattainable. Both Christ Jesus and John the Baptist implored their followers, “repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” John taught that the kingdom of heaven was a worthy state to aspire to, and urged his followers to repent, to change their thinking and actions, that they might find this

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exalted state of consciousness. Jesus went one step further. He not only urged his followers to repent, but he demonstrated the kingdom of heaven by healing sickness, sin, and death. He taught his followers how to repent, and then promised that if we believe (understand the principle of his teaching), we will do the same, “and greater works than these.”

The difference between John’s career and that of Jesus illustrates a tendency of the human mind. When it is inspired, it can talk eloquently; but until it is put off entirely, it falls short of demonstrating its faith. It took the healing by Jesus and his disciples to get the attention of mankind to see the fallacy of relying on human theories and institutions, and the unlimited value of relying entirely on God for every need. James said, “shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.”

This is why Christian Science came to mankind when it did. The science of Christian healing had been lost — drowned by human institutions and motivated by the worst evil. There was a crying need that it be re-established in human consciousness, and divine Love, through Mary Baker Eddy, has once again met this need. Christian Science says to mankind: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” And it shows us both in principle and in practice how to repent and to repeat the works of the Master.

Jesus referred to his demonstrations of healing as evidence of God’s presence with men. Christian Science does likewise, for it is the same God and the same Principle at hand today as 21 centuries ago. Unless man experiences the healing of sin and disease, he has no practical evidence of the kingdom of heaven on earth, and is likely to drift into reliance on false, human systems rather than “love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.” Why did Jesus

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urge his disciples to “go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand,” unless he meant just what he said?

Christian Science teaches that true repentance is to forsake all reliance on anything other than God, and to put one's faith entirely in God. Today we have human systems covering all aspects of life — systems of education, of medicine, of religion, of government. And haven't we seen them fail to meet the higher needs of mankind? Don't they fail to produce health and harmony? Clarence Chadwick, a fine student of Mrs. Eddy, once wrote, “We should welcome the failure of all false human systems to bring health and harmony to earth, for these very failures can teach but one lesson, and that is, that the only real help comes from God.”

The answer to these failures is not to replace one failed human system with another human system. It is to turn wholeheartedly to God and obey His law of divine Love, — to be the image and likeness of the God who made us. Human government cannot “fix” these failures. That kind of thinking creates the problems we now face. We cannot help those who make mistakes by “bailing them out” or by softening the blow of bad decisions. We cannot improve health by requiring all citizens to subscribe to the material medical system. We cannot improve our lot by relinquishing individual freedom to a human hierarchy, whether in Boston, Rome, or Washington, D. C. We must allow those who make mistakes to live with the consequences of their mistakes, that they might repent (change from their reliance on false systems to reliance on God) and not repeat the mistake.

Only practical, demonstrative Christian Science, as taught and practiced by Christ Jesus, can save mankind from the dire effects of reliance on the human mind and its consistent failure to bring health and harmony. This is the only practical road to finding the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Testimonies of Healing

The following testimonies are offered with great love to those seeking encouragement and inspiration.

I wish to magnify the love the Lord God has for me and my family, and to offer a deep thank you to the practitioner in the Plainfield Church for helping bring Light into my life and taking my calls at every hour of the day and night through a recent crisis.

After experiencing a deep and profound loss in my life, I realized I was not a Christian Scientist. I thought I was one, but I was hiding sin, living a lie and worst of all, I was a hypocrite: I wasn't living and walking in step with Principle, but I talked as though I was. Through the loss, I had to learn divinely, not through human reason, a little of what spiritual life is. I had to strive to understand and be(!) the Scientific Statement of Being. Once I glimpsed the Truth, I felt inspired to work harder to learn more. As a result I have experienced several physical healings.

I no longer have headaches. The first time I called for help with a bad headache, I fell asleep shortly after and woke up healed. The next week I called with the same problem, but the practitioner informed me that it was not the same, but rather an aggressive mental suggestion. In Science, when something is healed, it cannot come back — darkness cannot overcome light! I went off to sleep, woke up refreshed, and I have not experienced a headache since. I did feel a bit muzzy in the head a few weeks later and remembered that error cannot reverse Truth. In fact Truth reverses error. That was that. Done.

I was also healed of chronic hay-fever. I saw so clearly God never made it — that the “liar,” mortal mind, was behind the shenanigans and that what it was saying about me

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(that I was susceptible to hay-fever) was a lie. I felt so close to God, and the love he had for me just overcame my whole body, and I felt my nasal cavities literally open and I could breathe again through my nose. This healing took place several months ago, and I have had no relapse.

Two years ago, when I thought I was a Scientist and was not, filled with pride, I tried to heal a knee problem but failed to do so, and had to have surgery to clean out my knee. Recently, my other knee began to feel the same way, so I called the Plainfield practitioner for help, and within two days my knee felt fine. In fact, I completed a road race and ran my fastest time ever in the 10k race. I have never felt stronger in my life.

I am so grateful and humble for what I have learned in this church, the Roundtable discussions and Bible Lessons — what Spirit they all possess! I feel that I have now started at the numeration table and joyously look up the mountain and pray that I see and follow in Christ's path. I know I have much to learn and I am sure I will meet Love's rebuke, but I look forward to that because I know it is leading me upward. It is challenging to "feel it" all the time, but at least I have tasted it and I want more. Most of all I just want to see and know God's will and do it! Thank you, Plainfield.

T. M.

Georgia

I'm very grateful for everything that I've learned about God in this church. I was reading an article, "Individual Consciousness" by Bicknell Young, in the July issue of *The CornerStone*, which reminded me of a recent healing. In the article two statements really stood out: "Everything that happens in our experience is the direct result of our consciousness," and, "Healing consists in opening our consciousness to the inflow of spiritual truth and as this truth fills our consciousness, it manifests itself as an improved

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body, improved condition, improved health.”

A short time ago, all of a sudden when kneeling down, I had such an awful pain in my hip that I could hardly stand up. I immediately declared “God good.” When I did get up, I declared very firmly that this is not from God, it’s not part of me, I’m a perfect, spiritual idea of God, and God is in control. It happened a few more times, and each time I persisted in knowing the truth and my oneness with God, that nothing happened to cause this, that this was not from God so not for me, and that there was no room in my consciousness for this lie.

Well, I recently realized that there has been no more pain — as quickly as it started, it suddenly stopped. I am so grateful to know that God is available for everyone at any moment, and that we must persist in the truth.

L. L.

New Jersey

I called a practitioner in the Plainfield Church to discuss my spiritual growth (as was mentioned at a recent “round table”), when I decided to share a terrible problem our entire area was having with stink bugs. They have been a plague to our area for almost a year now, having come here in a container from Asia (I live not too far from the port of Baltimore) — hundreds of thousands of them, with no natural predators. I assumed that the practitioner would talk to me about my fear of bugs, as I have been going crazy with these things. I am killing and removing 3 to 20 each day from my home, and am always on the lookout for them. I couldn’t even enjoy my screen porch last summer and fall because they were everywhere, covering the screens, getting in the cracks, flying around, and climbing up the walls.

However, the practitioner took a different approach and affirmed that my home can only be filled with love and

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peace, and that I have the right to claim this through Christian Science. She quoted Mrs. Eddy as saying, "Truth, Life and Love are a law of annihilation to everything unlike themselves, because they declare nothing except God." And also Psalm 91, "Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." So, I don't have to accept anything in my home that would diminish my peace and feelings of Love. My home is a sanctuary, a place to do God's work.

I felt better as I hung up the phone and marveled that Christian Science could even help with a crazy situation like this, but the most surprising thing was that I haven't seen a stink bug since that phone call!!! They are gone! How wonderful that Christian Science can heal EVERY situation, and that we are learning this in this church.

I want to thank the practitioner for making such a difference in my life, and thank the Plainfield Church for teaching us authentic Christian Science.

D. A.

Virginia

I wish to express my gratitude for our Plainfield Church practitioners, who are always at their post and ready to help us when we call.

I recently called for some help, as I was unable to urinate, and felt greatly concerned. I had had this problem once before, and went to a doctor and was given medication for a bladder infection.

The practitioner told me to work with the statement, "nothing inharmonious can enter being, for Life is God," from Science and Health. She told me nothing but God's love could ever touch my being.

A very definite change occurred shortly after the call, and when I called the practitioner the following day, I could report that the problem had been completely healed. I am most grateful.

J. D.

California

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I'm grateful for a wonderful and quick healing I had yesterday. I awoke with a sore throat, congested head and body aches. By mid-morning, I began to have chills and terrible stomach cramps, and soon after was vomiting and started to faint. But what really frightened me and my husband, was that both my hands became paralyzed, and I couldn't bend my fingers or use my hands at all. I asked my husband to call a Christian Science practitioner from this church, which he did, and left a message asking for help. I could tell when the practitioner got the message and began to pray, because in less than 15 minutes, I stopped vomiting, the faintness left, and my hands loosened up and were back to normal.

When I spoke to the practitioner later, I was given beautiful verses from our Lesson, that God is with me, will never leave me, and there is nothing to fear. I asked the practitioner to continue to work; and the rest of the day I was able to rest in God's love. This morning when I awoke, the body aches, chills, and sore throat were gone — I was even able to take a mile walk this morning.

I am so grateful for this healing. I am grateful for the practitioner whose help was immediate and available, for membership in this church, and for the wonderful online services which enable us be there with you.

*J. F.
Florida*

I want to confirm this healing. It was really scary, and I was close to calling an ambulance. My wife doesn't know this, but she was as white as a sheet as well. It was within minutes after I left that message, that suddenly she said, "I can feel my hands." It was just incredible. I am so grateful for the healing work of this practitioner, for Christian Science, and for God's healing power.

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