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**SUBJECT: Christ Jesus — February 27th, 2022**

## I AM

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.” – Christ Jesus (John 8:58 – Golden Text)

“WATCH – Take time each day to say: ‘What is the most powerful thing in the world? It is God saying “I am” in His own creation.’”

“WATCH – Just go alone and close your eyes, and in the depths of your own consciousness say over and over again, I am, I am, I am, I am. Your whole being will be filled with the sense of the power to overcome, the power to accomplish, the power to do all things.

I am because Thou art (Mind is) – I am.

I am what Thou art (Mind is) – I am.

I am where Thou art (Mind is) – I am.

I am one with Thee (Mind), oh! Thou infinite I AM.

I am good.

I am well.

I am abundantly satisfied.

I am holy.

I am free.

I am because Thou art (Mind is) – I am.

I am, spoken upward towards the good, the true, is sure to out-picture in visible good, in success, in happiness, in abundance.”

“Just when the mortal mind says, I can’t, you must know you can, for *I can* is the son of ‘I am.’”

“I CAN is the son of I AM because I AM is I CAN. I can express love, patience, truth, because I am.” (The *Blue Book*; pages 51, 98 & 205)

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## Word Made Flesh

“In the beginning was the [Logos], and the [Logos] was with God, and the [Logos] was God.” (John 1)

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (2 Corinthians 13). The phrase “Jesus Christ is in you” means: “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you.” (Jesus at the Last Supper, John 15)

“In the sacred sanctuary of Truth are voices of solemn import, but” humans “heed them not” because the Logos, the Source of these voices, is not abiding in them. (*Science and Health*, p. 232) The Logos includes all the mighty promises of God, and I am instructed to seek them even as the hart panting for the water brooks (Ps. 42). It is my responsibility to abide in those promises until they “become flesh”, that is, until they are manifest in my practical life experience.

In the words of the angel that spoke to Daniel (Ch. 10): “‘Understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent.’ And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, ‘Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself [cf., “Examine yourselves”] before God, thy words were heard and I am come for thy words.’”

Today, humankind is bombarded with unprecedented commands and mandates, especially from the world of medicine: fear-instilling demands that are falsely given exaggerated life-or-death significance when in reality they have no significance whatsoever, except to those too fearful to stand upright, in whom the promises of God do not abide.

Job said, “The thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.” (Job 3) Yes, the words and thoughts which I allow to form in me, to abide and take root there, whether good or bad, become flesh.

“Thinking so makes it so.” (Mrs. Eddy quoting Shakespeare, *S&H*, 1910 edition, iii.) The links of the “great chain” that bound Lucifer pictured in the Book of Revelation (Ch. 20) are the promises of God that are *abiding* in the hearts of God’s people, — Christian Scientists above all — for only in this way can you and I hasten the out-picturing of the Millennium: on earth as it is in heaven.

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## And Blessed Is He, Whosoever Shall Not Be Offended In Me

“And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be **offended** in me.” (Matthew 11)

“As the individual ideal of Truth, Christ Jesus came to rebuke rabbinical error and **all sin, sickness, and death**, — to point out the way of Truth and Life.” (*Science and Health*, page 30) (emphasis added)

According to one commentary I read about ‘offended’, “Jesus responds by doing many miracles in that hour and telling the messengers to report these things back to John, along with this message: “And blessed is the one who is not offended by me” (v. 6). Here, the word ‘offended’ is the same word translated ‘fall away’ in John 16:1 — loosely translated as abandoning the faith. (one who is offended by Jesus is at risk of falling away from Jesus.”

I was reading my daily pages when I came across the following account of Jesus with his disciples after he was risen, right before his ascension. One of the very last things he does is give them a very stern rebuke. The human mind might feel it would have been “more pleasant” if he had spoken “soothing words” of comfort before he left them. What he did was the highest love, to rouse their thought before they were on their own, facing strong opposition. In this chapter, he also pointed the way.

From Mark 16:14,15,19,20:

“Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the

gospel to every creature... So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”

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I add these notes to your post as I found them interesting in light of Christ Science. Overall, “rebuke” in Scripture is an action word, definitely not passive, and it positively describes the all-power of the Christ Mind and its potential to ‘see through’ matter in any form.

“offend” Latin: to hit, thrust, or strike against; by early 14th century: to disobey or to sin against.

“rebuke” old French, by 15th century: a reproof for a fault or wrong, a direct reprimand; modern usage: an expression of strong disapproval; a reprimand with a connotation of deliberateness; a verbal ‘smack down’.

“reprove” Elizabethan English: reject, disapprove, convince, rebuke; reprove implies an often kindly intent to correct a fault.

Matthew 8:23-27. Then [Jesus] arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Proverbs 9:8. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you. Reprove a wise man and he will love you.

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## War and Healing

At today’s Roundtable, we were directed to Martha Wilcox’s article, “War.” Highly recommended!

Plainfield Independent performs a valuable service by posting these WWII-vintage insights, which are ever so helpful and relevant today. Whatever the issues seem to be, we must meet the problems mentally **HERE**, because they are not “over there.”

On another note, for several days last week, I experienced what seemed to be a series of aches and pains. These persisted, even appearing to increase in intensity. Then, upon listening to the Wednesday night meeting, the so-called maladies started to ease. The more I listened to the testimonies, the more complete this healing became. By the close of the meeting, all such symptoms had vanished into their native nothingness.

Thank you for this wonderful healing service that unfolded the omnipotence of Love and Truth. Another demonstration of dis-ease uncovered and healed through Mind.

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## **“Intelligent Consciousness”**

*Science and Health*, p. 230; “But if sickness and sin are illusions, the awakening from this mortal dream, or illusion, will bring us into health, holiness, and immortality. This awakening is the forever coming of Christ, the advanced appearing of Truth, which casts out error and heals the sick. This is the salvation which comes through God, the divine Principle, Love, as demonstrated by Jesus.” This forever coming of Christ is happening all the time, everywhere, and this hope enables us and me to rejoice and work, pray, and watch. This is intelligence as was mentioned at the Roundtable. We have this intelligence from Intelligence... “eternal Mind; that which is never unconscious or limited.” (*Science and Health*, p. 588). Fruitage, *S&H* pp. 667-669, Born Again

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## **SUBJECT: Man — March 6th, 2022**

### **Man and Infinite Mind**

Golden Text: Psalm 34:4 - “I sought the Lord (the Christ), and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears” (false beliefs, personal sense, error, hypnotism).

Guiding Text: “God made man in His own image, to reflect the divine Spirit” (*S&H*, p. 516:28). In *Science and Health*, it is impossible to separate Man from God, just as it is impossible to separate Man from the One Complete Principle of Life: Immortal Being. That this is so becomes wonderfully clear to me in this succinct quote from Mrs. Eddy, “All Being is spiritual and not material, for this is the scientific statement of being, the basis of immortality” (*S&H* 1875, 356).

God as All-in-all is everywhere present, second to none! This is especially significant because God as divine Intelligence, eternal Love and immortal Life is “closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet.” It is enlightening to grasp, even if only in so-

called mortal mind as a starter, that Man, and everything besides, IS the manifestation of God: in essence, in nature, in character, in substance, in quality, and in quantity. I am All That! (see *S&H*, 274:12-15).

It is more natural for me now to rely upon Mrs. Eddy’s revelation of Truth, “All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all”. The term “infinite” is the key that is unlocking the Truth of Divine Science, since infinite Mind is my true identity. (*S&H*, Ch.10,15).

In Christ Science, I appreciate my ‘business’ is not to be preoccupied with fear-based mortal existence, with birth, sin, decay, disease, and death. Indeed! I am only interested in returning to my Father’s House. The mighty exemplar – beyond all others – of the way to do that, is Jesus of Nazareth, since He is teaching, not about, but AS Spirit, Soul, Infinite Mind (*S&H* 1875, Ch.1; *S&H*, 380:15-21,28-19). My contemplation of the Golden Text reveals that deliverance “from all my fears” comes down to a strong rebuke: There is NOTHING outside of the Father to help me!!! There is no other way out of “all my fears” but to understand that the Principle of Life is Spirit. Notably, “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty!” (2 Cor 3:17; *S&H*, 151:18; *S&H* 1875, Ch.3).

Referring to “reflect the divine Spirit” in Mrs. Eddy’s guiding text, I discover “reflect” (and “reflection”) does not mean a reflection in a mirror, nor does it signify mortal mind’s habit of reflection upon the past or past learning; rather, “to reflect the divine Spirit” is an action or activity of Soul or Mind. This activity of Mind is infinitely Good, Holy and Harmonious, and is experienced as direct knowing, and, ultimately, as direct manifestation (see *S&H*, 409; 40; 301:17-20).

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### **I Will Uphold Thee with the Right Hand of My Righteousness**

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 41:10 – “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

Martha Wilcox says on page 388 of *Addresses*:  
“...in Christian Science, we understand that God made man, and gave him presence, and certainty, and position, and man does not desire to get from somebody or some other nation, but draws from Infinity.”

This week I found the following on page 59 of the Addenda of *Collectanea* by Mary Baker Eddy:  
“Mrs. Eddy told Miss Robertson that animal magnetism can always be detected in thought by (1) a confusion. (2) forgetting. (3) refusal to do one’s duty. (4) moral illness. The declaration of one Mind — and no power or presence beside God will destroy these effects. Mind is all action.”

I have been thinking how to be in the presence of Truth and Life is to be absent from confusion; and to have the certainty of divine Mind, Soul, is to always have the inspiration, revelations, and ideas needed to be God’s expression; to cheerfully be positioned by Principle, Love, is to gratefully do our “duty to God, to [our] Leader, and to mankind.” (Alertness to Duty); and finally, to be obedient to Spirit is to understand that “...it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” (*S&H*, p. 442), and error’s false promises of all it says it will give you — as Christ Jesus overcame in Wednesday March 2nd, 2022 readings — will have no effect if we stand fast in the Word of God and know that He “will uphold [us] with the right hand of [His] righteousness.”

I am so thankful for all that is taught here! Thank you!

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Thank you for your post. This line was part of the first things I was given to memorize by my Plainfield practitioner – “will uphold [us] with the right hand of [His] righteousness” and I decided to look up some of the words to give me a deeper sense of what I was repeating. Below were some of the meanings found in commentaries:

Uphold: lift up, support.

Right hand: Total authority, absolute power, an indispensable help, ever-present almighty power.

Obedience to “fear not” and surrender/trust in His Righteousness (Goodness); instead of personal will power, personal thinking, or self-determination we

are given strength, help, support from our ever-present loving Father-Mother God who we are nothing without. Mrs. Eddy said of children “It is easier to incline the early thought rightly, than the biased mind. Children not mistaught, naturally love God; for they are pure-minded, affectionate, and generally brave. Passions, appetites, pride, selfishness, have slight sway over the fresh, unbiased thought.” (from “I’ve Got Cold” by Mary Baker Eddy, *Miscellaneous Writings*, page 240)

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## **Saving Mortal Mind From Itself**

“[The] so-called [mortal] mind is a myth, and must by its own consent yield to Truth. It would wield the sceptre of a monarch, but it is powerless. The immortal divine Mind takes away all its supposed sovereignty, and saves mortal mind from itself.” (*Science and Health*, p.151)

“Art thou still unacquainted with thyself? Then be introduced to this self. ‘Know thyself!’ as said the classic Grecian motto. Note well the falsity of this mortal self! Behold its vileness, and remember this poverty-stricken ‘stranger that is within thy gates.’ Cleanse every stain from this wanderer’s soiled garments, wipe the dust from his feet and the tears from his eyes, that you may behold the real man, the fellow-saint of a holy household. There should be no blot on the escutcheon of our Christliness when we offer our gift upon the altar.” (Mary Baker Eddy, *Retrospection and Introspection*, 86)

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## **God’s Dominion**

What a beautiful lesson this week. I was especially struck by *S&H* p. 516: “Man, made in His likeness, possesses and reflects God’s dominion over all the earth.”

Wow. So it’s not that man reflects God, and His qualities, which is what I have always read/understood previously from that line, but that man reflects God’s *dominion*. Over all the earth! No wonder mortal mind keeps trying to belittle us!

I am so grateful for all that I am learning and for these wonderful insights that herald each little breakthrough.

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## God Reverses Evil

*Science and Health*, p. 390: “When the first symptoms of disease appear, dispute the testimony of the material senses with divine Science...

‘Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him.’ Suffer no claim of sin or of sickness to grow upon the thought.”

*Watches Prayers Arguments*, p.124: “There is a spiritual reversal for every argument of evil, and to declare it, agrees with your adversary “quickly.” God will reverse every argument of evil, before it reaches us, through the Word, which is the two-edged sword, which liveth and abideth forever. We must handle the claim of trickery, slander, meddlesomeness of the human mind.”

I was delighted to find the above that helps me understand how to agree with the adversary quickly. Reverse the claim immediately for God does the reversal of the claim before it reaches us. God’s Word is a mighty power.

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Thank you for this!

[Click here for a page with individual citations on “Agree With Thine Adversary Quickly.”](#)

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Thank you for reminding me that dis-ease, seemingly an ever-present claim of personal sense, must be understood in order to be overcome, permanently. I am pondering: “agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him” . . .

DISAGREE THEN AGREE!

DISAGREE with the claim of dis-ease as personal sense: mortality. Then, AGREE, wholeheartedly, with the Christ Principle, “I” AM Spirit: immortal being.

This quote from Mrs. Eddy sums up perfectly the importance of disagreeing with mortality and agreeing with immortality: “There is no Life or Principle in man that proves him immortal, hence we have no resource but to annihilate the belief of Life and Intelligence in matter, and understand God, [is] the Principle of man and his immortality” (S&H 1875, p. 213; brackets added).

These words are a helpful tool to me:

“IN SPIRITUAL AWARENESS THERE IS NO MORTAL THOUGHT.”

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## Let Christian Science

“Let Christian Science, instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence discord with harmony.” (S&H, p. 495) Today, let all you know and understand of this wondrous Truth support you, let it overthrow error, all the negative and fearful thoughts that would whisper lies in your ear, let it all be overthrown with the Truth of your being as a child of God. Let the understanding that you are an immortal being, created by God with no beginning or end, forever held in His care, let this eternal Truth replace forever the wicked lie that you are a miserable mortal doomed to mortality. And let all the loving, powerful words from our dear Father-Mother God fill you today so that all the lies of error, all its agitation and tumult will be silenced forever. Let that mind which was in Christ Jesus be your one and only mind and so let us be filled with the sweet calm and peace that can only come from Him. The definition of “let” – to permit or allow.

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## Beauty From Kenya

