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God's Remedy

“God being All-in-all, He made medicine; but that medicine was Mind. It could not have been matter, which departs from the nature and character of Mind, God. Truth is God's remedy for error of every kind, and Truth destroys only what is untrue. Hence the fact that, to-day, as yesterday, Christ casts out evils and heals the sick.” (*Science and Health* 142:28-4)

“Remedy: That which cures a disease; application which restores health; that which counteracts an evil of any kind; that which cures uneasiness; that which repairs loss or disaster; to remove mischief; something that corrects; to recover a right; to relieve.” (*Webster's 1828 Dictionary*)

This week's Lesson is a wonderful treatment. What a powerful thought that “Truth is God's remedy for error of every kind”! Truth cures, restores, repairs, removes, recovers, corrects by turning, “...their thoughts away from their bodies to higher objects.” (*Science and Health* 416:31)

In the Press, Yet Not of It

The plague-afflicted woman said, “If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway ... she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?” (Mark 5:28-30)

The superhuman determination of the woman with the hemorrhage was the result of her superhuman decision to separate herself from

everything and everyone separating her from her objective. Nothing could stop her, even the strict religious code demanding that any woman so afflicted should quarantine herself or face death.

Jesus was even more determined in his desire to be separate from sense: to achieve and remain in total Spirit-consciousness continually, “who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.” (Hebrews 5:7)

Thus, Jesus was unaware of the press of the vast human swarms about him, yet he instantly perceived the touch that made virtue flow from him. Similarly today, among millions of professed followers, Christ is only aware of those whose craving for Spirit transcends “the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God.”

“The healing of his seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.”

(Mrs. Eddy quoting Whittier's poem, “The Master” in *Pulpit and Press*, 54:2-5)

“Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate.” (*Science and Health* 451:2-4)

Thank you for this post! It reminds me of Christ Jesus' prayer to the Father, “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.” (John 17:15) He was praying for his disciples and “...for them also which shall believe on me through their word;” (John 17:20) to see and to claim and to hold on to our Oneness with the Father, right where we are!

“Blessed is the Man that Trusteth in the Lord”

“Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.” (Jer.17:5-8)

A few quotes from *MacLaren’s Exposition* bring clarity to Jeremiah’s message...

“So, says Jeremiah, the two pictures represent two sets of men; the one, he who diverts from their true object his heart-capacities of love and trust, and clings to creatures and to men, ‘making flesh his arm and departing from the living God’; the other, he who leans the whole weight of his needs and cares and sins and sorrows upon God. We can make choice of which shall be the object of our trust, and according as we choose the one or the other, the experience of these vivid pictures will be ours.

“Underneath the pictures there lies this thought, that the direction of a man’s trust determines the whole cast of his life, because it determines, as it were, the soil in which he grows....

“Oh! then, brethren, do, I beseech you, turn away your heart’s confidence and love from earth and creatures; for until the roots of your life go down into God, and you draw your life from Him, you are not in your right soil.”

(Most of this is intentionally left out due to length).

From Martha Wilcox, I learned that there is no place where evil, hate, war, disease, plagues and all sin and error is going on. There is no such place. Do not allow it in your consciousness. In Mind, the

only place is where Love reigns. There is no other place.

It is so easy to get upset about “the world”. There is no such place.

“And Shall Not be Careful in the Year of Drought”

Jer. 17:7-8 (in part): “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters... and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.” (Lesson citation #2)

The understanding that allows one to “not be careful in the year of drought” flows from the realization of God’s ever-present and tender, loving care of His beloved children. Upon reading these verses in Jeremiah, I was reminded of the courage and conviction of Rev. Severin E. Simonsen, as recorded in his book, *From the Methodist Pulpit into Christian Science and How I Demonstrated the Abundance of Substance and Supply*:

“My indebtedness was piling up rapidly....We found that if we even glanced at the material side of the question, darkness, fear, and despair stood like hungry beasts ready to devour us; but they did not because we realized that – “He [God] is a shield unto them that put their trust in him (Prov. 30:5).”...We realized that if we once began to curtail and economize in things we needed, that error, ere long, would manacle us with chains of limitation and despair. We therefore roused ourselves through faithful mental work, realizing more clearly the allness of God, and that our supply was not in matter or human personality, but in our dear heavenly Father, who, we knew, was abundantly able to furnish a table in the wilderness, and who was the same yesterday, today, and forever. So we decided to give our children, as well as ourselves, not only as good things as we had before coming into Christian Science, but a little better. By thus facing error fearlessly, we became conscious of greater liberty and freedom from a sense of limitation which was constantly biting at our heels.” (pp. 104-105)

Living Water

Jeremiah 17:13 mentions “the fountain of living waters.” The Lord is the fountain of living waters and He should not be forsaken or abandoned. Then we have Revelation 7:17 that says, “For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.” Jesus said that he came to fulfill the law and the prophets. I am filled with joy when I understand the connections in the Bible, and when I listen I am blessed and then bless others. It is all right here in the Bible and then Mrs. Eddy brought all Bible truths to light to bless and heal mankind.

Thank you Lesson writers!

**SUBJECT: God —
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All is Allness and Its Unlimited Expression

The main theme of this week’s Lesson is “God is all.” On a practical level, it’s possible to render the Lesson’s opening scriptures thus:

“[My consciousness of the allness of God] hath clothed me with the garments of salvation ... hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.” (Isaiah 61:10)

“[David’s understanding of Allness] delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul.” (2 Samuel 22:1)

Such scriptures remind me of Queen Esther: when she and all her people were faced with seemingly inevitable annihilation, she learned to discipline herself — her imaginative faculty — not to gaze despairingly at objective reality (that is, the testimony of the physical senses) but rather to dismiss it altogether by supplanting it, holding to a view of a world flooded with the allness of God in faith and limitless hope.

Chapter 5 of the Book of Esther depicts her transformation from prostrate victim to victor

standing tall and resolute: “Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king’s house.”

The name “Esther” means “hidden” or “concealed.” Closeted in prayer, Esther firmly held on to her subjective realization of victory. In so doing, she lay bare the false notion of objective reality, exposed it as a lie, no longer able to conceal itself.

Thus did nothingness flee before Allness and its infinite manifestation.

What had appeared to be such an impossible dream was now objectified: Esther’s desire for the salvation of her nation was fulfilled. And the threat against her nation, which had appeared to be so harsh an objective reality, now vanished as a bad dream from which the sleeper awakens.

“...Equalizes the Sexes; Annuls the Curse on Man”

“The First Commandment is my favorite text. It demonstrates Christian Science.... One infinite God, good, ... equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man....” (S&H 340:15-29)

Mrs. Eddy was divinely inspired when she wrote this about obeying the First Commandment, by including “equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man.” Only as we rightfully recognize and acknowledge the motherhood of God, and Mrs. Eddy’s role as its representative, are we truly obeying the First Commandment. It is also imperative that each one of us recognize and acknowledge both the masculine and feminine sides of our true spiritual nature — this alone will equalize the sexes. As this is done, the curse on man — original sin, male chauvinism — will be annulled. This was the curse that Romanism introduced into early Christianity, — a curse that I grew up with and escaped from *solely* through Mrs. Eddy’s teachings at Plainfield Church. (See [Metaphysical Notes to Use While Working and Watching for our Church and the World](#) — the excerpt from Paul Smillie’s book on the church website.)

Thank God for this church, which is furthering the Cause of Mrs. Eddy’s pure Christian Science,

and for its recognition and acknowledgement of her as the Revelator and our forever Leader.

“Henceforth know we no man (or woman sic.) after the flesh!”

How Mary Baker Eddy, the Light of Truth, reveals that the great miracle to human sense is divine Love. She lifts the veil from human sense and reveals its limited claims and beliefs. But, even more so, Mary Baker Eddy demonstrates the nothingness of these claims and opinions via GOD as Infinite Good.

This post is a perfect opportunity to expose worn out claims of and beliefs in the power of the sexes. To Divine Love, ALL is Love, and there is no error to battle; it is pure delusion, impersonal nothingness.

ALL takes out the belief in anything less than ALL. I thank this post. It presents as an opportunity to ‘see’ all men and women, as God’s likeness and image, as Pure Spirit.

The Sound in the Mulberry Trees

In this week’s Lesson, in the story of David and the attack of the Philistines, after his first success against them, we read that instead of going immediately to defend himself again, David asked God what to do.

He could have used pride of success after his first victory to just go out to fight them again, but instead he asked God what to do, and God answered him.

“Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.”

Sometimes it seems obvious what we should do in certain circumstances, but it’s not the right way if it’s not being directed by God. How would David have known of his own will to not go after the Philistines but to go into the mulberry trees, and wait for the sound in the tops of the trees to go out to battle?

There is a sermon by Spurgeon called “The Sound in the Mulberry Trees.” It is quite long but some of it reads:

“My brethren, let us learn from David to take no steps without God. The last time you moved, or went into another business, or changed your situation in life, you asked God’s help, and then did it, and you were blessed in the doing of it. You have been up to this time a successful man, you have always sought God, but do not think that the stream of providence necessarily runs in a continuous current; remember, you may to-morrow without seeking God’s advice venture upon a step which you will regret but once, and that will be until you die. You have been wise hitherto, it may be because you have trusted in the Lord with all your heart, and have not leaned to your own understanding; you have said like David, “Let us enquire of the Lord,” and like Jehoshaphat, who said to Ahab,” “I will not go up until I have enquired of the Lord;” and you have not to ask priests of Baal, but you have said, “Is there not here one, prophet of the Lord, that I may enquire at his hands?” Now, keep on in the same way: do not, I beseech you, go before the cloud. If Providence tarries, tarry till Providence comes, never go before it. He goes on a fool’s errand who goes before God but he walks in a blessed path who sees the footsteps of Providence, and reads the map of Scripture, and so discovers, “This is the way wherein I am to walk.”

<https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-sound-in-the-mulberry-trees/#flipbook/>

I had some success for a while on my own without God. He did help me and then, when things were good, I dropped Science. Eventually, everything crumbled because I had lost my connection with my Creator. He never left me though.

Recently, I forged ahead with my own idea of what I needed to do, but it didn’t work out. Thankfully though after calling a Practitioner, I was able to stop and ask God for His guidance before doing anything else. The answer came and the situation was corrected.

I am grateful since I found this church and regularly speak with a Practitioner and listen to the teachings here, and am slowly learning to ask God what to do, in all details of my life. It is very wonderful that we can do this. Thank you for this Lesson, it is so good.

Material Rock – Spiritual Rock

David didn't have a personal sense of victory. He inquired of God as to what was the wisest way to proceed. He knew that it was not his own strength or wisdom that won the battle. He gave God all the glory.

MATERIAL ROCK: His faith was not in his material weapons, even though his sling and smooth rock-stones killed the Goliath threat. Online research: a good slinger hurled a stone as far and accurately as a good archer. Slingers are known to hurl their projectiles even farther, as much as 440 yards (402 meters) (a quarter of a mile / 0.40 km).

Experiments demonstrate that missiles leave a sling in excess of 60 miles per hour (97 km/h). One Roman writer noted that opponents in leather armor were in far greater danger from sling missiles than arrows. Even if the stone did not penetrate the armor, it was capable of inflicting a fatal internal injury.

SPIRITUAL ROCK: Unarmored bodies were easily penetrated by sling stones. David's sense of substance was not material. His sense of weapon/help was spiritual. His spiritual Rock was God – seen as fortress, deliverer, shield, high tower, refuge, saviour.

“Can We Ask Him to be More?”

“God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more?”
(*Science and Health* 2:23)

“The first day's teaching on the subject of Love she (Mary Baker Eddy) concluded somewhat as follows: Love is the Father, who is strong in His care for His children and provides for every need. Love feeds, clothes, and shelters every one of His dear ones. Love is a Mother tenderly brooding over

all Her children. This Mother guards each one from harm, nourishes, holds close to Herself, and carefully leads along the upward way. Love is a Shepherd who goes forth into the darkness of the night, into the storm and wind, to find the lost sheep. This Shepherd of Love leaves the beaten path, searches the wood and marsh, pushes aside the brambles, and seeks until the lost is found; then He places it within His bosom and returns to heal and restore.” (from *Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy* by Rev. Irving C. Tomlinson, page 90)

In the recent compilation of notes from Paul Smillie's book, there were many references to Mother and Motherhood that really caught my attention. Click on the title of the article for a link to see it in its entirety.

“‘Loving Our Leader’ We must thoroughly handle the hatred of original sin directed at her, but which appears as our own thinking about her. Know there is no resistance or contempt for our Leader, her womanhood, her mothering, and her demonstration of Christian Science, her revelation of God's motherhood.” [Metaphysical Notes to use while working and watching for our Church and the world From In Defense of Mary Baker Eddy and the Remnant of Her Seed by Paul Smillie.](#)

SHARING LOVE'S AMAZING MAJESTY

