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from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy

“What I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH.” — CHRIST JESUS

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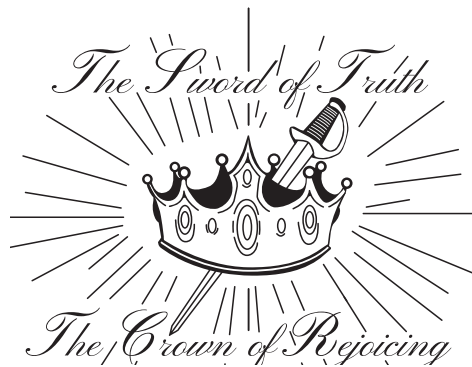
Boston Light was the first light station in North America and is the country's oldest continuously used lighthouse site. The original structure, built in 1716, was destroyed during the Revolutionary War. Rebuilt in 1783, it has been called "the ideal American lighthouse." Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1964, it is the only manned lighthouse in the United States.

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In loving memory

Our dear friend and colleague, Carol Conroy, passed into the Light on Sunday May 31st, finishing her course with joy.

Carol has been the chief editor of the Liberator magazine and also the Newsletter for untold years. She faithfully wrote many of our Unity Watches and oversaw the proofing of our publications. Many of you have known her by her beautiful voice in the recording of lessons, the watching points and various books. Our gratitude for all her faithful work is truly unending.

Carol's bright smile, kind face and ever-encouraging words will be remembered and missed by us all.

She was deeply loved by her husband Jim, who passed into the Light in 2011, her sons, Jimmy and Danny, her daughters-in-law, Jackie and Jessica, and her four grandchildren, Nicole, Zach, Vinnie and Sadie. And, of course, her four beloved cats, Pumpkin, Mushroom, Scout and Biscuit.

We send much love to our dearest Carol... "Well done good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of thy Lord." (Matt 25: 23)



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Painting by Arnold Friberg

Bicknell Young has told us, “The whole and sole mission of the United States of America is Christian Science.”

Serious students know that this nation is the place God prepared in the wilderness for the Woman to bring forth her child, *Science and Health*; and that “when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all Truth.” (John 16:13) Christian Scientists should be aware that Mary Baker Eddy is the woman of the Apocalypse, that she is our Mother in Israel, and that she was chosen of God. “Many are called, but few are chosen.”

George Washington “Father of our Country”

George Washington has long been known as the “Father of our Country.” It is time to recognize that he, too, was chosen of God to *found* this place in the wilderness wherein the earth could help the woman.

As an aide to General Braddock in the French and Indian Wars, the youthful Washington endeavored to convince the general of the danger of ambush. Because he would not listen, Braddock was defeated in just such an attack.

Indian Attack

In his *Life of George Washington*, Washington Irving wrote that an old Indian chief visited George Washington fifteen years later, and approached him with great reverence. He had heard, he said, of his being in that part of the country, and had come from a great distance to see him. On further discourse the chief made known that he was one of the warriors in the service of the French, who lay in ambush and wrought such havoc in Braddock’s army. He declared that he and his young men had singled out Washington, as he made himself conspicuous riding about the field of battle with the general’s orders, and had fired at him repeatedly, but without success; whence they had concluded that he was under the protection of the Great Spirit, had a charmed life, and could not be slain in battle.

Miracle of Providence

What the Indians called the Great Spirit, was called Divine Providence by our founding fathers. Following that fateful battle, George Washington wrote to his brother, Jack: “I now exist and appear in the land of the living by the miraculous care of Providence, that protected me

beyond all human expectation; I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, and yet escaped unhurt.”

Malicious animal magnetism endeavored many more times to destroy George Washington and his mission, but both he and his mission were under the protection of Divine Providence to bring forth this nation to provide “liberty and justice for all,” to provide the Bethlehem for *Science and Health*, and to set a standard for all the world.

George Washington's Seventeen Rules of Life

1. Act at all times as in the presence of God, and make it the great object in all things to please Him. In order to do this,

2. Seek first of all to gain clear views of His will, and with regard to all things to be perfectly conformed to it. In doing this,

3. Cherish no thoughts, indulge no feelings, speak no words, and do no actions, but what you really think, after all the light you can gain, will most honor God, most benefit yourself and others, and give you the greatest joy when they come to be exhibited before the assembled universe at the judgment day.

4. Begin and end each day by a season of communion with God, and by a solemn and hearty commitment of yourself and all your interests, temporal and eternal, to His guidance, care, and disposal.

5. Daily read, with deep attention and fervent prayer, a portion of the word of God, for the purpose of understanding, believing, and obeying it.

6. Never express or indulge the least degree of unkindness towards any human being, and give no needless pain to any one of the human race, or even of the animal creation.

7. Make it your object to promote the greatest happiness, on the whole, of all upon whom you may have influence, both of the present and all future generations.

8. Regard the hand of God in all the dispensations of His providence, and in whatsoever state he places you, therewith be content.

9. Envy none who are above you, and despise none who are below you; but possess and

manifest the utmost goodwill towards all men.

10. Never speak of any, or feel towards them in a manner that you ought not to wish them, under similar circumstances, to speak or feel with regard to you.

11. Let all statements and narrations be an exact exhibition of the real truth.

12. Act for God, for the universe, and for eternity; and in such a manner as is adapted to promote the highest good forever. In order to do this,

13. Look habitually to Jesus Christ; let your whole soul be imbued with his spirit, and manifest it in all your actions.

14. Look to the Holy Ghost as the author of all good in man; seek habitually His teaching, His illuminating and purifying influences, that He may dwell in you as His temple, and take full possession of all your powers and talents for Himself.

15. Earnestly desire that He would take of the things of Christ and more and more show them unto you; and carefully avoid everything which tends to hinder you from becoming perfectly like Him.

16. Make it as your meat and drink to do the will of God, and perseveringly have respect to all His commandments.

17. Feel and acknowledge that all the good that you ever have received, that you now receive, or ever will receive is of grace through Jesus Christ; trust in him for all which you need, both for this life and the life to come; rely on his merits, imitate his example, and in view of every blessing give him and the Father and the Holy Ghost all the glory.

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Introduction to Lecture O. P. Workman

Christian Science Sentinel, March 6, 1915

Less than fifty years after the close of the American Revolution, in a community of citizens among the rugged hills of New Hampshire, in which atmosphere had prospered the spirit of the revolution that absolved the colonies from the despotism of an unsatisfactory government, a child was born. This child, on attaining

womanhood, became not the patriot in a revolution, but the Discoverer and Founder of a teaching that has caused a revolution spiritual in character. This revolution, unlike the material one of our forefathers, has not confined its benefits to the people of the thirteen colonies, but has gone into all parts of the earth.

This woman, Mary Baker Eddy, has shared her discovery, Christian Science, with the world, and the world is greatly blessed.

True Patriotism Julia Salome Kinney

Christian Science Sentinel, March 6, 1926

Christian Scientists are a patriotic people. Because they love God, they love their country and their fellow-men. As they have a spiritual concept of God and man, so they have a spiritual concept of country. Their loyalty to their country is expressed by their love for and obedience to both the laws of their land and the laws of God — the fundamental laws of Being. Lest Christian Scientists should forget the respect due to religion or their countries' laws, Mrs. Eddy placed in the Manual of The Mother Church (p. 48) this ringing reminder: "A member of this Church shall not publish, nor cause to be published, an article that is uncharitable or impertinent towards religion, medicine, the courts, or the laws of our land."

The word "patriotism," being derived from the Latin word "pater," meaning "father," points to the spiritual fact that since all men have one Father, even God, so, in Truth, all men have one country, or consciousness of God's presence and power.

As all countries have one sun that provides light and heat to all, so all nations have one Truth, one divine Principle, that, when obeyed, provides peace and harmony. In view of this fact it is well to remember that one who would attribute to his own country all the wisdom of the world is not a true patriot but a narrow nationalist.

One who intentionally arouses the passions by stirring up strife on the basis of race, religion, or national boundaries, can have no clear concept of the meaning of the word "patriotism" — or the brotherhood of man. Anything that blurs this sense of brotherhood cannot benefit

any nation, while whatever awakens human sense to perceive this brotherhood, benefits all nations.

When Jesus was explaining the power of Truth to make them free, his listeners in their pride of race and ancestry, asserted, "We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man." In replying Jesus said, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham."

The inevitable conclusion from his words is that freedom and other ancestral rights are not, as they supposed, a matter of material birth, but of right thinking and acting. That liberty, justice, freedom are right ideas emanating from God, without limitation of time or national boundaries, is the fundamental truth underlying his assertion, "Before Abraham was, I am."

Paul, a brave soldier of Christ, with a high sense of patriotism, wrote, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;" the strongholds of strife — hate, greed, appetites, and passions — there would be no need for carnal weapons. Both Paul and Jesus knew, however, that the world had many lessons to learn before all wars and rumors of wars would be stilled.

Since the strength of a nation is not in its army or military force but in its righteousness, true patriotism involves the willingness to stand for right laws and their enforcement. The enemy common to all countries is a false sense of God and man, expressing itself in unrighteous laws and laxity in the enforcement of just laws.

In making a call for this kind of patriotism Mrs. Eddy asks: "Will you give yourselves wholly and irrevocably to the great work of establishing the truth, the gospel, and the Science which are necessary to the salvation of the world from error, sin, disease, and death? Answer at once and practically, and answer aright!" (*Mis.* p. 177)

For those who do "answer aright" is the promise in Isaiah: "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into

pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”



The meeting room (below) inside Independence Hall, Philadelphia, where the Second Continental Congress convened.

The Continental Congress Resolves Upon a National Day of Prayer, March 16, 1776

Mary Turley, LandmarkEvents.org

Amidst grave alarm over the protracted siege of Boston, threats to the safety of New York, and the crushing response from King George in refusing all peace negotiations, patriot William Livingston rose before the Second Continental Congress and read out a proposal. Drafted by his own eloquent pen, it read as “an Order for a General Fast” that would have the Congress designate a day for the colonies to publicly acknowledge God’s providence, confess their sins, and pray for protection of American lives and liberties amid the conflict with Britain.

It was adopted unanimously on this day, and signed into being by President of the Second Continental Congress, John Hancock — himself

the son of Reverend John Hancock, Sr. This motion for a national day of spiritual solemnity and diligence would become the second such to be issued by Congress during the Revolutionary period. Fourteen more would follow in the years to come. With the thirteen colonies at that time operating under the Articles of Association, such motions were called resolves, as they carried no legal compulsion but instead were the “earnest recommendation” of the representative body.

William Livingston, a devout Christian of the Dutch Calvinist persuasion, a missionary to the Iroquois Tribe, a prominent lawyer, and New Jersey’s foremost representative to the congress, Livingston would go on to become a brigadier general, the first governor of New Jersey, and a signatory of the Constitution.

IN CONGRESS

In times of impending calamity and distress; when the liberties of America are imminently endangered by the secret machinations and open assaults of an insidious and vindictive administration, it becomes the indispensable duty of these hitherto free and happy colonies, with true penitence of heart, and the most reverent devotion, publicly to acknowledge the over ruling providence of God; to confess and deplore our offences against him; and to supplicate his interposition for averting the



threatened danger, and prospering our strenuous efforts in the cause of freedom, virtue, and posterity.

... Desirous, at the same time, to have people of all ranks and degrees duly impressed with a solemn sense of God's superintending providence, and of their duty, devoutly to rely, in all their lawful enterprizes, on his aid and direction, Do earnestly recommend, that Friday, the Seventeenth day of May next, be observed by the said colonies as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer; ...

And it is recommended to Christians of all denominations, to assemble for public worship, and abstain from servile labour on the said day.

The Founding Fathers

"The Committee of Five" — John Adams, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin

This painting (below) by John Trumbull depicts the Committee of Five presenting the draft of the Declaration of Independence to Congress. Jefferson is shown with the papers in his hands, as he presents them to John Hancock.

Pursuit of Happiness

Dustin Bass

The Pursuit of Happiness, by Jeffrey Rosen, How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of the Founders and Defined America.

"We hold these truths to be sacred & undeniable," reads Thomas Jefferson's rough draft of the Declaration of Independence, "that all men are created equal & independent, that from that equal creation they derive rights inherent & inalienable, among which are the preservation of life, & liberty, & the pursuit of happiness."

Jefferson's draft was discussed, debated, and edited over the coming days by the other members of the Committee of Five, which included Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston; and then by the Second Continental Congress. When it came to those "inalienable rights," the men, whom posterity would herald as the Founding Fathers, understood perfectly what was meant by life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The last of these three, however, has, over the last century, been slowly and completely redefined.

The Founders understood the meaning of happiness. "To the Founding Fathers, the pursuit of happiness meant being good, not feeling good — the pursuit of virtue and not the pursuit of immediate pleasure."



By virtue they meant self-mastery, self-reliance, character improvement. This sort of “ordered liberty,” as he termed it, when someone orders his or her life virtuously and responsibly, “is a crucial part of the exercise of virtue.”

The Founders’ argument was that, in order for a society to be free, that society must be virtuous. Their definition of happiness was based on Samuel Johnson’s dictionary, which cited numerous sources to define the word, including Aristotle, as Rosen summarized, “defines happiness as an activity of the soul in conformity with excellence, or virtue.”

A Government to Reflect the Individual

The individual objective for the Founders was the pursuit of happiness, virtue — or, in the broader context, self-government. Self-government lent itself to the Founders’ overarching objective, which was to establish a government that reflected the ideals of the virtuous person.

“The Founders believed that personal self-government was necessary for political self-government,” Rosen said. “Every individual has to find the same prudence, temperance, courage and justice — which are the four classical virtues — in the constitution of their own mind, in order to achieve the same balance and harmony in the constitution of the state.”

A proper government has to come from the bottom up and not the top down. A reasonable people can articulate and therefore formulate a reasonable government. Furthermore, reason stems from a person’s rationale, and a rational person has his or her reason founded on established principles.

John Adams, Founding Father, Second President of the United States, and First Vice President of the United States

John Adams was born on October 30, 1735, to John Adams Sr. and Susanna Boylston, on the family farm in Braintree, Massachusetts. His father was a deacon in the Congregational Church, a farmer, and a lieutenant in the militia.

Though his father expected him to be a

minister, John decided to become a lawyer, finding “pretended sanctity” among the clergy. Eventually, he became Boston’s most prominent lawyer. He defied anti-British sentiment and successfully defended eight British soldiers against murder charges arising from the Boston Massacre, in which five colonists were killed out of a crowd of 200 to 300 people attacking nine British soldiers. He believed no person should be denied the right to counsel and a fair trial. Adams made his famed argument regarding jury decisions during this trial: “Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.”

News of the Battles of Lexington and Concord raised Adams’ hope that independence was near. Three days after the battle, he rode into a militia camp and, while praising the high spirits of the men, was upset by their poor condition and lack of discipline. He nominated George Washington of Virginia as commander-in-chief of the army. He praised Washington’s “skill and experience” as well as his “excellent universal character.” By the fall of 1775 no one in Congress worked harder than Adams to hasten the day when America would be separate from Great Britain.

Prior to independence being declared, Adams organized a Committee of Five charged with drafting a Declaration of Independence. He chose himself, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Robert R. Livingston and Roger Sherman. Jefferson thought Adams should write the document, but Adams persuaded the committee to choose Jefferson. Many years later, Adams recorded his reasoning to Jefferson: “Reason first, you are a Virginian, and a Virginian ought to appear at the head of this business. Reason second, I am obnoxious, suspected, and unpopular. You are very much otherwise. Reason third, you can write ten times better than I can.”

On July 1, the resolution was debated in Congress. It was expected to pass, but opponents made a strong effort to oppose it. Jefferson remained silent, as Adams argued for its adoption. Many years later, Jefferson hailed Adams as “the pillar of the Declaration’s support on the floor of Congress.” On July 2, Congress finally voted for independence. On July 3, Adams wrote to Abigail that “yesterday was decided the greatest question which was ever debated in America, and a greater perhaps never was nor

will be decided among men.” Congress approved the Declaration of Independence on July 4.

As a diplomat, he represented the United States in France and the Netherlands during the war. He helped negotiate the peace treaty with Great Britain, secured Dutch loans for the American government, and was the first United States ambassador to Great Britain.

Each state’s presidential electors gathered on February 4, 1789, to cast their votes for president. The person with the most votes would be president and the second would become vice president. As a result, Washington became the nation’s first president, and Adams became its first vice president. John Adams won the presidency in 1796 and Jefferson became the vice president.

Adams made his first official visit to the nation’s new capital, on the banks of the Potomac River, Washington, D.C., in early June 1800. He moved into the nearly completed President’s Mansion (later known as the White House) on November 1. Abigail arrived a few weeks later. On his arrival, Adams wrote to her: “Before I end my letter, I pray Heaven to bestow the best of Blessings on this House and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise Men ever rule under this roof.”

The Senate met for the first time in the new Congress House (later known as the Capitol building) on November 17, 1800. On November 22, Adams delivered his fourth State of the Union Address to a joint session of Congress.

Adams retired to his farm, Peacefield, in Quincy, Massachusetts, and generally stayed quiet on public matters. He believed that: “instead of opposing Systematically any Administration, running down their Characters and opposing all their Measures, right or wrong, We ought to Support every Administration as far as We can in Justice.” Adams was delighted by the election of his son, John Quincy Adams, to the presidency in 1824.

Robert R. Livingston, Founding Father and Chancellor of New York

Robert was the eldest son of Judge Robert and Margaret Livingston. The large family lived at the family’s estate, Clermont Manor, on the banks of the Hudson River. He became a well-

respected lawyer, filling many positions in State government. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and said, “It is clear from my reading of the Bible, which of the moral foundations Jesus valued most. He did not want to be a king, he did not take sides, and he embraced even those who society considered ‘unclean,’ such as lepers, beggars, and harlots. He was all about justice and compassion — so much so that he even showed humanity and forgiveness toward those who betrayed and murdered him.”

Livingston was appointed to the Committee of Five to produce the draft of the Declaration of Independence. In 1777, he became the first Chancellor of New York, which was the highest judicial office in the state. New York was then the nation’s capital; so in his role as Chancellor, he administered the Presidential oath of office to George Washington when he was sworn in as the first President of the United States. The Bible Livingston used to administer the oath of office to President Washington is still used today, by request, when a President of the United States is sworn in.

As U.S. minister to France, Livingston negotiated the Louisiana Purchase. He met Robert Fulton there and was very interested in Fulton’s steamboat and contracted with him to build a large version for commercial service on the Hudson River. The trip from New York City up the Hudson River to Albany, was completed in just under 60 hours, a journey that had previously taken nearly a week by sailboat.

One of Robert’s younger brothers, William Livingston, was the first Governor of New Jersey, serving in that post during the Revolutionary War.



Postage stamp showing a map featuring the Louisiana Purchase, which Robert Livingston negotiated.

Roger Sherman, Founding Father And Contributor to the U.S. Constitution

Roger Sherman is the only person to sign all four great state papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution.

He was a member of the Congregational Church, and his faith was central to his identity and public service, reflecting the Puritan values of his upbringing. “I believe that there is one only living and true God, ... that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are a revelation from God.”

Roger was a 5th cousin of Union General William Tecumseh Sherman. Roger was born into a family of farmers in Newton, Massachusetts. His formal education was limited to grammar school and his father’s rather extensive library. His early career was spent as a shoemaker. However, he had an aptitude for learning, and a Harvard-educated parish minister took him under his wing.

He also studied law on his own, and despite the fact that Sherman had no formal legal training, he was urged to read for the bar exam, and was admitted to the bar of Litchfield, Connecticut.

Sherman was appointed to the Committee of Five. He was also a member of the Committee of 13 that was responsible for preparing a draft Constitution for the new nation. He played an important role in the Constitutional Convention, where he represented the interests of the smaller states and was the architect of the Great Compromise, which created the Senate and House of Representatives. As a member of the Confederation Congress, Sherman was a signatory of the Treaty of Paris which ended the Revolutionary War.

Sherman was also appointed treasurer of Yale College, and awarded an honorary Master of Arts degree. He was a professor of religion for many years, and engaged in lengthy correspondences with some of the theologians of the time. Throughout his life, Sherman was a major benefactor of Yale College, and promoted construction of a college chapel.

Sherman represented Connecticut in the

United States House of Representatives from 1789 to 1791. He served in the United States Senate from 1791 to his death in 1793.

Thomas Jefferson, Founding Father, Third President of the United States, and Second Vice President of the United States

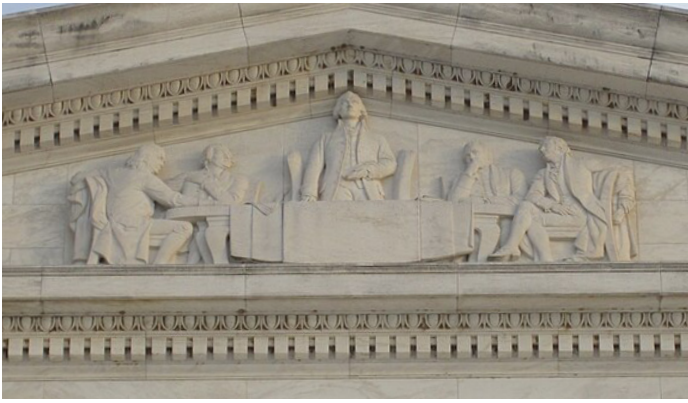
Thomas Jefferson entered the College of William and Mary where he began to accumulate a library of books. He accumulated three libraries of books in his lifetime — the first of which was burned in a house fire. The second was bequeathed to him by George Wythe, who oversaw his legal training, to replace his first library, and this grew to 6,500 volumes. After British forces set the Library of Congress on fire in the Burning of Washington in 1814, Jefferson sold his second library to the U.S. government, to jump start the rebuilding of the Library of Congress. Jefferson soon resumed collecting his third personal library, and a decade later, his third and final library had grown to nearly 2,000 volumes.

Historians have praised Jefferson’s purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France, which Robert Livingston negotiated, and which doubled the geographic size of America.

Following its ratification, the Declaration of Independence was released publicly. On July 8, 1776, at noon, it was read publicly and simultaneously for the first time at three designated locations: Trenton, New Jersey; Easton, Pennsylvania; and Philadelphia.

Historians generally view the Declaration of Independence as one of the most significant and influential written documents in world history, and Jefferson’s preamble is regarded as an enduring statement on individual and human rights. Jefferson’s phrase “all men are created equal” has been called “one of the best-known sentences in the English language.”

Harvard University history chairman David Armitage has written that, “No American document has had a greater global impact than the Declaration of Independence,” and historian Joseph Ellis has written that the Declaration includes “the most potent and consequential words in American history.”



The Committee of Five, portrayed on the pediment of the Jefferson Memorial.

Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father and Inventor, Diplomat, Printer, etc.

Benjamin Franklin was a writer, scientist, inventor, statesman, diplomat, printer, publisher and political philosopher. His formal education ended at the age of 10, but he was an avid reader. He worked as an apprentice in his brother's print shop and submitted popular letters under the name Silence Dogood. When his brother found out, Benjamin ran away to Philadelphia, finding work in a print shop there, and ultimately opened his own print shop and became wealthy. He was among the most influential intellectuals of his time. He started the first lending library, hospital and college, and garnered acclaim for his experiments with electricity, among other projects, and became the first postmaster general.

The Great Awakening was a Protestant revival movement in the American colonies from the 1730s to the 1740s, though waves extended into the 19th and 20th centuries as well. It was begun in reaction against the increasing secularization of society. Franklin became interested in the Awakening movement after listening to sermons given by Rev. George Whitefield, a particularly vibrant speaker. They became close friends for the next 30 years.

Franklin's son, William Franklin, served as the last colonial governor of New Jersey.

The True Patriotism

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Christian Science Sentinel, July 4, 1903

In thinking of "our country," right thought begins with the recognition that the people constitute the country, just as the family constitute the home, and that true patriotism signifies a devotion to the highest interests of human brotherhood.

A true estimate of the character of a nation can be based solely upon the ideals of its people, the quality of its citizenship. If we think of our country as a great brotherhood, patriotism will at once be recognized as a spiritual impulse. The Christ-idea must solve all problems, whether individual or national, and it is to be brought into saving touch with the communal life through us. "To be patriotic," one has well said, "is to live altogether for the spirit, for worship, for the love of man, for beauty, and for the service of mankind."

As we realize that we are linked to all men by the bonds of a common parentage, common rights, common needs, common aspirations, and a common goal, we can see that our disabilities and our interests are also common, and we are thus impelled both by love and true self-interest.

The true patriot is a citizen of the world. Indifference to the interests of the men of other lands is as impossible to him as is indifference to the interests of his fellow-countrymen.

Next to love for God, love for country has always dominated the noblest men. It could not have been otherwise, since for them love for country has always meant love for humanity. This is the patriotism which is needed today, and which, as Christian Scientists, we are under peculiar and lasting obligations to exhibit.

The unqualified pledge has been given: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

Items By and About Mary Baker Eddy



An Interesting Letter Hon. Henry Robinson

Christian Science Sentinel, July 18, 1901

Early in June the Hon. Henry Robinson, postmaster of Concord, New Hampshire, received a letter from a lady in Seattle, Washington, asking whether he had ever declared that the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science does not exist.

Mr. Robinson's reply was of much interest and value, especially in view of sensational statements which have been circulated through the country to the effect that the Rev. Mrs. Eddy is a myth, so far as present existence is concerned. The letter was as follows:—

United States Post-Office.

Concord, New Hampshire.
Henry Robinson, P. M.

June 8, 1900.

Mrs. J. J. Post
Hotel Vendome
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:— Oh, no! The postmaster at this city never said, even in the sheerest jest, that Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and

Founder of Christian Science, does not exist.

He, of all men, has tangible proof of her positive verity. She gave her own signature, in petition to the President of the United States, for his reappointment as postmaster. He has in many ways been a beneficiary of her good favor and grace. She is a noble, beautiful woman, the most remarkable of the century, a radiant spirit indeed, and, moreover, a veritable, highly respected, public-spirited, patriotic, and charitable citizen of this, my native city.

As former mayor, and as postmaster, past and present, I have had audience at her home, Pleasant View (only a mile away from the city proper), and have had the honor and inspiration of personal interviews with her. She has kindly entrusted to my keeping certain biographical data as to herself, and I am proud to say that I have been otherwise appreciably recognized by her. I have all her books, given me by herself, and I have contributed to the newspaper press, and to various periodicals, favorable articles upon her. When she appeared in our own Christian Science Hall, in this city, I attended in behalf of the newspaper press, writing the article on her matchless discourse there, which went the rounds of the newspapers of the country.

To have it said that I doubt her existence, is, however, no more absurd and ridiculous than many of the stories told of her, but such is my personal respect and regard and official rela-

tions, that it touches my sensibilities, for a moment, and I am grieved; otherwise, I would not so seriously answer your apparently candid enquiry.

Within fifty feet of where I am now dictating this letter, in plain sight of everybody, Mrs. Eddy, with great punctuality, rides by in her carriage, every day, bowing graciously to the townspeople whom she knows, and, although they are not all Christian Scientists, I dare say there is not one of them who would not contend for her, and resent the slightest indignity or imputation upon her. She frequently stops near the front of my own home, to smile and speak to my little children playing there, and that anybody of ordinary intelligence should, for a moment, doubt her existence, strikes us, who know her well, as startlingly absurd.

Hundreds of Christian Scientists have been here, during this very week, to see her, her home, and the city in which she resides. One might as well ask if there really is such a man as President McKinley, or ever was such a woman as Queen Victoria. Mrs. Eddy is not only a president and a queen, but one of our own fellow-citizens, a good neighbor, and a very valuable friend, one of us in many senses. While I am not myself an avowed disciple of Christian Science, I am, nevertheless, much interested in it and its achievements. I have had much to do with Christian Scientists, and have found them invariably upright and intellectual, as well as spiritual, people, and they have been very courteous and considerate toward me, and I have never let fall any remark such as might have given rise to the annoying error on somebody's part, to which you have kindly called my attention.

I have the honor to be.

Yours very respectfully,
Henry Robinson, Postmaster.

With deep pleasure we republish from the *Patriot* the above graphic letter of Postmaster Robinson. One would think the perusal of it, by the persons who have been silly enough to circulate the falsehood, would cause their cheeks to tinge with the blush of shame and humiliation.

“America the Beautiful”

Katherine Lee Bates

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat
Across the wilderness!

America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes prov'd
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!

America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Immaculate of tears!

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

History Corner



Excerpt from William R. Rathvon, *Reminiscence*

In diary entries, William R. Rathvon recalled Mary Baker Eddy's continued interest and involvement in the work and cause of *The Christian Science Monitor*. Mr. Rathvon served in Mrs. Eddy's household from November 1908 until her passing in 1910.

Wed. Feb 9, 1910: Mrs. Eddy was always interested in the occurrences of the day, particularly so far as they bore directly or indirectly upon the progress of Science. Early this month someone told me a good story of the *Monitor's* work, which repeated to her today much to her satisfaction.

It was about a man who was under the belief of consumption and was ordered to go to the White Mountains. In passing through here and making his transfer from one depot to another he was delayed at South Station. While waiting he called a newsboy and asked him for a paper, saying, "Any one that's good will do, don't know anything about the Boston papers." The kid looked him over for a moment, sized up his physical condition, and said, I guess you need *The Christian Science Monitor*," and handed it to him. The man read the editorials and finally

turned to the Home Forum page. There an article marked "Hope" caught his eye and held it, for hope was something he had lost. He read it and got his first inkling of Science. He wanted to know more and sought the telephone directory. The only thing he could find listed was The Christian Science Publishing Society, so he called the operator there and said to her, "Say, what do you do when you're sick?" "Why, call a Christian Science practitioner and get well," was the reply. "Well connect me with one of them quick, will you please?"

She gave him Commander Blish's number but the woman answering said he was out, to this man's great disappointment. He explained his case and she agreed to help him at once. The result was so satisfactory that he thereupon postponed his trip to the mountains and went to a Boston hotel instead. He began treatment with Blish next day and in three weeks he was a well man. He then started to hunt the newsboy and had a gift of twenty-five dollars ready for him. Our Leader was much interested in this story when told it to her and said, "I would like to add another twenty-five for the boy if he can be found."

“Christian Science History” Judge Septimus J. Hanna 1899 Pamphlet — Falsehoods

For years it has been periodically asserted by the falsifiers that Mrs. Eddy was dead; that she is a confirmed invalid, too feeble to perform any labor whatever; that she is confined in an insane asylum.

The fact that Mrs. Eddy, ever since she has resided in Concord — over ten years — has been seen by scores of Concord people taking her daily ride, in storm or sunshine, and is known by thousands to be one of the busiest and hardest-working persons in the world, is a sufficient refutation of the falsehood about the state of her health.

As to the silly sophistry about her insanity, I would say that if one who is doing the mighty work for humanity that she is doing, is insane, in God’s name let us have a whole world of insane people!

Is there a clearer-headed woman in the world than she who can marshal a force of 700,000 of as good men and women as are on our planet, dictate orders, command and countermand with love, and the response follow all along the lines in heavenly harmony — with one Mind, one God — amen!

It is no new thing that great reformers, and especially religious reformers, moving in advance of supposedly settled religious conceptions, are accounted insane by those who are unable to understand their high mission. Such misapprehensions of God and His laws have so largely prevailed and been handed down the ages, that a system of religion based on spiritual, instead of material premises, is thought to be supernatural, and the spiritual by many is deemed to be absurd. Current mortal thought is unaware that the spiritual is the only truly natural, and that the natural, so-called, can only be understood through the lens of spiritual perception.

An anonymous writer has well said that “To undertake to account for spiritual by the logic of material phenomena, is an infinitely greater paradox than to analyze grief by the chemistry of

a tear.” If even human mentality defies the highest reaches of material science, is it strange that the divine or spiritual should transcend human analysis?

A student for whom Mrs. Eddy has shown much long-suffering and patience endeavored to create a furor by making personal attacks upon Mrs. Eddy, and attempting to show that she obtained her first knowledge of Christian Science or mental healing from the late Dr. Phineas P. Quimby. These falsehoods failed to settle into the general thought, against whom they are directed.

Mrs. Eddy is above noticing such reports. In her marvelous charity she has hitherto forbore to lift the curtain on her detractor. But God will do this in His own time and way, for “There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.”



Interesting Squibs

Be Americans. Let there be no sectionalism, no North, South, East, or West. You are all dependent on one another and should be one in union. In one word, be a nation. Be Americans, and be true to yourselves.

George Washington

The purpose of government is to enable the people of a nation to live in safety and happiness. Government exists for the interest of the governed, not the governors.

Thomas Jefferson

Of the many influences that have shaped the United States into a distinctive nation and people, none may be said to be more fundamental and enduring than the Bible.

Ronald Reagan

It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.

George Washington

The God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?

Thomas Jefferson

We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us and we vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

Abraham Lincoln

Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism.

George Washington

Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the universe. And to the same divine author of every good and perfect gift, we are indebted for all those privileges and advantages, religious as well as civil, which are so richly enjoyed in this favored land.

James Monroe

Observe good faith and justice towards all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.

George Washington

Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.

George Washington

Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected.

George Washington

Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.

Ronald Reagan

The harder the conflict, the greater the triumph.

George Washington

I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man.

Abraham Lincoln

To me the Bible is not God, but it is God's voice, and I do not hear it without awe.

Charles Spurgeon

It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.

George Washington

Children's Corner

A Beautiful Tale

from "Keep Your Shield Shining" from My Book House Series, retold by Doris Evans

There was a splendid castle in a forest. It had a high gate, stone walls, and turrets. The forest was dark and dangerous. Cruel giants lived there. In the castle lived a company of knights, who were there to help travelers who passed through the forest and to keep them safe from the giants.

The knights wore a beautiful suit of armor, carried a long spear, and on their helmets they had a red plume that could be seen at quite a distance. So that if anyone was in trouble, they could call, and a knight would come to their aid. The shields that these knights carried were a most wonderful thing. They had been made, many years before, by a magician who lived in the castle. They were made of silver, and they shone in the sunlight. At other times they were cloudy.

When a new knight came into the company, the shield that he was given was cloudy. But as he did good deeds, and was faithful in his service to the commander, the shield became brighter and brighter until it shone in a dazzling way, and he could see his reflection in it. However, if a knight was lazy or cowardly, his shield became more and more cloudy, until he was ashamed to carry it.

In the shield of a senior knight, who had been faithful, who had fought hard in battle, and successfully served his commander, there would appear a golden star, right in the heart of the shield. The only one in the castle, at that time, who had a golden star in the heart of the shield, was the commander, who had served long, and faithfully.

One day the worst of all the giants pitched nearby in the dark forest to fight against the knights, and the knights went out to battle with these wicked giants.

There was a young knight, Sir Roland, who had just come into service, and had been faithful, and loving, and brave. He was known to have great promise. And he so wanted to go out to

battle to be able to prove himself. But the commander said, "Sir Roland, you shall stay behind, because someone must be here to guard the gate so that nothing gets through while we are gone."

Sir Roland was very disappointed. And he was tempted to say something, but he bit his lip, because he knew he must be obedient to his commander. He was a disciplined soldier. And he knew that if any battle was to be won, there had to be obedience.

The castle was surrounded by a high gate, with a moat and a bridge that came over it. Anyone entering the castle, had to come across the bridge. It was unlikely, it seemed, at that time, with the knights going off to battle, that anything would come to the castle. And so, Sir Roland stood there, guarding. And for a long time, nothing happened. He could have gotten very sleepy and complacent. He could have gone off guard. But he didn't. He was faithful to his charge.

Finally, a knight came along, limping. He was not brave, and he had been frightened away from the battle. And he said to Sir Roland, "I can't fight any more. But I could watch the gate for you." Joy leaped in Sir Roland's heart, and he thought, "Oh, now I can go to the battle!" But then he remembered. He remembered his duty and his job.

And he spoke to the limping knight and said, "No, my place is here at the gate. I can't open it, even for you, because the commander has given me orders to open it to no one, until the knights come back. Your place is at the battle."

And with this, the knight became ashamed, and went back to the battle.

After a time, an old beggar woman came along. She said, "Oh, I'm so weak, and I'm so old, and I'm so hungry. Please let me in and give me some comfort."

And Sir Roland said, "No, I am under orders to allow no one into the castle. But I will send a servant out to you with food, and you may sit and rest outside."

And the old woman said, "Well, I've been to

that dark spot in the forest, and the battle's going very badly. You'd better go and help your friends."

And Sir Roland said, "I cannot leave. I am under orders."

And the old woman said, "But one fresh knight, with everybody else so weary. And there are no enemies here. Why don't you go?"

And he said, "Perhaps these things are happening. But I must obey my commander."

And then the woman said, in a taunting voice, "Well, then, you're a coward. Isn't it lucky you have an excuse to stay away?"

But because she was an old woman, and because of her condition, he did not respond at all, and she went away.

Next, after a time, appeared a little old man in a long cloak. And he said, "I've been to the battle, and the knights are having such a hard struggle. They're losing. They need you. Go. I have in my hand a magic sword that you can take with you." And he held it up, and it sparkled as if it was full of diamonds.

And the little old man said, "You go to the battle. And with the sword, you'll win. You'll become victorious and famous, and they will crown you. You will become the commander, and take his place."

And Sir Roland said, "No!" And the old man said, "Take it, take it, it is for you!"

And Sir Roland knew that this was a threat, and he shut the gate, and pulled everything back. And as he stood looking out, the old man threw off his cloak, and he grew and grew, until he became the worst of all the giants, a huge giant. Sir Roland shuddered as he looked at him. The giant shook his fist at him and went angrily back into the forest.

After a time, the knights returned, victorious. And the lord, the commander, sat in the highest seat. And Sir Roland came to report on what he had done that day. And one of the knights cried out: "The shield! The shield!"

And in the middle of Sir Roland's shield, was a gold star, shining brightly.

And the commander said, "What did you do today, Sir Roland?"

And he said, humbly, "It was very quiet. Only a giant came. And I sent him silently away."

And the commander said, "Sir Roland, you have fought and won the greatest battle."

And all the knights stood and saluted him.

Sir Roland was a hero. He met every temptation. And he met it quietly and humbly. Every temptation that could come to man, came to him.

Evil first tempted him to agree with weakness and cowardice, and to sympathize with it. Sympathy is the devil's tool, as it pulls one down into the problem and makes him powerless to help.

Next, it came to him suggesting that he was so badly needed, that he should disobey his commander and go out to help; that no one else could do it but him.

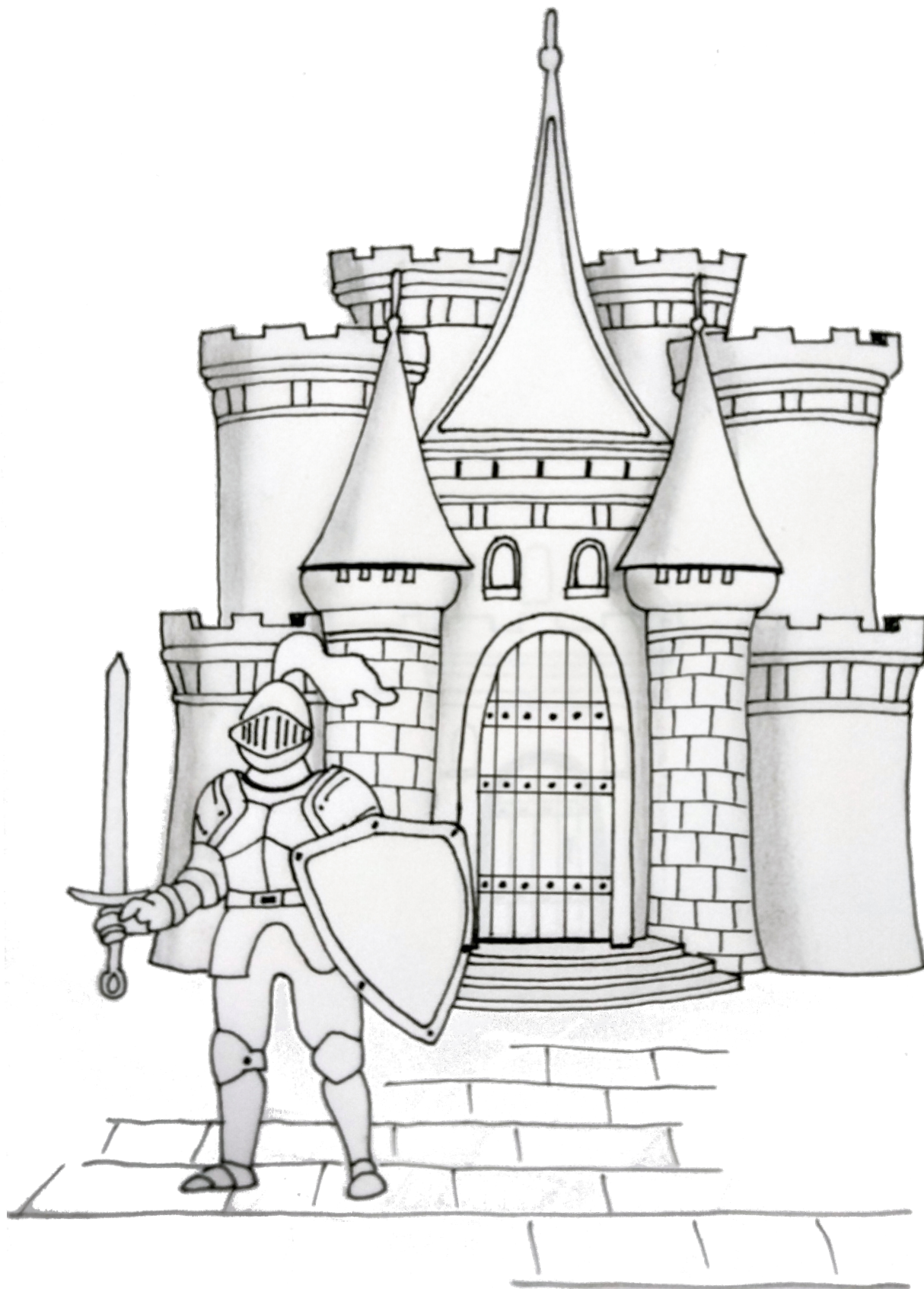
And then, finally, it came with, "You'll be the greatest if you'll just listen to what I say and disobey your commander." But he didn't yield to evil's subtlety. He could not be moved.

Sir Roland was faithful. His faithfulness was in his active loyalty to his commander, to Right.

Our faithfulness is in our loyalty to the one God, to the law of Right.



A Picture to Color



Drawing by Luanne from NY

From the Early Workers



Walk in Love

Duncan Sinclair

Christian Science Sentinel, January 5, 1929

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children,” writes Paul to the Ephesians; “and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.” Could advice be more Christian? Every Christian takes it to himself, because he knows that it is entirely in agreement with the beloved Master’s teaching. But is every Christian following it? On thinking of our relations with our fellow Christians, can we honestly say that our thoughts towards them are always loving and solicitous of their well-being?

Christian Science lays great stress on the necessity of Christian Scientists being loving towards their fellow-men. It teaches, as the Bible teaches, that God is Love; and that actually only Love’s creation — that which is lovable and lovely — is real. And from this basis, it logically proceeds to declare that there is no reality in anything which appears to be the opposite of Love and Love’s creation, no reality in aught that is unlovely and unlovable. Get this absolutely scientific point of view, and one sees how absurd, how futile, how unchristian, it is to hold any but loving thoughts towards mankind.

The ideal to the Christian Scientist is Christ Jesus, the great Way-shower whom Paul sets before us as our example in love. Mrs. Eddy

writes of Jesus, “Out of the amplitude of his pure affection he defined Love.” (*S&H* 54) Can it be said of us that the affection we are manifesting in our lives is testifying to the fact that the Principle of our being is Love? More than any other religionist on earth, the Christian Scientist is declaring the allness of God, as Love, and that only the manifestation of God — Love — is real.

No two people, when they accept Christian Science, are alike in spiritual development. Some have passed through the fire of affliction and are much purer for the experience; they are more spiritual than they were, more childlike, humbler. Others have been quickly healed of disease; they are happy, hope is high within them, their faith is strong in the healing power of Truth. But, perhaps, they have as yet only begun to be affectionate, to love. Wherever one may be spiritually when Christian Science reaches him, he still has a long way to go before he reaches the spiritual level of the great Master, who “out of the amplitude of his pure affection . . . defined Love.”

Jesus healed as no other one has been able to heal. All manner of disease and sin vanished before his inspired thought. Can anyone fail to see that Jesus’ power to heal was inseparable from his power to love? If one does, he has not demonstrated in his own experience the power of Love to heal. The need of the hour is that all who are healing the sick through Christian

Science should love more, that all who are engaged in the work of our churches should love more. And it should be understood that by love is meant the reflection of divine Love, not mere sentimentality. But to attain to this, to possess a rich measure of the power to love, how great must be the desire for holiness, how constant the faith, how persistent the prayer!

Our revered Leader writes: "The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in truth through flood-tides of Love. Christian perfection is won on no other basis." (*S&H* p. 201) Here Mrs. Eddy shows the mode of approach of the Christian Science practitioner to the one he is called upon to help: he must have love overflowing in his heart, so that he may be able "to pour in truth," and so displace error. And how quick the sick are to detect the presence of love! Before the practitioner approaches a case he should be certain that his understanding of Love's presence has cast out all sense of fear from within him, for it is futile to try to heal another while love is absent and fear blinds one.

Sometimes when the necessity for greater love is referred to, there may be detected a certain skepticism. But this is only symptomatic of mortal mind's blindness to spirituality. Does not John in his first epistle write, "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death"? Without an overflowing measure of this most precious spiritual grace, he cannot hope to accomplish what Christianity demands of him. May it be our earnest endeavor to walk lovingly with our fellow-men throughout the New Year.

Classification

William D. McCrackan

Christian Science Sentinel, September 30, 1916

Let classification be done by divine Science, and not by human knowledge, so called. The latter sins against Truth and tyrannizes over mankind.

Custom classifies people as good or bad, young or old, strong or weak, healthy or diseased, wise or foolish. It differentiates according to sex, color, race, nationality, religion, personal appearance, height or breadth. Suppositious

material mind classification tends to create classes into which individuals can permit themselves to be thrust, and from which they can be prevented from emerging, except through spiritual understanding.

Mortal mind describes people much in the same manner as Adam named "every living creature" in the Scriptural allegory of the false creation, and with the Adam name goes the Adam nature and the Adam law of sin, sickness, and death. Therefore one of the principal objections to the customary classification is the swarm of Adam laws which accompanies such classification. The numerous physical sciences are special sinners against mankind in this respect. Mistaking man for material instead of spiritual, they entangle mortal man in a network from which he can be saved only by Spirit's proper classification, which reveals the real man to be the idea of divine Mind, subject only to the spiritual law of God.

Mrs. Eddy gives the cure for false classification in the following words: "Spirit diversifies, classifies, and individualizes all thoughts, which are as eternal as the Mind conceiving them; but the intelligence, existence, and continuity of all individuality remain in God, who is the divinely creative Principle thereof" (*S&H*, p. 513).

Spiritual understanding of the nature and attributes of God provides the standard of true classification for man. Then if the sinning or sick person appeals for help, what should be the scientific mental attitude of the helper? The sin and the sickness are only mesmeric conditions of personal sense; therefore they can be separated from the person who needs to be saved or healed. The wrong classification can be corrected. Spiritual intuition reveals the real man of God's making as ever expressing divine qualities, thinking true thoughts, obeying spiritual law, and so dwelling in the gracious security of Mind undefiled.

Paul made some striking classifications when, in the epistle to the Galatians, he listed "the works of the flesh" over against "the fruit of the Spirit." On page 252 of *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy states, "Christian Science classifies thought thus: Right thoughts are reality and

power; wrong thoughts are unreality and powerless, possessing the nature of dreams.”

In the epistle referred to above, Paul writes, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Here then is the true classification, which does not draw a line of separation between man and man or man and woman, but between the Son of God and Adam, between truth and error, reality and unreality, between the divine law and the beliefs of law based upon pretended human knowledge.

Mortal mind in attempting to classify, condemns. It is constantly trying to weave a web of restrictions and limitations, or to confine mankind to a fatal groove, to the routine of sin and death. The divine classification admits no extraneous considerations, but goes straight to the mark. It declares, “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.” What if “the world knoweth us not”? God does know us for He has classified us as His image and likeness.

The Post of Duty

Harriet M. Willis

Christian Science Sentinel, January 6, 1923

Men are investigating the Bible teachings more than ever before in the world’s history, and it is particularly interesting to consider what these teachings have to tell as to our duty to God.

An incident which throws much light on the subject may be found in the fifth chapter of Acts, where we read that Peter and other disciples had been cast into prison for preaching and healing, for doing their duty to their fellow-men as Christ Jesus had commanded them to do. When brought before the high priest and asked why they had done this thing, they answered, “We ought to obey God rather than men. ... And we are his witnesses of these things.”

They did not question where their duty lay; their business was to obey God; and they stood firmly at their post, preaching His Word to the multitude, and healing the sick and the sinning.

It did not concern them that the prison apparently stood between them and the doing of their duty. They had received their orders; and they obeyed. What was the result of their obedience? The decree of the priest was set aside; the angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, and they came forth unmolested to do as God had commanded them, the healed and the redeemed bearing witness to the truth they taught and demonstrated.

Mary Baker Eddy, on page 496 of the textbook writes, “You will learn that in Christian Science the first duty is to obey God, to have one Mind, and to love another as yourself.” But, someone may ask, what has obeying God and standing at the post of duty to do with the activities of daily business or social or family life? Christian Science answers, Everything! He must serve at his post of duty joyfully and honestly. Surely we should render our services to God with yet greater loyalty. Not only during the working day, but constantly, we hold our positions as loyal sentinels, always ready, alert, and willing to do our Father’s will, whatever the commands may be, and in spite of whatever obstacle may seem to interfere. Not afraid of the lions, the prison bars, or the fiery furnaces of material sense, but looking to God for help and strength, knowing that He will remove all the obstructions of error, we can remain at our posts, rendering to our Father the homage due Him, and performing the work He gives us.

Daily study of the Bible and the Christian Science textbook enables one to gain an increasing understanding of God as divine Principle and of man as His idea, expressing all the attributes of God, such as “justice, mercy, wisdom, goodness, and so on” (*S&H*, p. 465). We find many opportunities to forgive those who appear to be our enemies; to show mercy and justice to those who appear to have offended; to express wisdom, intelligence, and love when some seemingly hard problem presents itself; to manifest goodness all the time. In addition to the privilege of expressing the Christ in these ways, we become qualified, through consecration and self-immolation, and striving for that Mind to be in us “which was also in Christ Jesus,” to heal the sick and reform the sinner.

Thus do we serve God by standing at our posts of duty, loving another as ourselves, and so performing to some extent our part in healing, comforting, and regenerating humanity. Doing this with the sole purpose of glorifying God and helping to establish His kingdom “in earth, as it is in heaven,” brings its rightful reward in enriched lives and the inflow of numerous spiritual blessings which God continually showers upon those who do their duty in serving Him. Having put forth our best efforts, and rendered unto God our most loyal service, we can rejoice with the servant who received from his master the benediction, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

Looking Always for Good

Stokes Anthony Bennett

Christian Science Sentinel, December 11, 1909

In a very brief yet very great epistle, St. Paul writes to Titus: “Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; ... They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him.”

In the greatest epistle of modern times, Mrs. Eddy writes to the world: “Our proportionate admission of the claims of good or of evil determines the harmony of our existence, — our health, our longevity, and our Christianity” (*S&H*, p. 167).

Christian Science teaches that God is good, that God is All; good must therefore be the only power, the only presence in the universe; the sole manifestation of that truth which Jesus of Nazareth brought to suffering humanity nineteen hundred years ago, that truth which dispels completely the dreams of error and which “shall not pass away.”

He who looks for good never sees evil. He who looks for good is a worthy example of ceaseless activity, a tireless worker in the fields which are “white already to harvest.” To him good is the parent of spiritual joy, of holy freedom, of

boundless dominion. His labors inspire the saying which is written, “Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. ... Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.” His thoughts are directly tributary to God himself, “being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person.” How true, then, that “unto the pure all things are pure”!

Christian Science declares that the belief in the reality of evil is illegitimate, that it is a stupendous mistake, and that, weighed in the balance with good, it is found so woefully wanting that it at once resolves itself into nothingness. Christian Science, based on naught but good, proves by its works that evil is like the darkness of midnight, or the mist of the morning, which flees away as the sunlight of Truth penetrates human consciousness. Handling, as it does, so clearly and so beautifully the claims of good and of evil, it reiterates constantly and vehemently the words of Christ Jesus and those of the apostle, “No man can serve two masters: ... Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”

To look for good, and only good, is the solemn obligation which rests upon Christian Scientists who conscientiously hold office in the service of the Master. May this obligation never be forgotten, never be violated, but may its sacred purpose be first and foremost in every ambition, every determination, and every striving which crosses our mental threshold!

Living up to our highest discernment of good, obtained through a constant and a sincere study of the Bible and our text-book, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, we begin to understand people and things as they are, — the obedient children of God, the eternal handiwork of the great “I am.” “Here a little, and there a little,” the omnipotence of good will appear, the illusion of evil will disappear, and the kingdom of harmony will be at hand. “Here a little, and there a little,” God’s own ideas, revealing “all the glories of earth and heaven and man” (*S&H*, p. 264), will dissolve the clouds of troubled sense, the truth will shine “unto the perfect day.”

Current Articles



Opportunity Comes from God

Jeremy Palmer

I am so grateful for Christian Science and all that this church provides.

Before coming to this church I used to be constantly plagued by beliefs that came in a few forms, such as the belief that I lacked certain necessary traits for a happy life, and the belief that I had things — such as money, time, and opportunities — taken from me through various circumstances. Both of those beliefs seemingly worked together to reinforce yet another belief, that I had wasted my potential.

Some of the things I felt I lacked were direction, ambition, and intelligence. Some of the things I felt had been taken from me were the opportunities to have my own home, and to have a lasting and happy marriage, and also the ability to have my kids live with me full time. All these things bothered me for quite some time; but when I came to this church and started working with a practitioner here, I began to learn that all of these things I felt I lacked were actually just me looking at my life from the wrong perspective!

I learned in Christian Science that direction, ambition, and intelligence are all, in fact, given

to us by God, and trying to look for them anywhere else will inevitably bring nothing good. I also learned that the qualities I thought I would find in a happy marriage are actually qualities that come from knowing my own completeness in God. It turned out to be a huge mistake trying to find those qualities in another person, and ended up leading me through a lot of rocky times. And on top of that, despite not living full time with my children when they were younger, God opened the way for us to have enough meaningful experiences that it is clear we ultimately missed out on nothing. They are grown now, and I'm happy to say we have a wonderfully close relationship.

An article on our church website by Blanche Hersey Hogue called, "Leaving Things with God" says, "As fast as we discover our joy in God, we look for joy nowhere else. Really to understand what God has for His own, shows all human plans to be so trivial that we can leave their outcome to His shaping."

Because of all these healings I have had here, which were brought about through Christian Science and those years of practitioner support, I have not only been able to see how all those old beliefs were actually baseless lies, but I have also now learned that anytime we feel we lack something or that we have had something taken

away from us, it is because we are looking at the whole situation from the false standpoint which says there is a power opposed to God. Once I learned how to see Life correctly, I realized that all of our potential remains infinite, because God is infinite.

What a great and constant blessing it is that God gave Christian Science to mankind, and so wonderful that we have the daily support of the Bible and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy and the early workers.

Becoming Like a Little Child

Lynda Spencer

In Matthew 18, Jesus says, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Mary Baker Eddy writes in *Science and Health*, "...the author has often remembered our Master's love for little children, and understood how truly such as they belong to the heavenly kingdom. ... Children are more tractable than adults, and learn more readily to love the simple verities that will make them happy and good. Jesus loved little children because of their freedom from wrong and their receptiveness of right." (page 130)

There is a wonderful book mentioned during Roundtables titled "By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them," sold by Longyear Museum. It is filled with testimonies from children who are doing their own healing work using Mary Baker Eddy's books, which were published in periodicals during her time. We have posted some of these testimonies from the 1889-1922 Christian Science periodicals on the children's website. They are pure and wonderful examples of students of this Science.

The Plainfield Weekly Lessons are very instructive about the qualities we need to grow Spirit-ward, including those found in children. The challenge is maintaining a childlike mindset every day when confronted with worldly views.

The more I am here, the more I see why Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy loved little children, who naturally love and trust God. I understand

more clearly how to become like the children they speak about through the teachings and healing work accomplished here. Healing that brings you closer to God and is reformatory, not just for the sake of having a healing of a problem, but to learn more about the Kingdom of God. I see that it is not a matter of human effort to try to change yourself through personal efficiency. It does require discipline, obedience to God's precepts, and living them daily. This has helped replace an intellectual approach to the Bible and *Science and Health*; it has made me more meek, allowed me to love God and His creation better, and made me feel closer to our Father, Mother God. It is the Pearl of Great Price.

The Spiritual Power of Christian Science

Imogene Hewett

I would like to deeply thank this precious independent Christian Science Church and its workers, past and present, for standing for the pure truth of Christian Science. Before finding this Church online in 2020, I had experienced and witnessed remarkable physical healings for myself and many others, through the operation of pure Christian Science, with the dedicated prayerful support of a holy practitioner here in Australia.

But it wasn't until I came to this independent church that I truly began to learn what it means to be a practicing Christian Scientist and the high honor that we each have in this, as well as the Holy protection at our command when we follow God's word. At this church, we are taught how to arm ourselves with spiritual power, and that was the other half of Christian Science that I had not learned until I found this church. And this protection has been absolutely unfailing and sublime. I remember a few years ago when I first heard a practitioner at this church explain that error or evil, by whatever name, would love for us to forget about God and forget about the remarkable revelation that is Christian Science, so that we would drift and lose our hold on the Christ and forget to work for God. She went on to explain that our congregation, working together

as we do at this church, makes us strong in the Christ and, as Mrs. Evans had taught her, strong like a bundle of sticks — one stick might falter or bend, but a bundle of sticks is so strong, you cannot break it. I have found this really to be the truth in being a member of this church.

In my readings, I came across a beautiful thought that Mary Baker Eddy included in her “Message for 1902.” She writes: “It was an inherent characteristic of my nature, a kind of birthmark, to love the Church; and the Church once loved me.” And she goes on to say, “I never left the Church, either in heart or in doctrine; I but began where the Church left off. When the churches and I round the gospel of grace, in the circle of love, we shall meet again, never to part. I have always taught the student to overcome evil with good, used no other means myself, and ten thousand loyal Christian Scientists to one disloyal, bear testimony to this fact.” That is by Mary Baker Eddy.

Through this writing, and much more, learning at this church has caused me to love our dear Forever Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, even more. Love her for her love of God and her love of humanity. Who but dear Christ Jesus could give as she has given? What a priceless gift we have in Christian Science. I am so grateful for Christian Science, so grateful for God’s love and unfailing protection and strength. So grateful not to be tossed as if powerless on the sands of materiality, the fickle nature of the mortal mind. I am so grateful to be grounded on the grand and mighty Rock of Ages, immovable in the Kingdom of God.

Translation, Transfiguration, and Ascension

Paul R. Smillie

When we begin to demonstrate the infinitude of Christian Science, we begin to see that we do not have to get something “out there” to demonstrate present perfection. Perfection is not “out there,” it is within. We always have been perfect, are now, and always will be. It is only the belief of mortal mind which tells us to sin, to get sick and die. What we need is a revealing of our present perfection.

How do we handle the suggestions of sin, sickness, and death? Do we turn our backs upon them and forget them? No, that would be impossible. God’s idea must continually express Him; to turn our backs upon a problem without demonstrating perfection, is to go down in defeat. We must begin to see what has been reversed. When we hear the statement that man is mortal, we turn our thoughts to God and know that His idea is ever present with Him and therefore is perfect. This is translating. It is putting the sense of things into the original, instead of changing the perfect original into an imperfect counterfeit that is liable to every error of mortal mind.

Can you translate a part of God’s goodness? No. To completely translate our being, we must translate completely. It cannot be partially done. The infinite nature of God must be realized and demonstrated.

We must translate all activities and thoughts into their proper place and handle the universal thought. For example: if there was a belief of heart attack, you must handle the belief of universal acceptance. Then you must realize that Love’s motions cannot be stopped or attacked. The universal (majority) belief would attempt to keep us in matter. We must translate all of the activities we come in contact with, and thereby bring them up to a higher level of consciousness while we become a transparency for Mind. In this way, we change the basis of universal thought from a material sense of things to a spiritual sense of allness. We bring forth a more perfect individual, family, city, state, and nation. We bring forth a higher order of politics, economics, religion, and thereby cleanse humanity of their sins.

We must understand all activity and put it into the original sense of Spirit. We must understand the material base these activities dwell upon. If the base is good and the system points Godward, our job is much easier, but if it is bad and degrades mankind, we have a struggle on our hands which demands much demonstration. Mrs. Eddy clarifies the thought of translation when she says, “If you refer to the removal of a person to heaven, without his subjection to death, I modify my affirmative

answer. I believe in this removal being possible after all the footsteps requisite have been taken up to the very throne, up to the spiritual sense and fact of divine substance, intelligence, Life, and Love. This translation is not the work of moments; it requires both time and eternity. It means more than mere disappearance to the human sense; it must include also man's changed appearance and diviner form visible to those beholding him here." (*Mis.* 67:27) In other words, this translation must be seen and its results felt before it can be of any use to mankind, or can even be thought of as translation. Again she says, "Christian Science translates Mind, God, to mortals." (*Mis.* 22:10-11) When Christian Science is understood, it will translate humanity and humanity's activities into the realm of Mind. Through Science we translate. We see the language of God reflected in all things and demonstrate their perfection.

Transfiguration is the changed form or appearance of someone in their character and expression. We commonly associate the word with the Transfiguration on the Mount when Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. What was the Transfiguration on the Mount and what can we learn from it? Jesus, through an understanding of translation, brought forth Moses who represented the Law; Elias who represented prophecy; the fullness of the Christ, and the Christ which Jesus brought forth which was the Science of his own being.

So, for a full realization of what true transfiguration is, we must bring forth and fulfill more of the Law, the Decalogue, usher in prophecy, Elias, and bring forth more of the Christ, Science, as did the Master. We must remember that Moses and Elias did not call Jesus forth. He brought them into the oneness of Mind, the divinity of the Christ. The transfiguration was the Master's demonstration of ascending glory which pointed to resurrection. Mrs. Eddy says, "Human lives are yet uncarved, — in the rough marble, encumbered with crude, rude fragments, and awaiting the hammering, chiseling, and transfiguration from His hand." (*Mis.* 360:2) Transfiguration occurs through a knowledge and demonstration of translation which comes to life in Christian Science. The

radiant light that clothed Jesus was the Christ light. It was the fulfillment of the Decalogue and prophecy. It was bringing forth light which would lead all men to the ever-present Christ.

Are we not all ascending? Are we not all demonstrating the perfection of being? The infinite nature of Love is becoming increasingly apparent to our vision and we are moment by moment ascending. The Master appeared to rise and leave the scene of his earthly experience. He did not; his thought was merely becoming more in tune with the universe which he knew was his. He did not leave his disciples, they left him. He appeared no longer to their mortal vision and therefore they thought he had gone somewhere, yet he was right there ready to be seen by those who had the vision of perfection. The limited thought of the disciples did in time ascend also, but only when their concept of the universe changed to a spiritual one. As we ascend, we do not leave a world of woe, but we are ushering in a world of goodness, the world which has always been present. Jesus' demonstration eventually led the way to Christian Science. We too must rise to the heights of Love and leave a better state because of having passed this way.

Good Is Already Established

Florence Roberts

The topic of a Wednesday meeting (3/12/25) was "Be receptive to the great truth that makes men free." The message there is very important. To me it is that good is already established for us, we only need to accept the Truth and live with it. We do not work to change anything, or to make ourselves better; we work to accept what God has already prepared for us, and that can manifest in our lives.

One of Gilbert Carpenter's Watching Points quotes something that a lecturer once said. It was, "Never believe that even your own folly can indefinitely postpone the destiny God has in store for you." I felt that point was very important because at times we feel guilty or we condemn ourselves. However, that continues to block our view of seeing ourselves correctly! We

know now that there is a Truth for us all to make us free. God has already established the Truth, and I cannot be grateful enough for God's love, for Christ Jesus, his own example, his teaching and proving, and for the revelation of Mary Baker Eddy that makes us all free. I can't be grateful enough for all the testimonies of people demonstrating, showing the "Truth that makes us free," and for everyone who is doing their best to keep this cause going.

Science teaches us. As was said before, it is a science, it can be practiced by anyone; it's also Christian, which means it must have the love and compassion, and the following of the precepts of Christ. It's a wonderful way of life, and I am so glad it is being practiced correctly here in this church.

Loathing the Error Mary Beth Singleterry

A practitioner reminded me many times that when confronted with an error, we must learn to *loathe* it. I had a little trouble with that at first, but now I can see what was meant by it. Mrs. Eddy says, "If at present satisfied with wrongdoing, we must learn to loathe it." (*S&H*, p. 240) Because, if we don't loathe it, we probably won't get rid of it. We just coexist with it, and that is never God's plan.

Some things that I had not considered to be sins, I found out were sins — to be fearful all the time, to entertain negative thoughts, jealousy — all are sins of the carnal mind. I had to learn to loathe it, and not tolerate it in my thought. Once I did that and really meant it, I began to make progress. In order to do this you have to be a terror to error. You can't just kindly live with an error, you've got to kick it out and get rid of it, and get on with the good work God gives you to do.

I'm very grateful for the whole chapter Mrs. Eddy wrote entitled "Pond and Purpose." She explains this process, the three baptisms. The first, giving up and really seeing the error we have been indulging in — giving it up, sometimes with tears, sometimes it's chronic, sometimes acute. Then you progress on and learn more about God, and have a sense of joy and peace in your life. It continues until you have that peace that passeth all understanding, and you're expressing more and more of that divine Mind which we all have, but sometimes gets dusted over with the trials of the day.

So I'm very grateful for what Christian



Letters of Gratitude



Painting by Dale Adler From VA

Dear Fellow Members,

The recent Bible study was yet another reminder of how blessed we are to be able to attend the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent. It really is “heaven on earth” to participate in our church’s activities and services.

We cannot be grateful enough to be able to call in or connect online from wherever we happen to be in the world. To have the added “bonus” of members tuning in from across the globe is very heartwarming and encouraging.

Please accept the enclosed check as an expression of our continued gratitude and support for the church’s outreach so that more and more hungry hearts may avail themselves of Mary Baker Eddy’s pure Christian Science and all that this wonderful church has to offer.

Vermont

I always look forward to the Love is the Liberator. I received great healing by the article “Have You Tried Love?” It brought me to tears, as it really eased me of a work problem I have been working through. And I loved reading all the history of dearest Plainfield! Makes me so proud of all the

workers at Plainfield — past and present — and truly humbled to know we have been there, and will return. We have such lovely memories of you all and most definitely felt the prayers in our blessed church!

Australia

I am very, very grateful for the article entitled “What we eat,” in the March issue of the Liberator, which I had never seen before. I was instantaneously healed several years ago during a Roundtable discussion in which Ingrid commented on the cruel treatment of the animals prepared for human consumption. Having been a horse trainer all of my life, and having had many 4-legged “children” all my life, I had already been trying, willfully and therefore unsuccessfully, to stop eating meat. Then, slowly but surely the meat I ate stopped tasting good to me, and then on that Sunday morning, my thought had finally been fully prepared to hear the message, and I stopped eating meat/poultry from that moment forward, with no “withdrawal symptoms,” no regrets, and with no effort. I know this subject is a bit of a difficult one for many, but I am very grateful that it is included in this issue, which is so natural due to the topic of the

6th Commandment!

I love reading about the history of the Plainfield Church, and the news clips and introductions prior to the lectures that Plainfield hosted. It's interesting that the introductions back then focused solely on the healing results from the practice of Christian Science, rather than the "qualifications" of the lecturer.

Thanks again for the opportunity to be of service, and for all the hard work put in by so many to produce such healing and inspiring issues of the Plainfield magazine every quarter! With love to all.

Missouri

I am so grateful for the weekly lessons. I not only read them, but I also listen to them, and I am very thankful for that.

I have made tremendous progress in understanding Christian Science, thanks to the resources your church makes available to the world through the internet, and all the literature that is otherwise inaccessible to those of us who live almost at the South Pole of the continent, but who now have the possibility to translate and learn from the wonderful writings of our beloved Leader and her first students, teachers, practitioners, and lecturers.

In the love of Christ Jesus, I send you all my love and gratitude.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

I can only once again express my profound thanks for the life-changing impact the Plainfield Church is having on my life. My world is being turned around slowly but surely, and I feel so blessed to have been guided to Christian Science and specifically to this church and its teachings of pure Christian Science.

With much love and gratitude.

Massachusetts

I had a painful problem with a wisdom tooth, which had to be removed. Afterwards I was given a prescription to have filled — along with precautions as to what not to eat or drink — and

though I did adhere to certain precautions, I did not have the prescription filled. Instead, I relied on the effectiveness of prayer by a loving practitioner at Plainfield and the pain left! As we know, God is All in All, and man is God's reflection! I am grateful to be proving this step by step.

Continued Blessings!

South Carolina

First, I'd like to say thank you for the Wednesday testimony meetings and for a recent testimony about using Bible Hub to better understand the Bible. I very much agree with the testifier — I also grew up with the idea that such resources were "unauthorized" and hence not to be used. Since finding Plainfield, I use it quite often to get a better idea of the meaning of verses, and find it very helpful.

In a most recent testimony meeting, a testifier mentioned overcoming a challenge both with and then without practitioner help, which I found very encouraging.

Finally, I'd like to say a sincere thank you for the audio version of "Immortality Brought to Light" by Dorothy Reike, available on the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent's website, which I have been listening to.

I am very grateful for the support of my kind practitioner, for Christ Jesus and Mrs. Eddy for showing us the way, and for this amazing Independent church. Thank you.

England

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Vermont

I would like to once again express my heartfelt thanks for your help and prayers. I was seeking a practitioner and healing, and I found so much more. After many years without a church home, the love of God led me to Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent, and a life-changing process began. Forgiveness and love are increasingly prevailing in my consciousness, while resentment and anger are fading away. I am deeply grateful for this wonderful website, for the articles (especially those that would otherwise be inaccessible), for the Roundtable, for the Bible Study, for Mary Baker Eddy, and for everyone who serves in this wonderful church.

Germany

Thank you for the tremendous missionary work being done through the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent. Outstanding website and Easter service, Bible Study, Roundtables, and Sunday and Wednesday services! Thank you for all you reveal and offer worldwide.

Sincerely in love.

Mississippi

I have many times had thoughts suggesting that I am on a quest for God. It is very similar to the old religious theory that one day there will be heaven.

Christian Science makes a revolutionary opposite statement, going back to the words of Jesus, "The kingdom of God is within you." So, if there is any feeling of a quest, it is more likely to suggest the temptation to feel separated or to believe that there are many miles or many hours between God and His creation, and not acknowledge the here and now of Truth. God

must be there now in order to be God.

I am grateful to Christian Science for its emphasis on the oneness of Truth, or God, with man; otherwise, God would seem out of reach.

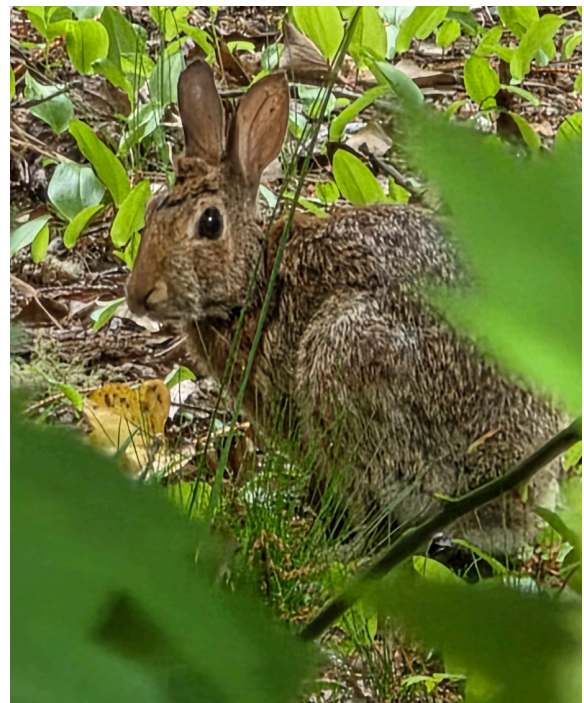
France

Dear All,

Thank you so much for the current "Love is the Liberator." It is so good. Warmest thanks to all the contributors!

Much love.

Kenya





God is All

Lillian DeWaters

God is all there is. God is ever present. God fills all space. There is nothing but God. How many of us have uttered these magical words over and over in an hour of seeming need, then to find the clouds break away and the light dawn again in our existence. Yet how many times do we grasp the deep, basic meaning hidden in these simple yet stupendous sentences. It is apparently such simple statements as these, understood and practiced, that caused the inventions named sin, disease, sorrow and death to flee away and the glory of God be seen, known and felt on earth as it is in heaven.

Very recently a practical experience came which revealed to me many things. I happened to notice that during the evening one of my canaries became indisposed; the trouble would be called pneumonia. The next morning as I approached the cage to greet the birds, this one little fellow struggled greatly and it seemed apparent that the bird was dying. I opened the door of the cage and touched the bird with my hand. He fell over on his side and closed his eyes. I placed him in the cage on the bottom and moved away.

Suggestions came like this: how frail and delicate canaries are, how helpless one feels in the presence of a dying bird. Then swiftly came

the voice of Truth with its blaze of might and power. Isn't God all there is?

Now this thought came fresh and new as though I had never considered it before. Why, of course, God is all there is and there could not be anything else besides God, and this closed the matter right there. Immediately the canary was lost sight of. The responsibility to heal and destroy death was gone with the responsibility to demonstrate life. There was nothing but the glorious consciousness that God is all there is. Then God is right here and cannot die and it was seen, and it was felt, and it was understood, and lo, this canary flew upon his perch and in a few minutes began to chirp. A little later he was singing at the top of his voice. As the folded bud of a rose contains the full bloom, so this insight has been seen that God is all that could be seen and out of this wisdom or view, the bird came forth alive and well. Now why did the taking away of the canary thought, the utter renunciation of the bird as sick or well, dead or alive, the utter forgetfulness of the bird bring it back to life, health and harmony?

Just for illustration — Imagine at the top of this page is a picture of a sheep grazing on a grassy plain, and nearby is a shepherd and his dog. Now I ask you, what is it that makes this sheep, this dog and this man alike? Why are they all the same? And what is this thing that they

are? If you cannot answer at once, I continue, what is their substance? and the answer is "paper." This sheep that you see, this man and his dog are all alike, their substance is the same. There is nothing there but the paper. The dog is not here as though it were something different from the paper, but the paper and the dog are one and the same. But just for the sake of the play, the joy of it, the picture or form of it is called a dog, of another a man, and so on, yet all the while we have the knowledge that only paper is present.

We come now to see God and man. By the way, has it ever occurred to you that this is an ambiguous statement, God and man? May we not as well say God and something else? We have read and heard and spoken of God and idea, of God and manifestation, of God and man, but we are to see that we cannot accept God as all and still have something else besides. If we are to have man, the only way this can be is for God and man to be the same, the same being. We look around us and see women, men, and children, animals, birds, plants. But what is their substance? Now the substance of a thing is that of which it consists, that which is essential and vital. For instance, the substance of a rug is wool. The substance of a chair may be wood. The question is, what is the substance of all living things and beings? Life. Since God is Life, and God is all, their substance is God.

All there is to man, that is vital, that is real, that is immortal, that is changeless, is his Life, and Soul, being Spirit, there is now and eternally. Holding now this insight, we continue and reason, we can for a moment penetrate the forms called "me," "women," "child," and perceive this Life, this Soul, this Spirit, this being...is God. God is all there is here. Now we can easily look at the picture of the man, the dog and sheep and say, these forms are not separate or apart from the paper. Here is the paper and here are the forms and yet the forms and the paper are one; is it not so? Then after seeing that the paper is the substance of the forms, nothing of itself, we can proceed to name this one dog, another a sheep, and another a man. We call them different names, yet all the while we understand that they are nothing of themselves, but they are all

whatever the paper is. Does not this explain the canary? The revelation had been: All there is to the canary is his life. The life is not the canary, its Life is God and God cannot die. To keep the vision on the Allness of God would be to include the bird, for the bird did not exist of itself. Thus, spiritually perceived that Life is Spirit and when this was seen, what Life really is, the canary was seen in its bountiful state of health and harmony.

Now here is a marvelous lesson. If you take away the dog, the man, the sheep from the paper, we can bring them back again and understand them. So then, when we take away that which is established and called a canary, a man and animal, and see the Life that is God as all there is to them. We can have them and understand them and enjoy them and we can spiritually perceive that God is all there is to Life and any being, we shall have no death and this will be demonstrated right here on this earth.

Did not the discerning Jesus prophesy "he that loses his life shall find it?" He that loses the sense of life as man, perceiveth with joy unspeakable, that his Life is God and has found his true being. The Life of you, the Soul of you, the Spirit of you, the God of you, is all there is to you, is you, is it not? Then for a moment forget you are a woman, a man, a child and think of God as being all there is. God is all. This is the meaning of renunciation. You remove the notion that there is God and something besides. You recognize God as All-in-All.

Look for a moment at the tree standing by your window. Now take away the form and see the Life that is there. Again look at the plant blossoming before you. Then take away the form and see the beauty and smile of God. Look at the child, the man, the woman about you and see the same of them; see the substance of them, the marvelous universe of spiritual beings you have then.

Now it is inborn and natural to know that God cannot be sick, cannot be diseased, that God cannot be poor, sad, dead, you know that at once, do you not, with all the fervor of your being? When men look upon men, what is the report that he hears? "I am poor, I am sick, I am ignorant." But when God looks upon God what is the report that is spoken? "This is my beloved

son (self) in whom I am well pleased.” What is the vision that you prefer? Which are the words you love most to give or to hear?

A woman came to a practitioner and reported that she had tried but had never been able to overcome headache. She was compelled to admit and confess that God could not have a headache and there was nothing but God. She was counseled not to think of anything regarding the matter but this — that God could not have a headache and that God is all there is. Her answer came in due time that comes from God, that all is well.

A woman said that her home and husband were great failures. He drank and was a cruel father and husband. Let the form called man be lifted from your vision and see instead that which is actually before you; the soul, the Being of man, is God who cannot sin, who is unutterably kind, tender, loving and compassionate. Know that God can only express that which God is. Her answer came in due time, “Our home is wonderful, my husband is a new man. He is kind and thoughtful of me and the children that we know not how to express our joy and happiness.”

Jesus reserved his inner teachings for his disciples; as only those who have this love for God in their hearts are willing to be born again, are willing to lay aside the personal sense of self. To say that God is all, without this inner light and illumination, is to exalt self and is to place glory and power where it belongeth not. It was whispered to the discerning Jesus that if he would only claim his power for himself that he could be king of the earth, that he could march down the street and soldiers and slaves would fight for and worship him. But oh no, he cast aside this foolish notion about self and he exalted that notion which is God.

Many cannot comprehend that all the sayings of Jesus coalesce and have one meaning. For instance he said “Of my own self I can do nothing.”

It would be the same in the picture if you fancied a white paper. A sheep would speak out and say “when you see me, you see the paper, for I and the paper are one. I, as sheep can do nothing, but whatever the paper is... then I am

that.” You can readily see that apart from the paper the sheep has no existence, and so it is true that apart from God, there is not being. Is not this glorious fact a rock upon which to stand, a light towards which is vision? He that exalteth himself shall be abased for he knoweth that before he can whisper the meaning of such glorious words as “God is all,” he must receive illumination from within, that never as the personal sense God, for only God is God.

We look about and see the forms called men, women, children, take away these outlines, these forms, and what have you left? You have life left, you have intelligence left. This is clearly illustrated by the fact that if you take away these outlines of the sheep in the picture, you have the paper left, the same as previous. Now can this Life, this Substance, this Being that is God, that is outlined unconditionally, have pneumonia, be deaf, be crippled? Can this Life that is Free, that is undefiled, that is incorruptible, that is changeless and immortal, be conditioned, be ignorant, be contaminated? A thousand times “No”. Place your vision then on this self that you are — and believe and have faith that all disease, sorrow, poverty, death, are impossible, preposterous.

Could the sheep in the picture have anything that was not in the paper? No more can you have what is not of or in God. If God cannot have fever, measles, broken bones, disease, worry, fear, then they do not exist and you cannot have them-for all is God and there is none else. “I am God and there is none else.” Stand firmly on this rock and what is there that can be against you? Suppose the belief is deafness. Can God be deaf? He that planteth the ear, can he not hear? You have no hearing of your own. God is the only hearer. Since there is no deafness in God, there is no deafness at all because there is nothing besides God. Know that the God of me hears perfectly and there is nothing else to me. God being all, there is nothing to interfere with God’s perfection, the absolute and unconditional, the All-in-All.

Suppose the belief is sickness, pain, disease — know with all your strength, heart, — God cannot be sick or diseased or in pain. There is nothing else but God. God is perfection; God is joy, God is

harmony. God is glory. God is Love. God is irresistible, inevitable, irrevocable health, and wholeness now, here and always and forever. There is nothing but God. The Life of the body is God. Doesn't this bring God close to you? It is impossible for life to be diseased, to be blind, to be deaf, to be crippled. Impossible! And your substance is this very health and strength is it not? Man is not separated from God.

God is all. One day there came a call from a girl's seminary. A girl was ill for several weeks and she was in such a state of fever and delirium that the nurses couldn't find any way of keeping her in bed. Immediately I left the phone, the vision came that changeless, deathless, Life cannot have fever. God cannot lose consciousness. Life and consciousness are one and the same yesterday, today and forever. Within an hour the girl was quietly sleeping. Next morning the call came she was healed. You cannot have what is not God. If God cannot have fever, measles, broken bones, disease, worry, fear, then they do not exist and you cannot have them, for God is all and there is none else. Stand firmly on this rock and what is against you?

We do not deny this idea or form called man, rather do we exalt it. We see that form or individuality is nothing of itself, but reality is God, Spirit, the only substance there is. The universe of spirit is peopled with spiritual beings whose identity and individuality is God, forever sustained and preserved. God and man are one; this one is God. As we might say about the picture you imagined, that the sheep and the paper are one, but this one is paper. Life and its foundations are one but this one is threefold or trinity.

The understanding of the trinity of God constitutes an explanation of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, which is given clearly in the C. S. Textbook of M. B. Eddy.

Every form represents Spirit, God and as our sense of "God is All" becomes more illumined, and more transparent, we will see here and now such glorified, perfect, immortal beings, without death, as we are forever known and held in the All Presence, THE GOD WHO IS ALL.



Testimonies of Healing



Watering Eye Healed

from L. S. in Missouri

I am so grateful for the opportunity to assist with proofreading the Plainfield magazine, Love Is the Liberator. I have to share that this morning when I sat down to begin reviewing it I was hampered by the constant tearing/watering of my right eye. This had been plaguing me since yesterday. Within just a few minutes of beginning to proof the magazine, my eye stopped tearing completely!! I am so grateful for this instantaneous healing!!

Nerve Disorder Healed

from C. C. in New Jersey

For a couple of weeks I was waking up during the night with strange feelings in my legs. I would have to get up and walk around for a while until it stopped. I think it's supposed to be some sort of nerve disorder.

A Plainfield practitioner gave me a quote from the Bible: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made, and that my soul knoweth right well." I reasoned that if this truth is deep within my soul, — and "my soul knoweth it right well," nothing could dislodge it from my being, or make me

disbelieve it. I prayed with that often during the day and every night before I went to bed, and that was the end of it — it stopped right away, and I've been able to sleep the whole night through ever since.

I'm so grateful to see another proof that when we stand up to error, it backs off. Like Mrs. Eddy says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you," is the motto. The devil cannot stand against resistance." (*Precepts*, by Gilbert Carpenter)

I am very grateful to God for this quick healing, and for Mrs. Eddy, who gave us this wonderful Christian Science!

Neck Pain Healed

from New Hampshire

For the past three days, my neck has been bothering me severely. I had to make a long-distance work trip, and while I remained firm in Truth, the pain was not going away.

On my ride home, I was able to listen to the latest Roundtable; and by the time I arrived home, the pain was gone.

I am so grateful for the constant supply of articles and audio that Plainfield makes accessible to all.

It has truly helped me countless times and is

the brightest light for our world.

Thank you!

Grief Healed

from Massachusetts

I would like to share a profound experience I had recently. Although it's been almost three years since my husband passed on, I have never really been healed of the grief. I have often found myself weeping with this overwhelming sense of loss. I have prayed about this, and I know we're told repeatedly in Science that there is no death, but this teaching remained a cold intellectual thing for me, and never touched my heart where I was hurting.

Then, about a week or so ago, I was reading an article called "Eternal Life" by Duncan Sinclair. In it, he quotes from a letter Mrs. Eddy wrote to Mrs. McKinley upon the death of President McKinley. She wrote:

"He awaits to welcome you where no arrow wounds the eagle soaring, where no partings are for love, where the high and holy call you again to meet." I can't describe the impact those words had on me. I knew they were the absolute truth, and I felt like Mrs. Eddy was speaking directly to me in a way I could understand. I felt a tremendous release within me and a sense of comfort and assurance that I had never experienced before.

At the same time, I felt this great rush of love for Mrs. Eddy. I have always been grateful to Mrs. Eddy. I've honored and revered her for the life she lived, which enabled her to bring Christian Science to the world. But she has always seemed somewhat remote to me, and I've never really loved her. Those words she wrote radically changed my perception of her. I could feel her great humanity, her compassion, and her understanding of the human need. It was like a beautiful meeting of the human with the divine.

I feel so blessed to have had this experience. I can't say I will never be sad or lonely again, but I have Mrs. Eddy's healing words, assuring me that although I cannot see my husband physically, all is well and nothing is ever lost.

Thank you to my dear practitioner, who encouraged me to give this testimony in hopes it might help others who may be struggling with the passing of a loved one. Thank you to this Plainfield Church, which is working so tirelessly to bring light and healing to the world. And thank you to all the testifiers for sharing your healings, giving strength and encouragement to us all.

Protection from Telephone Scam

from B. W. in Pennsylvania

Monday night, we had a call from someone claiming to represent our internet provider with an offer to reduce our monthly bill by 50%, continuing for five years. Naturally, I questioned their legitimacy, but they sounded very professional and had information about our account, such as the exact amount of our present monthly bill and our initial bills from six years ago.

The only stipulation was that we would pay for the initial six months up front. Then, having been transferred to billing, we learned we would need to pay using gift cards from a major retailer — and we would need to get the gift cards that night or early the next morning. Much to the caller's surprise, I told him we would not be able to do that and immediately finished the call. My spiritual sense had clicked in at that point — human reason didn't. In the morning, we called our internet provider and found, of course, that it had been a scam.

I am grateful to Plainfield for encouraging us to listen to our spiritual sense. Human mind thinking wasn't working well for me. Thank you, God, for saving us and the wrongdoers from success with the scam.

Headache Healed

C. H. in New Jersey

One Wednesday I woke up with a headache. I did pray for myself and although it was a little better, it did not go away completely. At the Wednesday

Evening service, the readings were titled, The Christian Science Textbook, and while I was listening intently, I suddenly realized the headache had disappeared! I was so happy about this that I wrote up a testimony for the next Wednesday service. When another headache appeared, in the afternoon before the service, I thought I better not give this testimony. But I did, and the headache went away! I have read or heard about healings that occur during a service or class and I am very pleased to add to this list.

Being Obedient

from B. S. in France

I just want to express my gratitude for learning that caring more and more about being obedient to God changes our thought and brings freedom.

For a long time, I didn't understand what it meant to be obedient to God.

Now I know that obedience means being confident, having trust in God, and refusing to fear or be angry.

This recipe liberates us from toxic mental habits and opens the way to a different view and to the Christ Mind.

Many thanks for all the work done here in Plainfield's independent church, to bring us on the path of Christ.

Sore Throat, Loss of Voice Healed During Service

from G. S. in New Jersey

I thank God that our church services are so full of love, so full of the truth, that they heal. The early Christian church, after Jesus left us, for many centuries was a place where people would go and be healed of whatever they needed to be healed of. I'm so grateful that Mary Baker Eddy discovered the Science of Christianity, which brings back the healing that was part of the original Christian church.

I remember a little earlier this year, one afternoon, my throat became very sore. It was a

Wednesday afternoon, and before the church service I completely lost my voice. There was a statement in that week's lesson in *Science and Health* that was very helpful to me. Mrs. Eddy writes "Discords have no support from nature or divine law." I remember thinking to myself that this soreness has no support from nature or divine law, and I therefore didn't have to have it. I kept repeating that to myself until I really meant it. That evening, I attended the service in this church, and I have to say it was so uplifting. I needed what was given in that service. I could really feel God's presence and love, and during the service, I was able to participate. By the end of the service, my throat was completely healed. I was able to sing loud and clear.

I'm very grateful for this healing, and very grateful for Christian Science, for Christ Jesus for giving us Christianity, and for Mary Baker Eddy for discovering the Science of Christianity, which is available to all mankind, all of God's children everywhere. I thank God for the healing sermons that we have, and for all that I am learning here.



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