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Mary Baker Eddy — Her Revolutionary Works

Following are excerpts from writings of Mary Baker Eddy.

It is of comparatively little importance what a man thinks or believes he knows; the good that a man does is the one thing needful and the sole proof of rightness.

Miscellany, p. 271

To know the what, when, and why of error, is to destroy error. Students love to talk about God, but they will not handle the serpent. They take up all sorts of arguments and claims, but they will not handle serpents. Yet the Scriptures tell us, “They shall handle serpents.” We don’t talk and uncover error enough. Error says, Don’t talk about me — talk about God.

Essays and Other Footprints, p. 70

Remember as Truth progresses, error grows more subtle and aggressive, but it does not become something. It always remains an illusion, and is always met and destroyed with the understanding that divine Love is the only power. Mental malpractice is king of the realm of evil, but we are not its loyal subjects; hence the fact that we have our freedom, and must and will maintain it.

Essays and Other Footprints, p. 70

Let the divine Mind illuminate and abolish mental malpractice until there is not a dark corner; then we shall know that neither food, climate, nor any seeming condition can affect the body in any way, for there is but one cause, God, good. God is the only actor, the only Saviour, the only governor of man.

Essays and Other Footprints, p. 69

Fear is faith in evil. Courage is faith in good. Doubt is trust in evil. Confidence rightly directed is reliance, is

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trust in God, good. God is the only cause. Spirit is the only substance. Love is the only force. Harmony is the only law.

Essays and Other Footprints, p. 69-70



Independence

Mary Baker Eddy

A man has no right to do wrong. His right is to do and think right. Independence consists in his liberty and right to do right. The misconstruction of the word independence is the offspring of malicious animal magnetism. Beware of defending your right to do wrong, and be strong to defend yourself against the right to do evil.

Man's right is his power and privilege to act independently of evil suggestions or motives, and he has neither right nor liberty to do wrong. Neither divine law nor human law recognizes the right of man to sin, to steal, to commit adultery, to murder; and to do these things no more means independence than no means yes, or good means evil. So long as he exercises this mistaken sense of right, he will wrong himself and others, heap up wrath against the day of wrath, and bring upon himself punishment according to his deeds.

Divinity Course and General Collectanea, p. 162

Rev. Mary Baker Eddy is more patriotic than many of her students. She keeps the stars and stripes waving over her residence at Concord. The flag also waves over the Concord church. It is likely that she sees more in this emblem of liberty than do her students.

The Christian Science Weekly
Vol. 1, No. 6

Recorded Healings by Mary Baker Eddy

The following is from a collection of healings achieved by Mrs. Eddy, included in the booklet, "The Overwhelming Evidence Concerning Spiritual Healings Through Mary Baker Eddy," compiled by Ralph Spencer. This booklet is available from Plainfield Church.

While Mrs. Eddy was living on Columbus Avenue, Boston, she enjoyed seeing a little baby who lived across the street. After a time she missed the smiles of the little one and wondered what had happened. One morning she noticed the doctor's carriage leaving the home. Mrs. Eddy went over to the house, spoke with the mother, and asked to see the child. The mother said her child had died while the doctor was there. Mrs. Eddy went and sat beside the child and became so conscious of the eternal Principle of all life that the child was healed and remained healed.

One day Mrs. Eddy was going out for her afternoon drive when a tall, gaunt man, who appeared far gone in consumption, came up to her gate, held out his hands to her and shouted, "Help me!" Mrs. Eddy said a few words to him out of the carriage window, talked to him for about two minutes, and then drove on out of the gate. On her return she exclaimed, "What a need that man had." Next day she received a letter from the man telling Mrs. Eddy that he was conscious he had been healed as soon as the carriage drove on.

The Christian Science Weekly

On September 1, 1898, the Publishing Society published the first of what was to become the Christian Science Sentinel, as *The Christian Science Weekly*. The first article, “Salutatory,” said, “The growing necessities of the situation seem to demand, at times, a speedier means of communication with the Field than our monthly *Journal* affords. . . . It will be a feature of the *Weekly* to supply, in each issue, a brief synopsis of the current events of the world, sufficient, perhaps, to keep the busy workers fairly well informed as to the more important facts of general interest.”

The *Weekly* contained many news items of the day, including news of government and business, and even of “a grand parade of battleships on the North River, New York,” returning from war. It included items from various newspapers, and sermons given by ministers in churches. There were also articles, letters, and testimonies submitted by Christian Scientists, and we plan to occasionally include some of these in future issues of the CornerStone.

The following inspiring testimony is the first to appear in the *Weekly*, and was re-published from the Christian Science Journal.

She Never Fell

C. E. M.

On the morning of the dedication of the Chicago church, November 14, 1897, I was in my bedroom in the third story of our house. I was getting ready to go to the morning service, and my little daughter, five years old, was playing about, when suddenly I felt a silence. I instantly noticed that the child was no longer there and that the window was open.

I looked out and saw her unconscious form on the

ground below, her head on the cement sidewalk. Instantly I thought, "All is Love."

As I went downstairs the entire paragraph in "No and Yes," p. 19, beginning, "Eternal harmony, perpetuity, and perfection constitute the phenomena of Being," came to me, and with it the clear sense of the great gulf fixed between the child and the lie that claimed to destroy. The child was brought in, and as she was carried upstairs she cried. As she was laid down, blood was spurting from her mouth and had already covered her neck and shoulders. I instantly said, "There is one law — God's law — under which man remains perfect," and the bleeding immediately stopped.

The child seemed to relapse into unconsciousness, but I declared, "Mind is ever present and controls Its idea," and in a few moments, she slept naturally. During the morning she seemed to suffer greatly if she was moved at all, and her legs seemed paralyzed. In the afternoon all sense of pain left, she slept quietly, and I went to the afternoon service, rejoicing greatly in my freedom from the sense of personal responsibility.

When I returned she sat in my lap to eat some supper, with no sense of pain, but still unable to control her limbs, which presented the appearance of entire inaction.

At eight o'clock, she was undressed without inconvenience, and there was no mark on her body but a bruised eye. During the day she had not spoken of herself. At eleven o'clock, when I went upstairs, I found her wide awake, and she said, "Mamma, error is trying to say that I fell out of the window, but that cannot be. The child of God can't fall; but why do I lie here? Why can't I move my legs?"

The answer was, "You can move them. Mind governs, and you are always perfect." In a moment she said, "I will

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get up and walk.” It seemed to require one or two trials to induce her legs to obey, but she rose, walked across the room and back, climbed into bed, stretched her legs out and said, “I knew error could not talk!” She then sat up, ate a lunch, fell into a natural slumber, and woke bright and happy in the morning.

For two days there was an uncertainty of movement, a seeming inability to walk in a straight line, but she moved about constantly, frequently rebuking the error aloud and declaring, “Love helps me walk.”

On Wednesday, harmony was established. Some weeks after, her little sister said to her, “You did fall out of the window, didn’t you?” But her reply was, “My body fell, but I am not in my body. Can God’s child fall?” And the little three-year-old answered, “No, because God is good.”



No involuntary action?
How can that be?
The malady says otherwise.
It is what I see.

But I cannot trust
That this false picture is true.
For I know the only real
Is the spiritual view!

Margaret Marshall

“Feed My Sheep” — Christ Jesus

Christianity is something more than a religion of rest and repose. It cannot be a matter of submission and conformity; it must be a religion of effort. Its distinctive glory is its capacity to stimulate us, not just to accept conditions, but to control conditions.

Rev. Samuel A. Elliot

No form of error can make a Christian Science treatment produce an opposite effect, nor can I be made to overlook or forget anything in the treatment, that is necessary for its certain accomplishment of good. We must go ahead of error, and keep ahead of error all the way. Error is nothing but erroneous thought, and we must never give in to it, or go down before it. Mental activity must be tranquil — not lazy; it must express force, be exact, and it must know the reality of man's oneness with God, and the utter unreality of evil in all its forms of beliefs.

Mary Baker Eddy

Watches Prayers Arguments



Persistency

Charles J. Dean

Someone has very aptly said, “There is no failure save in giving up.” A large number of our seeming failures can be turned into glorious victories by persisting just a little longer in denying the evil and proclaiming the truth.

It makes no difference what the claim may be, how long the siege has been going on, or how desperate the struggle. The fact remains that evil is powerless, and when

persistently opposed by the truth, must yield in complete surrender.

The devil, who “knoweth that he hath but a short time,” would suggest that our efforts have failed. That is nothing more than an acknowledgement of its *own* defeat! That is the time to go forward with greater courage and renewed persistency and clear the field of the enemy.

Persistence in the truth gives power and strength. It does not degenerate into mere stubbornness or blind obstinacy; neither is it expressed as human will-power.

Mary Baker Eddy points out the fact that “there is no excellence without labor,” and that “the time to work is *now*.” (Mis.) And she adds, “Only by persistent, unremitting, straightforward toil; by turning neither to the right nor to the left, seeking no other pursuit or pleasure than that which cometh from God, can you win and wear the crown of the faithful.”

Then take courage and work bravely on. The way of escape through the open door of Christian Science is for all. Whoever will, may pass through this gateway into the freedom, joy, and power of a child of God.



Arise Up Quickly

Georgene L. Miller

The human mind is prone to procrastinate. Even when people have learned something of the power of Truth, they still often think they have to wait for the fulfillment of their hopes.

In the account of Peter's release from prison, the mes-

“Feed My Sheep”

sage from the angel was, “Arise up quickly.” Peter was not loosed from his chains, and then told to wait until daylight to rise up and walk out. Divine Love saw no chains; and there was nothing to keep Peter from immediate obedience.

There is no provision in the divine plan for procrastination in healing. The “word of God is quick,” as well as “powerful.” The healings of Jesus were, almost without exception, instantaneous. How could they be otherwise? Does not Isaiah say, “The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him . . . and shall make him of quick understanding”? Shouldn’t we also possess this “quick understanding”?

One of our difficulties is that we think we must wait. Jesus did not wait for the tribute money. He knew instantly

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where to find it. He once said to his disciples, “Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him,” or, as Mary Baker Eddy puts it, “‘Agree to disagree’ with approaching symptoms of chronic or acute disease.” (S&H) This applies to discord of every kind. We are never to wait for the “ad-

versary” to present its arguments and suggestions — we are to immediately annul these suggestions!

In order to do this, we must continually “stand porter at the door of thought.” (S&H) If we guard that door faithfully, and admit only godlike thoughts, we find ourselves free from “chains” that would bind us and hinder our instant obedience to the voice of Truth. Then we are able to not only cast out, but prevent the entrance of any thought that would tempt us to believe in a power apart from God — in any power that can hold back the instant realization of health, joy, and peace.

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. 94

Gilbert C. Carpenter

WATCH lest you be tempted to powder your face instead of to wash it. One method hides the dirt; the other removes it. If you bring out what the world calls harmony and morality in your life, without having changed the fundamental cause of discord, namely, material thinking, you are deceiving yourself and others. You are working with effect without correcting cause. It is like holding a match to the thermometer in a cold room, so that it registers an artificial warmth. True reform or healing is brought out only through spiritualization of thought. Mere changes in effect, or exchanging one belief for another, accomplish little, unless the changes are brought about through demonstration, and represent improving belief.

Watching Point No. 115

Gilbert C. Carpenter

WATCH lest you unthinkingly accept the purpose of Christian Science to be merely healing the sick, without growing in your understanding of what true healing is. According to the higher concept, healing is not a change from a sick body to a well body; it is giving up a false conception of man for the right idea, namely, God's idea of man. True healing does not seek to make mortal man harmonious in hell; it is dissipating the mist of falsity that hides reality. First we heal man in matter; then we heal him of matter.



God's Glories

How beautiful God's glories are!
The blue, blue sky, the silvery star,
Each budding flower, each
spreading tree,
Breathes of His love for you
and me.

Minny M. H. Ayers

“Comfort Ye My People”

There is no task so lowly that God is not concerned in it, no man so humble that God does not come near him, no life so dull that it cannot be transfigured by divine grace. Wherever God has placed us, there let us cheerfully serve; whatever task he has assigned us, that let us gladly do, assured that His wisdom never blunders, and satisfied that any task which He has planned is surely full of divinest dignity.

Great Thoughts, London, England

The message of healing which Christian Science brings to humanity is not confined to their aches and pains, but includes the setting right of everything that is wrong.

Samuel Greenwood



All the Way Through

George J. Schantz

Mary Baker Eddy has written, “As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides of human fear, — as they were led through the wilderness, walking wearily through the great desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised joy, — so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for them who love God.” (S&H)

The children of Israel were led *through* their difficulties — not left helpless in the midst of them. And they were not led to avoid the experience by going around it; but when they had learned their lessons of obedience, patience, honesty, gratitude, humility, and brotherly love, then the way opened, and the Christ, Truth, led them all the way through.

“Comfort Ye My People”

Today, how often we hear someone say, If I could only get rid of “my problem”! Yet it does not belong to him, for “the battle is not yours, but God’s”! Doesn’t the Bible record many instances where God’s children were apparently confronted with the most hopelessly impossible conditions, only to see them vanish in the face of steadfast re-

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liance upon divine Principle? Has anyone of modern times faced a problem more defiant than those of Daniel in the lions’ den, of the three Hebrew captives in the fiery furnace, or — over and above all other problems — of Jesus on the cross and in the tomb? Yet these all emerged triumphantly.

Christian Science, being the Science practiced by Jesus, is based upon divine Principle, which is absolute, perfect, complete. There can, therefore, be no phase of error which is not subject to complete annihilation through the application of this divine Principle. There need be no uncertainty and no partial victory over error, because the understanding of Truth can wipe it out completely. “Remember, thou canst be brought into no condition, be it ever so severe, where Love has not been before thee and where its tender lesson is not awaiting thee. Therefore despair not nor murmur, for that which seeketh to save, to heal, and to deliver, will guide thee, if thou seekest this guidance.” (My.)



Having Done All, to Stand

Anna L. Wills

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having

done all, to stand.” (Eph.)

The word of God is the absolute law of Truth, the law of perfection and harmony; and that law cannot fail, because it has the power of God with it, enforcing it. The failure, when there is any, lies with us, because when we declare God’s word, we do not stand firm in our obedience to it.

In the book of Isaiah we read, “When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.” We need the moral courage which Mrs. Eddy tells us “is ‘the lion of the tribe of Judah,’ the king of the mental realm.” (S&H) Then we can face every situation squarely, and stand firm when the enemy would come in “like a flood.” But standing still, does not mean listless inactivity.

... error argues loudest when nearly destroyed ...

When we learn that God is omnipresent and omnipotent, and we see this omnipresence and omnipotence demonstrated, even in a small degree, in our own lives, we trust the triumph of good over evil, and we stand firm and steadfast in the truth. If we feel ourselves wavering, that is all the more reason to stand firm. Remember, error argues loudest when nearly destroyed; so we just need to take a firm stand on the side of God, and “having done all, to stand.” Declared truth always wins the victory!



Never confuse motion with action.

Benjamin Franklin

Announcements

The Overwhelming Evidence

We have printed a new version of this inspiring booklet, in a larger, more readable format. It was written by Ralph Spencer, and is a collection of events in the life of Mary Baker Eddy, as related by people who were close to her. It also includes some wonderful healings that she accomplished. The cost is \$6.00 per copy.

Audio Recordings of Science and Health

We are happy to announce that we have produced 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 textbook. The cost is \$7.00 per CD, or \$85 for the set of 21 CDs.

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 form. 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

The Plainfield Church 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

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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 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 Roundtable is also available, live and recorded, via this teleconference service. The Roundtable begins at 10:00 a.m.

We invite everyone to join in, sing the hymns with us, and participate in the Roundtable.

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

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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 plainfield-cs.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 comments 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

The CornerStone is published in January, March, May, July, September, and November. The subscription rate to the U.S.A. is \$20.00 for one year. Single copies cost \$5.00. One-year subscriptions to Canada cost \$27.00, and international \$35.00.

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.

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

To whom do I owe a heartfelt thank you for such a surprise? We don't get much literature from a Christian Science Church here! I am in awe and surprised that you sent me so much, especially the books I asked about.

Christian Science has clearly helped me to separate error from Truth, but most of all it has given me more understanding of who God is, what God is, and who am I in God. It clearly isn't the main stream of religious teachings, or the common belief system that most of us were taught. It's jaw dropping as well as refreshing. However, Truth has a way of cutting through error and mistaken beliefs.

I'm deeply grateful for the tools you have sent me, and they will be cherished.

From a prison in California

I want to say thank you for the gift package I received today. I have been learning so much since finding your website. I also listened to the meeting tonight on my phone, and I felt very inspired from all the testimonies and readings. I plan to be up very late tonight studying and just being grateful and thanking God for bringing all this into my life. Oh, and the calendar you sent is wonderful, with the inspiring messages for each day.

Pennsylvania

I've written it before, and I'll say it again that I'm grateful to be a member of this church. Everything about it is enlightening and inspiring. More and more, I gain confidence and a good sense of safety and security in learning, moment by moment, more and more, to trust God in everything, big and small, in as many details as I can.

Thanks for the practitioner help and support I've received in opening my thought to God. Thanks to all the

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members in-town and out-of-town for all they do with such unselfish love that reaches the hearts and opens up new wonders.

Iowa

I am so happy to be accepted as a member of your wonderful, spiritually progressive church, and to phone in to the conference center for the Saturday Bible class and the Sunday Roundtable. These two sessions clarify the weekly Lessons, as I have never experienced. The views and comments of other participants are very helpful. Thank you — all of you.

I am enclosing a check, part of which I want to use to buy the CD recording of Steve Evans' class on Revelation.

Thank you.

Oregon

I found your church through Facebook. I received the new person's package. I am loving it! This is pure Christian Science as given by Mary Baker Eddy.

Pennsylvania

Thank you for the update about the church website. I have witnessed only great unfoldment at Plainfield in its outreach to all its members from printed publications to website. The church has created that wonderful mental atmosphere that Gilbert Carpenter writes about. God's presence is seen and felt through the love of its members who have contributed to making this website a blessing to all.

Minnesota

I wish to express my gratitude for our practitioners. Their devotion to duty is outstanding, correcting our thinking, lovingly being available at all times and of course for their healing prayers.

I am sure that everyone appreciates what they do.

Alabama

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 around 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, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

"And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel." (Jos.)

This to me conveys the humbling power of God. It makes "God is All" more than a "head in the clouds" statement!

Comment:

I love this story. Was this a matter of God doing whatever Joshua asked Him to do? Joshua needed more daylight, so he asked God to give it to him? No. Joshua went

into battle in the first place in obedience to God. God promised to deliver the Amorites. It was a matter of error being destroyed by God, good. It was divine Principle in operation.

When the battle took longer than a full day, God provided the daylight. It may have seemed to some of the people that Joshua was telling the sun and moon to stand still — but it was the law of God causing the earth to stop rotating for a day. Joshua merely reported to the Israelites what was going on, as it was revealed to him, so that everyone would know that God was in control of the battle.

This is a great example of humility and obedience. “Obedience to Truth gives man power and strength.” (S&H)

Comment:

In a box of papers belonging to Herbert Eustace given to us by the Eustace foundation, there is a scientific article giving proof that this actually did happen (if anyone needs scientific proof!). There is a missing day in time that cannot be logically accounted for.

I love the following story about Mrs. Eddy: she once told a student, “Whenever I need something I ask the Father and He gives it to me.” It was her utmost obedience and love for Him that allowed this to so freely happen, as it was with Joshua.

Comment:

The sun standing still for “almost” a day seems to be accounted for in astronomical annals. Actually, it was 23 hours and 20 minutes. The remainder of the “missing” day in the records would be made up by the 40 minutes lost astronomically when King Hezekiah asked for the “shadow of the sun” to recess 10 degrees backward, so he could escape

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a death sentence. (II Kings 20: 9-11) The Joshua story was promulgated by a certain Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Cp., who purportedly was a NASA consultant when he encountered the “missing” day. These examples are certainly on a par with the parting of The Red Sea in Exodus, and other instances of Divine intervention.

Comment:

Thank you!! We knew it was out there somewhere.



Below is the article referred to previously, found in a box of papers belonging to Mr. Herbert Eustace.

Missing Day Found Bible Solves Scientific Dilemma

Did you know that the space program is busy proving that what has been called “myth” in the Bible, is true? An official of a well-known Baltimore business firm and consultant in the space program, relates the following development.

“I think one of the most amazing things that God has for us today happened recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt, Maryland. They were checking the position of the sun, moon, and planets out in space — where they would be 100 years and 1,000 years from now. We have to know this so we don’t send a satellite up and have it bump into something later, on one of its orbits. We have to lay out the orbit in terms of the life of the satel-

lite and where the planets will be in order that the whole thing will not bog down.

“They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong, either with the information fed into it or with the results as compared to the standards. They called the service department to check it out; and they said, after checking the computer, ‘It’s perfect.’ The IBM head of operations asked, ‘What’s wrong?’ ‘Well, we have found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time,’ the scientists replied. They scratched their heads and tore their hair. There was no answer.

“One religious fellow on the team said, ‘You know, when I was in Sunday School they talked about the sun standing still.’ No one believed him, but they didn’t have any other answer, so they said, ‘Show us.’ So he got a Bible and went back to the book of Joshua 10:8-14. There they found that Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy, and if darkness fell, they would overpower him and the children of Israel. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still! That’s right! ‘The sun stood still and the moon stayed . . . and hasted not to go down about a whole day.’ The space men exclaimed, ‘There is the missing day!’

“Well, they checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it was close, but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua’s day was 23 hours and 20 minutes — not a whole day. They referred to the Bible again, and there it said ‘about a day.’

“These little words in the Bible are important. But they were still in trouble because if you cannot account for 40

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minutes, you'll be in trouble 1,000 years from now. Forty minutes had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbit. Well, this religious fellow also remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said, 'the sun went *backwards*.' The space men told him he was out of his mind. They got out the Good Book once more, and found those words in II Kings 20:9-11. Hezekiah, on his death-bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah, who told him the Lord had sent word through him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah did not believe Isaiah and asked for a sign as proof. Isaiah said, 'Do you want the sun to go ahead ten degrees?' Hezekiah said, 'It's nothing for the sun to go ahead ten degrees, but let the shadow return *backward* ten degrees.' Isaiah spoke to the Lord and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees backward! Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes! Twenty-three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in II Kings, makes the missing 24 hours they had to enter into the log book as being the missing day in the universe. Isn't that amazing?

"Our God is rubbing their noses in His Truth!"

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Truth's not just for one, truth is for all.
God hears every prayer, and answers every call.
His answer's complete, every need is met,
His purpose is always His children to bless.

Lillian Linnell

Breaking Down Misconceptions of Christian Science

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

Mary Baker Eddy

God is the Principle of divine metaphysics. As there is but one God, there can be but one divine Principle of all Science; and there must be fixed rules for the demonstration of this divine Principle. The letter of Science plentifully reaches humanity to-day, but its spirit comes only in small degrees. The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love. Without this, the letter is but the dead body of Science, — pulseless, cold, inanimate. (S&H)

Mary Baker Eddy

The standard of metaphysical healing is traduced by thinking to put into the old garment of drugging the new cloth of metaphysics; or by trying to twist the fatal magnetic force of mortal mind, termed hypnotism, into a more fashionable cut and naming that “mind-cure,” or — which is still worse in the eyes of Truth — terming it metaphysics! Substituting good words for a good life, fair-seeming for straightforward character, mental malpractice for the practice of true medicine, is a poor shift for the weak and worldly who think the standard of Christian Science too high for them. (Mis.)

Mary Baker Eddy



Grateful for Plainfield Practitioners!

Lenni Moore

One of the most profound differences I've noticed since being led to the Plainfield Church is the quality of practi-

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tioner support I have received. I can honestly say it is unique to this church.

As someone who was raised in Christian Science and class taught, I have had the opportunity to speak with, and work with, a number of practitioners in the movement. While there was no shortage of kindness or love from these dear folks, looking back from my vantage point today, I see there was something vital missing from most of their treatments and instruction to me — it was a failure to understand and uncover how animal magnetism was at work in the particular situation, and to see how it was working in my thought in order to uncover and remove whatever needed to be addressed there.

In the past, when I read early Christian Science articles or testimonies, I noted that often patients described how the practitioner had uncovered something within their thoughts or lives that needed handling — maybe a sense of hatred, or an unprincipled action. In one instance I read of a healing of a man where the healing came only after a false influence regarding his mother had been identified and removed from the man's thought (even though his mother had passed on). He had to eliminate a false sense of a mother/son relationship that had been very prideful, human, and clingy. The handling of that erroneous element of thought brought the immediate healing.

Reading things like this made me occasionally wonder why the practitioners I worked with didn't crack me open and help me yank out all the "tares" in my consciousness, but I still didn't question their methods. I figured they knew what they were doing better than I. However, when I was lead to Plainfield, I realized I had found people who really knew their stuff! Within a few days of working with a practitioner in this church, several things that were unprincipled (although they seemed humanly good and reasonable

to my untrained thought) were identified, and a false sense of pride and family was uncovered.

Since then, I have been also grateful for the time and effort both practitioners have made to really get to know me and to help me see how this Science isn't just a mental medicine we pull off the shelf and apply to our problems, as needed. They've stressed that Science must be lived, day by day and minute by minute, and if it's not lived and embodied in ALL aspects of our lives, then we aren't in a position of protection or strength. I never once got that from anyone outside of Plainfield!

I am so grateful for this new insight into Christian Science and for being a part of a church that is striving to live this Science and practice it the way Mrs. Eddy and her students did. It continues to make a real difference in my life.



An Easy Time

Thomas Duncan

I used to think, when having first heard of Christian Science, that I could learn about it only by reading it. While I still read and study it, there also come many challenges and problems that must be surmounted with the help of God. Am I tempted to avoid all hard experiences and have just an easy time? What is it that forces spiritual growth? Can one of the purposes of divine Love sometimes even be to startle us into action to get us where we need to be? A safe place.

Thankfully I have learned some of these lessons through Plainfield Church, practitioner help, and others around me.

“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 true greatness of nations as well as of individuals is proportionate to their faithfulness in obeying God.

Rev. Ditman Larsen

To the sore question, “What are the workingmen’s rights?” Science answers, mercy and justice, wherein the financial, civil, social, moral, and religious aspect of all questions reflect the face of the Father; and this question will not rest until both the employer and the employee are actuated by the spirit of this saying of the meek and mighty Son of God, “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.”

*Mary Baker Eddy
Collectanea*

Civilization will not be destroyed; government will not be destroyed; and the reason they will not be destroyed, but appear better unto their perfection, is because they are already Reality, they are already perfect and established in the Mind of God.

*Martha Wilcox
Addresses, p. 396*

We are told the world will be destroyed; how? By malice. By cyclones, electricity and be burned up. What is a cyclone? It is a condition of mortal mind—malice. What burns up? Malice. We are told, like Mt. Pelee, there is an internal fire, malice, that will finally burst forth and destroy the world. It is all malice, and our textbook tells us, Christian Scientists will hold such things in check. God never made them, and they can be overcome just the same as sickness. It is all within.

*Mary Baker Eddy
Spiritual Footsteps, p. 192*

The United States of America

Bicknell Young

God is governing His own universe all of the time, and governing it correctly. There isn't a thing of which we can take cognizance that cannot come under the law of that divine power; and all that is required of us is said in that chapter in Miscellaneous Writings on "Fidelity": Be faithful.

The whole and sole motive and mission of the United States of America is Christian Science. This is why it is set apart, and cannot be reckoned among what is termed nations. Man is self-governed, and there is no other government. Mary Baker Eddy writes, "Reflecting God's government, man is self-governed." (S&H) This is Christian Science. So our country, standing as it does for man self-governed, stands as Principle. This is what makes it what it is. Why, then, do we have everybody making laws for everybody else? The consequence is, no one is self-governed, unless he insists upon being so.

"Am I a God at hand . . . and not a God afar off?" (Jer. 23:23) Am I Mind at hand? Am I Principle at hand? Am I Intelligence at hand? Now the question is, is the understanding of Christian Science on the part of the Christian Scientists that, or is it merely just talking about that? Which is Science: to talk about Love, or to be Love? To talk about ideas of Mind, or to be the ideas of Mind?

What are you doing about it? If one thinks that all these things are subject to caprice and the law of change, then he might as well not have any country. If he knows that his country is that which he thinks of correctly — that which he loves from the standpoint of Love, that which he honors, sustains, and supports, and that the government is

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really the government of God and there is no other — then he knows something. If he goes on knowing, he will meet any danger, overcome any threat, and establish divine power in behalf of his country. He will be more of a patriot than he ever dreamed of being, because he is exercising divine power to sustain whatever may be in accordance with Principle, in the administration, or in the law of his country, and to absolutely maintain it, and perpetuate it, for the benefit of mankind.

That which eternally is, that which counts, is to know that God has already done all things well.

Every right idea has its being in God, and therefore it is maintained by God, Principle, Love, and operates on behalf of mankind, and Christian Science is here as this mighty power.

That which *eternally is*, that which counts, is to know that God has already done all things well,

and this is the standpoint of Christian Science. Then we must *know*, then we do *know*, and knowing that which *is*, and knowing the infinity of the law by which this *isness* is perpetuated, we say: My country, the government of divine Principle: my government, God's government, is now established, and the law of it is untouched by any combination of circumstances or events, and the power of it, and the safety of it, is maintained. No coalition of warring elements, so-called political or financial, can touch it. No combination of politics, or politicians, nothing that can be conceived of in the way of influence, social, religious, political, financial, can touch the divine idea, and it isn't possible that my country, or the government of my country, can ever fall into the hands of any hierarchy, for every hierarchy is error, and is destined to destruction, and can never

gain the ascendancy in my country, which is governed by God. "*Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.*" (S&H)



God Governs the Universe

Martha Wilcox

Christian Scientists, as exponents of Truth, have sufficient understanding to protect those at the head of our government, to protect our nation, and to protect all nations. We should clearly discern that any nation and all nations, our government and all governments, reflect wisdom and intelligence, and cannot be influenced erroneously.

Since we embrace our civilization, our government, and our universe in our thought, we should know that our true thought, or Truth, governs all harmoniously. Let us rid our thought of hate, malice, and anger. Let us rid our thought of the desire to get even with somebody or some nation. Let us rid our thought of rivalry and contention and maintain a clearly defined mental position based on Truth.

When we take the mental position that God is all, then man in His image and likeness cannot be an instrument through which hypnotism, suggestion, and deception can work. A position that God is all is a law of annihilation to the belief of fear, contention, or animal magnetism of whatever nature. When we take the mental position that God and man is one Being, this basic Truth is a law of education, enlightenment, and discernment of the divine Presence, expressed as the idea of infinite Love. "Love is the liberator." (S&H)

Featured Worker: Annie Knott

Andrew Kidd

There is a fine biographical sketch of Annie Knott in “Paths of Pioneer Christian Scientists,” published by the Longyear Museum. Briefly, Mrs. Knott did great healing work, established the church in Detroit, lectured, taught, was editor of the periodicals, and had the distinction of being the first woman on the Board of Directors of the Mother Church.

Here, we will depart from the standard biographical material and use this great worker to illustrate why Mary Baker Eddy went to such great lengths to terminate the centralized power of the Board of Directors of the Mother Church after her passing (thoroughly documented in “Mary Baker Eddy’s Church Manual,” by Helen Wright). As final authority in her church from its inception, Mrs. Eddy was fully aware of the “animal magnetism” or evil she had to overcome in maintaining a spiritual organization. She observed that even her best students could not fathom what she was up against. She was constantly admonishing, encouraging, and guiding her Board of Directors so that they would not yield to the temptation to use human will instead of relying on divine guidance in governing this worldwide movement.

After Mrs. Eddy passed, the Board of Directors defied Mrs. Eddy’s clear instructions in the Church Manual to disband as the “head of the church.” They were sure that Mrs. Eddy had been mistaken, and that the movement could not possibly survive without their governorship. When they became increasingly overbearing in controlling the movement, the Board of Trustees challenged their authority in what became the Great Litigation. During this time, in 1919, Mrs. Knott, who had served for years in the Publishing House under the jurisdiction of the Board of

Trustees, was invited to serve on the Board of Directors. Shortly thereafter, she was subpoenaed to testify in court regarding Mrs. Eddy's intent for her church. She stated:

"Mrs. Eddy said she wanted to have the Mother Church modeled as closely as possible after the early Christian church and after Jesus' teachings, and the Church to be as free as possible from the trammels of material organization."

When the appeal to the Supreme Court of Massachusetts reversed the initial decision of the Court, Mrs. Knott celebrated that the Board of Directors were deemed all-powerful according to the Manual and Mrs. Eddy's intent(!), insuring a top-heavy, centralized church government! Furthermore, as a Board member herself, she was complicit in the character assassination and excommunication of Herbert Eustace and the other two Trustees. That such a fine worker as Mrs. Knott could be so handled by animal magnetism when under the duress of acting as a Board member, should be sufficient explanation as to why Mrs. Eddy restricted the Board's powerful role after she was no longer around to hold it in check. Without her, the Board was not fit to guide the content of lectures, and teaching, etc. The branch churches were to be autonomous, as in the early Christian church, where each church would thrive or wilt depending upon their faithfulness to the true concept. (See definition of Church in textbook glossary.) The great legacy of Mrs. Knott is not diminished by the recognition of her participation in the notorious Board of Directors. Rather, the unfailing wisdom of Mary Baker Eddy, against the huge army of her detractors, is acknowledged and celebrated.



**Excerpt from “Paths of
Pioneer Christian Scientists”** Christopher L. Tyner

The year 1898 marked a watershed in Mrs. Knott's work and career as a Christian Scientist. Up to that time, her primary focus had been on gaining an understanding of Christian Science and demonstrating what she had learned by healing the sick and sinning. By 1898 her practice was thriving, and she was busy teaching classes and tending to the needs of her students.

In this critical year Mary Baker Eddy was taking measures to strengthen the Christian Science movement: she established the Board of Lectureship; created The Christian Science Publishing Society in its present form; designated the topics for the Lesson-Sermons; launched the weekly religious periodical *Christian Science Sentinel*; taught her last class; and took steps to create the Committee on Publication.

In June Mrs. Eddy requested that Mrs. Knott join the Board of Lectureship. This proved to be the first in a series of appointments that would propel Mrs. Knott from her singular focus on her beloved Detroit vineyard into “a wider sphere of thought and action.” (S&H) Mrs. Eddy spoke to her on the subject of lecturing, and Mrs. Knott found herself drawing on Mrs. Eddy's wisdom soon thereafter. Mrs. Eddy indicated that she should prepare her lectures “carefully,” submit a copy to the Board of Directors, and yet be flexible enough to address the unique needs that might arise in a specific moment in the lecture hall. “You must look for your inspiration in what God gives you at the time,” Mrs. Eddy told her, “not in what is manufactured.”

Fairly new to this activity, Mrs. Knott began a lecture on Christian Science one evening in Salt Lake City, unaware that sitting in the audience was a hypnotist intent on throwing her off track. The hypnotist had come to Salt Lake

City to teach a class on how to control people's thinking. After learning that a Christian Science Lecturer (Mrs. Knott) was in town to speak, he decided to cancel his scheduled class and attend the lecture instead, to make an object lesson in mental manipulation for his students.

Although Mrs. Knott had been told a hypnotist was in town, she knew nothing of his plan to target her specifically. But as she spiritually prepared for this lecture, she felt "somewhat troubled." However, once the lecture was under way she had a "marvelous illumination," and obeying Mrs. Eddy's admonition to rely on divine guidance, she departed from her prepared remarks and discussed the difference between Christian Science and hypnotism.

"I never had given a lecture with such a wonderful sense of freedom," Mrs. Knott wrote about this lecture, "and when I returned to the room where I was staying, I wrote down what I could remember of my own remarks, the strong point being the one Mind as ever present."

It would be several months before Mrs. Knott would discover the full story behind what had taken place that night. The person who revealed the story to Mrs. Knott had been in Salt Lake City that night and knew a student of this hypnotist. The hypnotist had told those interested in learning hypnotism that if they attended the Christian Science lecture that evening, they could witness him knock the lecturer off her track. "She would most likely become so confused that she would hardly know her own name if asked," this hypnotist was reported to have said. But when he came into the hall and tried to disorient Mrs. Knott, he quickly realized he was getting nowhere. He later explained to his students that someone must have tipped the lecturer off to his plan. The fact was, Mrs. Knott was unaware that he would attend her lecture. She later observed that if she had been told, she might have been troubled. "But when the adverse mental influence was felt," Mrs. Knott wrote, "I never before had been so clear, for it was as if God was telling me how to

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defend our Cause, and for months, all the work which followed this remarkable illumination was with me to a large extent."

Excerpt from "Paths of Pioneer Christian Scientists"

Christopher L. Tyner

Mrs. Knott would face a new depth, when her beloved nineteen-year-old daughter Nellie passed on. "In spite of all I could do," she wrote Mrs. Eddy, "my darling and I parted, though I am sure only for a little while."

"The wild waves of sorrow swept over me, but only to make me realize more than ever the solid rock beneath my feet, and with the peace of Christ I was able to lift higher than ever the sense of my students

"My daughter was the dearest of all on earth to me, so sweet and fair, caring only to share my cares and trials — loyally and truly devoted to our great cause."

Mrs. Eddy's heartfelt response was a remarkable letter of both comfort and power, stating a promise of what was possible.

"Well dear one, you have no cause to doubt God's love for you and your child. And if He loves you He doeth all things that is for your good. But He does not destroy the work of His hands. You alone and all mortals are responsible for mortal conditions. They make them and they yield them up. Why do they give up what is so dear to them? Because they know not yet how to retain them as reality.

"Therefore wait on God and Love will teach you how, and do not mourn over the lessons of Love but rejoice. For Love knows best, and you and I wait to learn what is best."

Mrs. Eddy signed this letter, "Lovingly thine in sorrow or in joy, Mother, M.B. Eddy."

Mrs. Knott had a typed duplicate of this letter, to which she added and initialed the poignant comment: "This means more than any other. A.M.K."

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Are Miracles Relevant to Me?

Gary Singleterry

God gave Sarah a child at the age of ninety-one. Jesus healed a man who was blind from his birth, walked on water, raised Lazarus from the grave, and raised himself from three days in the tomb. God parted the Red Sea for Moses and the Israelites, caused the sun to stand still for about a day for Joshua to defeat the Amorites. In Job we read, "Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God."

It is a very useful exercise to ask ourselves, "How do I consider these wondrous works of God?" Do I consider them freaks of nature? Are they experiences that only a few "chosen" can ever experience? If so, who gets chosen and why? Are they too weird or other-worldly for me to even consider relevant to my life? Are they violations of natural law?

Or do I consider them the fulfillment of divine law, which does apply to me, even though I may not fully understand it? Mrs. Eddy defines "miracle": "That which is divinely natural, but must be learned humanly; a phenomenon of Science." In his teaching, Jesus is quoted as saying, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Both Jesus and Mrs. Eddy refer to these miraculous acts as the fulfillment of divine law. Mrs. Eddy herself experienced the healing of an incurable condition by reading the Bible, and spent the next three years working to discover the law, or Science, behind hers and all the Biblical healings. What she discovered was that there is a law of God that made the universe, including mankind. That law is spiritual, moral, and not material.

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Too often, people slough off miracles as just plain unexplainable. Yet, if we “stand still and consider the wondrous works of God,” we can see that these “miracles” point to the law of God that created the universe and cares for His children. Jesus promised that “If ye believe in me, ye shall never see death.” That’s a pretty strong promise! By this promise, Jesus was referring to the law of God that he was teaching and demonstrating for mankind, and which very few people got!

The Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health*, with *Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, explains how this divine law is relevant to each of us. It explains that miracles are relevant to every one of us, pointing to law that governs us, provides for us in every way, healing us of our sins and our ills. It brings the Bible to life, making it the “chart of life” that God intended.

Miracles happen every day. People are healed of incurable diseases, lifted out of intolerable circumstances, given victory where defeat was considered inevitable. Yet, how many recognize these events as the operation of divine law, and open their hearts to God in earnest to know this law? Those who do find that a life of obedience to the divine law is the greatest satisfaction, peace of mind, safety, and purpose that can be found.



Be Ye Transformed

Lenni Moore

At our Wednesday service recently, I experienced a moment of profound insight when I realized how grateful I am for the mere fact that I am aware of Christian Science and have the opportunity to put it into practice in my life.

I had been feeling lately like I was doing a pretty poor job of practicing this science; but, as I couldn't imagine doing anything else, I continued to press forward, sometimes with more spirit and hutzpah than at other times.

However, as I was listening to the testimonies, I realized that Christian Science was transforming the lives of every one of the speakers. Right then, Paul's words in Romans popped into my thought, where he says, "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." It hit me that I really did NOT want to conform to the ways of this world. Conforming, as far as I could tell, has never done me or anyone a darned bit of good. It hasn't healed me or blessed me when I've been in a conforming frame of mind.

I watch people around me every day conform to the ways of the world. When a problem comes up, they look for human resolutions, using conventional wisdom. They treat their physical or mental problems with medicine, covering the symptoms and applying a quick fix. But it was a fix, and not a solution. Nothing really *changed*. I realized that, even though sometimes it feels like it's taking a long time with some of the things I'm working on, I don't want to settle for the quick fix. I don't want to just treat the symptoms and dance around the issue. I want *transformation*. And nothing else gives us transformation but Christian Science.

I am grateful for this insight and this renewed resolution within myself not to accept anything less.



Peace; Be Still

Sharon Welsh

God is always speaking to us, but sometimes we become so humanly busy and preoccupied with our daily lives that we miss what He is saying to us. The Bible says, "Peace; be

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still.” This is what opens the door of our thought to hear God’s instructions. Rushing around in the human mind shuts the door and causes the inharmonies in our lives.

Mrs. Eddy tells us that Angels are “God’s thoughts passing to man; spiritual intuitions, pure and perfect; the inspiration of goodness, purity, and immortality, counteracting all evil, sensuality, and mortality.” (S&H) Keeping ourselves tuned in to God saves us from mishaps, puts us in the right place at the right time, and brings all kinds of blessings.

I had an experience recently when I was peaceful and still. God told me to trust Him and that “Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.” I didn’t understand what this meant, but I trusted God and worked with this Bible statement. Several months later, I found out that I had been saved from a nasty problem. If I had not obeyed, I would have been terribly inconvenienced, spent unnecessary money, and had to do a lot of physical work.

Thank God that we have the Bible and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy to guide us in our journey heavenward.



Judge Not

Florence Roberts

The Bible states, “Judge not, that ye be not judged.” (Matt.) Many times people misinterpret this quote and use it to excuse bad behavior, wrong values and morals, and so on. But what this verse is talking about is judging unfairly — or even going around with a superior attitude and condemning people according to some selfish views.

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Heb.)

“Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment” (John 7:24) is the answer. If we are to love enough to be our brother’s keeper, we owe it to mankind to be able to discern according to the Truth, and help save someone who may be mesmerized by the wrong action, as God directs.

But first we must be true ourselves; with the beam removed from our own eyes. Otherwise, how could we begin to discern the Truth?



Enthusiasm

Carol Conroy

In Bicknell Young’s Association Addresses he writes, “Without enthusiasm, thought drifts backward instead of pressing onward, having none of the persistent activity, resilience, and brilliance that belongs to Soul, Spirit, Mind.”

When I first came to the Plainfield Church, I had never seen Christian Science lived with such enthusiasm and conviction. Many of us who have been in Christian Science for a long time, seem to have lost the enthusiasm and love that Christian Science *is*, and begin to take it for granted.

But Christianity is vigorous! Jesus was certainly not dull and boring. His dynamic, Christly love healed the sick, raised the dead, and banished evil.

Being based on Jesus’ teachings, Christian Science is an enthusiastic, dynamic religion. Think of it — a religion that teaches that matter is nothing, that evil is not legitimate and has no law or power, that sickness can be healed through *prayer*. That’s *radical* — how can anyone be complacent about that!

Interestingly, the word enthusiasm is rooted in the Greek “theos,” meaning “God.” So, if we’re not praying with

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enthusiasm and conviction, and not living our daily lives with enthusiasm, we're not only drifting backward, but we're also shutting God out of our lives! Not a good place to be.

The truth is that the practice of Christian Science is a constant adventure of unfoldment, seeing "new views of divine goodness and love." (S&H) Each day is fresh and new, filled with unlimited opportunities to know God better and to see His goodness and power in every situation. The privilege of seeing healing, and of having "old," familiar truths revealed to us in new and fresh ways is rejuvenating.

When we read the Lesson each day, if we read it expectantly, with an open heart, what inspiration we find! If our reading seems uninspired, we can know that animal magnetism has mesmerized us — how can God's inspiration come through such a thick, muddy thought? That's the time to shake ourselves, stamp our feet at error, and, as Mary Baker 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) Evil is powerless to oppose an enthusiastic thought! "Resist evil — error of every sort — and it will flee from you." (S&H)



Unfoldment

Mary Beth Singleterry

The following quote from our textbook, *Science and Health*, is rich with meaning: "Christian Science presents unfoldment, not accretion; it manifests no material growth from molecule to mind, but an impartation of the divine Mind to man and the universe." "Unfoldment" according

to Webster is “to expand, to bring out in the details or by successive development, to reveal,” and the definition of “accretion” is “to increase by external addition.” Obedience to God brings forth His perfect unfoldment, while accretion implies willfully and/or selfishly adding on more and more. The understanding of this statement is a treatment for cancer, allergies, mental illness, obesity — as well as for any of the other extraneous problems laid upon mankind. Where did they come from? Without God imparting them, how can they even exist or have power? How can anything be added on to what God has created? — it’s already perfect, whole, and complete.

Whenever asked to handle a maternity case, a practitioner in this church always worked with this statement on unfoldment. The expectant mother would be told her forthcoming child was a “complete package.” In other words, this child would have all it would ever need in life, in the way of health, right activity, supply, joy, beauty, intelligence, etc. God supplies this, and much more, to all of His children; but it is up to us to work out the rules and principles of Christian Science in our everyday life with steadfast obedience to our heavenly Father who has created all things.

Isn’t it amazing that a tiny acorn can grow into a magnificent oak tree?! So it is with all that God has created. In the book *1937 College* by Bicknell Young he states, “A divine idea carries within itself the power to accomplish the divine purpose, and the responsibility of its unfoldment belongs to divine Principle who cares for each detail of its progressive being.”

So whatever that “divine idea” is — be it a child, a business, a church, a garden — know that God’s law of unfoldment is in full operation, and He will cause His precious idea to blossom forth with complete fruition!

Testimonies of Healing

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

I'm grateful for the help of a practitioner in the Plainfield Church. One night I started having quite a bit of pain in my right arm. I worked prayerfully for myself as best I could during the night, but in the morning the pain was quite severe. I e-mailed the practitioner to ask for help because I didn't want to call too early. I got an answer soon after, that work was being done, and that I should call later that morning. I was also told that nothing could touch my being but the love of God!

When we spoke, I was given some references to work with, including a favorite statement from Science and Health, "Truth, Life, and Love are a law of annihilation to everything unlike themselves, because they declare nothing except God." I spent several hours studying and pondering these truths, and by 2:00 p.m., the pain that had been very aggressive, not only lessened, but completely disappeared. I am so grateful that we have the Truth, God, to turn to, and for the dedicated practitioners in this independent church.

*D. W.
Virginia*

Recently, I was moving about at the end of a bed and I bumped the upper portion of my instep against the metal support for the bed. I immediately remembered that I was a perfect child of God but the pain did not yield. I was awakened a number of times during the night, but my statements of Truth had little effect. In the morning I called a practitioner from our church and she gave me statements concerning accidents which I was to study. This one from Science and Health says, "When an acci-

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dent happens, you think or exclaim, 'I am hurt!' Your thought is more powerful than your words, more powerful than the accident itself, to make the injury real.

"Now reverse the process. Declare that you are not hurt and understand the reason why, and you will find the ensuing good effects to be in exact proportion to your disbelief in physics, and your fidelity to divine metaphysics, confidence in God as All, which the Scriptures declare Him to be." The next one was from Collectanea; "My life is a manifestation of divine Life from which I derive all moral and physical health. Therefore my life should be beyond the reach of accidents as the divine Life is."

I was told to call later to report my progress. Within moments I noted a definite improvement, but continued to study. In the afternoon I was able to call to report a complete healing.

Words cannot express my gratitude for this rapid healing, for I was planning a 300 mile drive the following day. The trip was accomplished with complete comfort.

I am most grateful for our practitioners who provide us with just what we need to hear. Christian Science is a science upon which we can truly rely, for it shows us those Truths we need.

J. D.
California

I woke up the other morning with a terrific cold, complete with body aches, fever with chills, and all the other cold symptoms. I felt terrible and wasn't able to do much for myself, so I called a Plainfield practitioner for help. The practitioner reassured me that the warmth of God's love melts the cold.

The practitioner also asked me to study two articles in Miscellaneous Writings entitled "Contagion" and "I've Got Cold." She then read to me from "I've Got Cold": "If a cold could get into the body without the assent of mind, nature

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would take it out as gently, or let it remain as harmlessly, as it takes the frost out of the ground or puts it into the ice-cream to the satisfaction of all.” In thinking about this, I realized that the frost doesn’t cause any harm to the ground, and this cold has no power to harm me!

Within just a couple of hours, every symptom of the cold was gone, with the exception of a runny nose. With a little more help, that disappeared quickly, too.

I am very grateful to God for this very quick healing, and for the help and support of the practitioner.

C. C.

New Jersey

Debilitating allergies have tried to rob me of wonderful close-to-nature times as I rode my beautiful horse. These allergies have been so bad at times that I was forced to resort to medication and could barely drive the truck and trailer home. The medication did make the symptoms better, but left me tired and wiped out.

This had been going on for over 10 years when, because of all the wonderful classes that this church offers, I decided to take up the cure using Christian Science, with the help of a practitioner from the Plainfield Church. We would talk almost every morning, and especially on the days where I was planning to ride. She helped me to see that none of us is subject to any law of matter, and that all allergies are a lie about man. She had me focus on one of Mrs. Eddy's hymns, “In atmosphere of love divine we live and move and breathe.”

The healing wasn’t immediate, and it took a lot of diligence, but the allergies are gone! One of the things we talked about during this time was that these allergies are not true for anyone, and to keep denying their power whenever they are mentioned.

I am so thankful to have found this church, and that

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the members here were courageous enough to stand up for true Christian Science, against the mother church organization.

*D. A.
Virginia*

I recently fell coming into the house from the garage. As I fell, I cried out, "God help me!" I landed on my side, and hit my head. I got up, sat on the steps in the house, and thanked God for always being there and keeping me safe.

Even though I hit my head rather sharply, I have had no ill effects, and no other side effects at all. My first thought at the time was to call on God, and this is what I have learned at Plainfield. He is always there for all of us.

Thank you for always reminding us to turn to God first.

*E. B.
Alabama*

For several days we had been experiencing a very slow Internet connection at work. Since most of what we do utilizes this connection, it was impeding our work flow. To find out if this was just our problem or the network, I called several others on our network. Most of what I heard was depressing complaints about the help I wouldn't receive from our techs.

I had been having practitioner help for other problems, and the practitioner told me to memorize the hymn "One thought I have, my ample creed, So deep it is and broad, And equal to my every need, — It is the thought of God. Each day unfolds His blessings new, I take in trust my road"

As I put in a help desk ticket, I just knew that this need would be answered, and continued with my work. A few minutes later, a tech contacted me about the problem, and it was rapidly solved. We discussed the connection problems we had been having, and he suggested a more per-

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manent solution that would require asking our Board for additional funds. Although this year we had taken a 5% decrease in funding, the Board approved the plan. When the Internet company called with a quote, they gave the price that applied only to new customers, which we weren't, and they were aware of this. This price was 50% less than the price for existing customers. This was definitely one of God's blessings.

Thank you for this church, the patient help from one of your practitioners, your uplifting music, and your very special web site, which I use daily.

C. G.
Wisconsin

I hope I don't offend anyone's sensibilities with this disclosure. It's not meant to shock, but it was a big "God The Preserver of Man" moment for me.

Many, many moons ago I acquired a cocaine habit. It lasted about a year, and it seemed at the time that I enjoyed playing the "bad boy." One night as I lay in bed wired up trying to fall asleep, I remember very clearly saying out loud, "Heavenly Father, please take me away from all of this." When I woke up the next day it was as if everything suddenly began to change. The "bad" influences started to disappear, my desire for the "substance" was gone, and soon thereafter, new influences came into my life that reinforced my return to a constructive track. There were no withdrawal symptoms whatsoever, and I never looked back! It was as if the whole sordid business had never happened. And of course, it was just part of the Adam dream, and I woke up!

I am ever so grateful for God's unstinting help. He was the "life preserver." Perhaps this testimony can help someone struggling with a similar problem.

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