



Handling Weather

Watch Booklet

“What I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH.”

— CHRIST JESUS

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Psalm 8

¹ O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

⁴ What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

⁵ For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

⁶ Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

⁷ All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

⁸ The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Weather

Weather is the belief that atmospheric conditions produce a variety of climates, good and bad.

Mind, embracing all action, includes all atmospheric action or condition.

Then, is not all weather as directly subject to understanding as is a mathematical problem?

Is not even the simplest mathematical problem the appearance of mathematical perfection in embryo, and is not the solution present with the problem?

Any weather condition is the omnipresence of the perfection of weather, interpreted finitely. Christian Science interprets it correctly and bad weather gives place to good, for it is not the weather that is bad.

When you destroy the belief that malicious mind is, with the realization that God alone is Mind, the hypnotic suggestion of a belief of bad weather vanishes. In its place is seen exactly the right heat, cold, rain, or whatever is required to best show forth the perfection of weather as the presence of God.

Thus as the voice of God you speak with absolute authority to every belief of weather, and prove that “even the winds and the sea obey him.”

from *Christian Science Its “Clear Correct Teaching”*
by Herbert W. Eustace, pages 292-293

I have stood with Mrs. Eddy when she, as the direct result of her prayerful realization of the truth of man's God-given illimitable spiritual power and dominion, fearlessly faced the blackest oncoming storm, and when it was fairly upon Pleasant View the threatening clouds parted, furious winds quieted, terrifying lightning with its shocking thunder ceased, and God's much needed copious rain watered the earth.

Joseph Mann



Painting by Luanne T.

To Mrs. Eddy rain was merely a visible proof of God's love, supplied through wisdom to meet the human need.

from *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, (the "Blue Book"),
by Mary Baker Eddy, page 15

Handling the Weather

Mary Baker Eddy, Her Spiritual Footsteps
by Gilbert Carpenter, Chapter Sixty-two

If man governs the universe, he must govern the weather. But mortal belief has robbed him of this prerogative and destiny, and therefore, the training of students to re-establish themselves in this direction becomes an important step in the correction of the error, whereby man has been made a victim of that which he should dominate.

But in working on the weather, the student knows, before he starts, that he must utilize divine wisdom as well as power. Human power would be inadequate to have any effect, and human wisdom could never control the elements so as to bring out the highest good for all. Hence, controlling the weather through spiritual understanding provides a peculiarly appropriate place for the student to begin to re-establish himself in his natural, primitive, and God-given task of governing the universe.

There is much said in the Bible about the weather and man's control over it. It indicates that the weather, as man perceives it, is not sent by God; whereas the ideal is pictured as weather under the control of the divine Mind. From this teaching, we can learn that in the enlargement of man's realization of his obligations when equipped with deific power, he must bring harmony in the elements. Nothing can broaden a student's thought of the universality of the application of Truth, nor give him the feeling that under the divine Mind he is beginning to function according to the divine plan, more than the recognition that the elements can be brought under the law of harmony, as easily as the mind of an individual can be made to let go of falsity, and take on the infinite Mind as the basis of its thinking.

The task of working on the weather, as outlined by our Leader, was in no way related to the prayers of certain denominations that make a practice of praying for rain or fair weather. It was not beseeching Deity for intervention in human affairs, but utilizing His

power, as reflected by man, to establish the primitive harmony that mortal belief has claimed to interrupt by a mode of its own.

It is a self-evident proposition that the student cannot possibly work on the weather selfishly. He cannot pray for a private rainfall or fair weather, any more than he can open a private door in heaven through which God will pour a personal blessing, because the door to God's blessings is a universal door which opens for all. "Heaven in the heart of one, means heaven in the heart of all," is the beautiful way Mrs. Eddy once expressed this ideal to me. Handling the weather scientifically is one of the best methods of restoring man to his rightful place, which the thought of weakness, subjection and fear has taken from him; for it gives him a glimpse of his infinite possibilities and his need of using them, so that wisdom and Love may again be present in cause, and be demonstrated by man under the government of God. Then they will express themselves in effect.

Although the weather appears to the senses to be a mindless manifestation, it must be remembered that nothing happens in the universe that is not the objective expression of mind. Thought sustains as well as causes it. Hence, if you substitute for that human mind, the only real Mind that is divine, then the universe will manifest this Mind, and peace will pervade the earth. When Jesus was called upon to handle the weather, he said, "Peace, be still"; however, he was not addressing the weather but the thought from which that storm proceeded. He brought peace to cause, and it was expressed in effect, as inevitably as an object casts its shadow when the sun shines upon it.

Wind. That which indicates the might of omnipotence, and the movements of God's spiritual government, encompassing all things.

from *Science and Health*, 1910 edition by Mary Baker Eddy, page 597

Though mountains may depart from thee,
And hills be far removed,
His kindness shall remain with thee,
His covenant be proved.

O thou afflicted, tossed with doubt,
God bids the storm to cease;
His children shall be taught of Him
And great shall be their peace.

Established in His righteousness,
He holds thee free from fear;
No weapon formed against His own
Shall prosper nor come near.

All tongues that rise condemning thee
Are silenced by His word;
This is thy precious heritage,
Thou servant of our Lord.

Hymn 347 from *The Christian Science Hymnal*,
1932 edition



Photo by Jeremy

Hurricane Watch

Handle the belief of hurricane season. The times and seasons belong to God, and are the eternal unfoldment of good. No mortal mind history. Error is mindless and powerless to repeat itself; cannot move around nor relocate. It can only move off.

This is the Word of God — Immanuel — God with us.

There is only one Mind, God, good. No other so-called mortal mind to cause or predict destruction or pressure — atmospheric or otherwise — to hypnotize or excite anyone into believing there is a power apart from God. Cast it out, and “gather yourself up in Love’s omnipotence.” (Bicknell Young, Relapse, Reversal, Rebound) Love owns the atmosphere — is the very atmosphere — is all power and presence. In atmosphere of Love divine, we live and move and breathe. “Mortal mind cannot form an atmosphere.” (Watches, Prayers, and Arguments by Mary Baker Eddy, page 165)

“The heavens declare the glory of Him that made all things.” (Hymn 329) That “glory” is divine Love, never raging or furious, but forever majestic, serene, and beneficent. The only driving force is Love; its path is health, harmony, and safety, and is never destructive. The only path is God’s path, a “loving pathway up to the throne of glory.” (Science and Health by Mary Baker Eddy, page 32)

Love is All-in-all, governs all. Divine Love governs the weather, and no one and nothing else does. Divine Love holds the wind in its fists, provides gentle refreshing rains, that soothe and calm any mortal mind turbulence, fear, depression, or disturbance. The elements are in Love’s hands. Love, Love alone is power.

Handle the belief of storm surge. “The floodtides of Life, Truth, and Love are pouring and surging through consciousness, uplifting, purifying, nourishing, healing, elevating, sustaining and energizing mankind.” (WPA, page 90) “Beneath, around, about, above, surrounding, are the healing currents of Truth and Love.” (WPA, page 169)

The material so-called gases and forces are counterfeits of the spiritual forces of divine Mind, whose potency is Truth, whose attraction is Love, whose adhesion and cohesion are Life, perpetuating the eternal facts of being. Electricity is the sharp surplus of materiality which counterfeits the true essence of spirituality or truth, — the great difference being that electricity is not intelligent, while spiritual truth is Mind.

There is no vapid fury of mortal mind — expressed in earthquake, wind, wave, lightning, fire, bestial ferocity — and this so-called mind is self-destroyed. The manifestations of evil, which counterfeit divine justice, are called in the Scriptures, ‘The anger of the Lord.’ In reality, they show the self-destruction of error or matter and point to matter’s opposite, the strength and permanency of Spirit. Christian Science brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal harmony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness of evil.

from *Science and Health*, 1910 edition by Mary Baker Eddy, page 295

WATCH — Love controls the weather.

When I work for the weather, everybody wants fair weather, only they believe there will be bad weather, and I only have to overcome that belief; but when malice comes in and declares there shall be storms, then I have a task to overcome that.

from *Watches, Prayers, and Arguments Given to Students*
by Mary Baker Eddy, page 45

One reason Mrs. Eddy kept Mrs. Sargent working on the weather, may have been because students must work on specific problems where the proof of God's presence demonstrated is evinced by the harmony manifested — like the weather — because demonstrations which carry proof of the success of one's work are necessary to encourage and convince one of the value and effectiveness of his work, in preparation for that larger work that awaits every man, where he reflects the divine power that rules nations, but where he can point to no tangible results as proof of the success of his work. In this larger work for humanity, one must take its fruitage on faith.

from *Watches, Prayers, and Arguments Given to Students*
by Mary Baker Eddy, page 14



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Every pure thought falling silently and gently into human consciousness does its part in cleansing the whole world, just as every falling snowflake does its silent share in transforming the noisomeness of the grimy earth into a soft white blanket of purity. We must remember that the smallest truth is mightier than the greatest lie the world has ever known.

from *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, (the “Blue Book”),
by Mary Baker Eddy, page 233

Watching Point 125

WATCH lest you believe that the so-called claim of reversal is something apart from your own thought, that is liable to strike you at any time; so it must be handled as a definite enemy apart from you. In reality reversal is a trick of animal magnetism, or illusion, whereby one accepts mortal belief, when, like a pendulum, it swings toward human good, so that automatically and blindly he is forced to experience the bad side of the same belief.

The belief in reversal is not a law but a trick. One sees no apparent harm in accepting the suggestion, “Isn’t it a beautiful day!” Yet the opposite swing of the pendulum is a belief in bad weather. God’s weather is not like a pendulum; it knows no opposites. It meets the need at all times, whether it be for sunshine or rain, without extremes of heat and cold, flood and drought.

from 500 Watching Points, by Gilbert Carpenter

Unity Watch for Tuesday, February 7th, 2023:

No extremes of mortal mind, expressed in storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, or wildfires [or earthquake]. Evil is being exposed on every front and animal magnetism does not like it. It cannot disrupt the holy atmosphere of the Kingdom of God, Principle, where man dwells. God is the only Mind, protecting the innocent and governing all with His mighty arms. Our holy meeting tomorrow night will go out to bless all mankind. “Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.”

Instructions Regarding Watchers – (5/19/1906)
C.S. Board of Directors,

My beloved Students: Consider this, my proposition: that you require some of the best Christian Scientists in Boston and vicinity to pray once each day that no thought of earthquake, tornado or destructive lightning enter thought to harm it, but that He who reigns in the heavens and watches over the earth saves from all harm. Again let me say, pray not on hire but the demand of love to God and man.

from *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, (the “Blue Book”),
by Mary Baker Eddy, page 57

No Big Power Veto

by Herbert E. Rieke

Here is the thirteenth lie – that animals, birds, etc., as well as man, are made from the ground or matter. Don't believe it for one second. Trouble lies in this false belief of material creation. There are no material creatures in a material universe. "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." Mrs. Eddy calls the material concept of creation "Creation's counterfeit." Here is the way the Bible puts it: "And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof." What is your concept of all creatures? What names or natures do you attribute unto dogs, cats, bees, spiders, and snakes? Great naturalists have observed that animals behave themselves just as man expects them to; therefore, such naturalists as Sam Campbell can be friends with many animals which appear as enemies to ordinary folk. Some Christian Scientists are willing to grant that man is spiritual and perfect, but they still see animals as mortal and material. Be sure that you uplift your concept of all of God's creatures and then they will never harm you. We need to be clear along these lines in regard to crops, gardens, etc.

The next error to be avoided is this: that the ground is cursed and is directed to bring forth thorns and thistles to choke out the supply of food for men. In order that we might be doing our best to help solve food problems of the world, let us deny this godless lie that the earth is ever cursed. God always blesses and never curses anything. There is no curse of drought, hurricane, flood, pestilence, seeds, untimely frost, abnormal heat or cold, in the one and only kingdom of God. Help yourself and all mankind by helping the agriculturist along this line.

Armed with faith, may we press onward,
Knowing nothing but Thy will;
Conquering every storm of error
With the sweet words: Peace, be still.

Hymn 103 from *The Christian Science Hymnal*,
1932 edition



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Handling Weather Broadcasts

by Parthens

At first glance, the 24/7 Weather Channel seems innocent enough, along with other television networks' weather broadcasts. Except, for dramatic effect, they loop computer generated models making a reality of the storm's Goliath like proportions. Such things are no different than presenting a physician's detailed, drawn-out, description of the symptoms of some dreadfully "incurable" or "progressive" disease before an audience of hundreds of millions.

First of all, the use of words that are constantly, unconsciously breaking the first commandment creates, almost instantly, a great number of malpracticers obliviously viewing the storm as malicious mind (personal sense) views it.

While we can certainly be thankful for this technology, its overuse is simply wrong because it is malpracticing on planet Earth: technologically enabled malpractice — unprecedented in the history of broadcasting until only very recently — and, through the law of attraction, it only serves to strengthen storms (such as Sandy a few years ago). This is the additional, supplementary evil that goes far beyond the simple reporting of a storm — mass-mesmerism — and it needs to be thoroughly neutralized.

INCIDENT

Mrs. Eddy said, she dispelled a cloud by knowing that mortal mind cannot form an atmosphere.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE WEATHER

The weather is in reality the atmosphere of the Mind that is God. It is His idea. God and man are not two, but one, in the sense that Principle and idea are one, inseparable. That is why we can handle the weather of mortal belief, just the same as we would meet a case of rheumatism.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE WEATHER

You must watch the clouds, East, West, North, South, and keep the horses from fear. I have to watch all the world for you — you can do this for me.

Don't argue, there is no rain, or drought will set in. Watch the clouds, and if a bad looking cloud is gathering, scatter it and allow the rain; but no cyclone or tornado, or dangerous lightning, does God send; hence you can know it does not come."

from *Watches, Prayers, and Arguments Given to Students*
by Mary Baker Eddy, page 165

Arguments for the Weather

Handle the thought of reversal. You can do it. The reign of harmony is; you can make it rain; it can water the earth. Is there a devil that can reverse God's government?

No. Then have faith as a grain of mustard seed. You can.

In working for the weather, never say, there is no wind, there is no lightning, no rain, etc., for if you do, it will act like mesmerism; it will break out in some other phase; but know the elements are in God's hands (His fists). They are not destructive, but governed by harmony and express harmony. God gave us dominion over the earth, but it is His dominion; the loving Father gives us what is for us, and nothing else can. He is Love, and Love controls the elements and all things.

God looks out from the clouds. He is Love, and we are His reflection; we have love in our hearts, because He is Love, and we reflect Him, and we have no clouds.

from *Watches, Prayers, and Arguments Given to Students*
by Mary Baker Eddy, page 104



Painting by Luanne T.

Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him? Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold. Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off. For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof: Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly. Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle? Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.

Job 36 : 22, 24, 25, 27-31

Another time she said, “Now, Martha, you go upstairs and write out a treatment for rain. We need rain.” On that special day, while it was very sultry, the sun never shone brighter. I had hardly seated myself to write out the treatment, when my bell rang, and I had to go to her. She said, “Well, give me your treatment.” I said, “Mother, I did not have time to write it out.” She said, “Well, just tell it to me.” So I started in to show God’s allness, but she soon stopped me and said, “Now, Martha, come down from sailing around up there. It’s rain we need. Let’s have rain.” With the greatest feeling of humility and in tears, I said, “Mother, I can’t do it.” Then she said, “It took Calvin and Laura a long time to do it, but you can see that it must be done, and learn somewhat of how to do it.”

Then she talked to me about the weather, and when she had finished, I went to my room and wrote down as nearly as I could remember and understood, some of the things she had told me. “God does not make sultry weather, and if we, through belief, make a weather sultry, we must unmake it. God governs the weather. He governs the elements, and there are no destructive winds or lightning. Love always looks out from the clouds. Beliefs about the weather are easier healed than sickness.”

from *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, the “Blue Book,”
by Mary Baker Eddy, page 156

General Quarters at Home

When our Leader first came to live at Chestnut Hill in the spring and summer of 1908, thunder storms and electric disturbances seemed to be unusually prevalent. This was another form of error which our Leader disliked very much. A gentle rainfall was a delight to her, but a destructive, electrical storm she abhorred. She evidently looked upon it as a manifestation of evil and a destructive agency of mortal mind.

Upon one occasion after she had given her workers some instructions regarding the weather, and after we had all repaired to our several rooms to continue, a succession of taps on her bell called us all back into her sitting room, where, as was our custom, we arranged ourselves in front of her chair very much as the old-fashioned class in school arranged itself in front of the schoolmaster. Pointing with her finger to the first one in the class, which happened to be myself, she said, "Mr. Dickey, can a Christian Scientist control the weather?" "Yes, Mother." To the next person, "Can a Christian Scientist control the weather?" "Yes, Mother." To the next, "Can a Christian Scientist control the weather?" "Yes, Mother." "Mr. Frye, can a Christian Scientist control the weather?" "Yes, Mother." To the next person, "Can a Christian Scientist control the weather?" "Yes, Mother." This question was put to each member of the class with the same reply. After we had all repeated our answers, an expression of rejection, not to say scorn, came upon her face, and she said with emphasis, "They can't and they don't." This brought a look of surprise to the face of each member of the class, for we had just been instructed, as we thought, how to take care of the weather. She repeated the statement, "They can't," but immediately she added, "but God can and does." "Now," she said, "I want you to see the point I am making. A Christian Scientist has no business attempting to control or govern the weather any more than he has a right to attempt to control or govern sickness, but he does know, and must know, that God governs the weather and no other influence can be brought to bear upon it. When we destroy mortal mind's belief that it is a creator, and that it produces all sorts of weather, good

as well as bad, we shall then realize God's perfect weather and be the recipients of His bounty in that respect. God's weather is always right. A certain amount of rain and sunshine is natural and normal, and we have no right to interfere with the stately operations of divine Wisdom in regulating meteorological conditions. Now I called you back because I felt you did not get my former instructions correctly and I want you to remember that the weather belongs to God, and when we destroy the operations of mortal mind and leave the question of regulating the weather to God, we shall have weather conditions as they should be."

from *Memoirs of Mary Baker Eddy*, by Adam Dickey

Every prayer to Him is answered,
Prayer confiding in His will;
Blessedness and joy are near thee,
Hear His gentle Peace, be still.
Hear His voice above the tempest:
I have not forsaken thee;
In My hand thy name is graven,
I will save both thine and thee

Hymn 76 from *The Christian Science Hymnal*,
1932 edition

And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Mark 4: 37-41



Photo by Stephan

All glory be to God most high,
And on the earth be peace,
The angels sang, in days of yore,
The song that ne'er shall cease,
Till all the world knows peace.

God's angels ever come and go,
All winged with light and love;
They bring us blessings from on high,
They lift our thoughts above,
They whisper God is Love.

O longing hearts that wait on God
Through all the world so wide;
He knows the angels that you need,
And sends them to your side,
To comfort, guard and guide.

O wake and hear the angel-song
That bids all discord cease,
From pain and sorrow, doubt and fear,
It brings us sweet release;
And so our hearts find peace.

Hymn 9 from *The Christian Science Hymnal*,
1932 edition

To material sense earth is matter and its products are material, but to spiritual sense it is a compound idea expressing spiritual productiveness, which in turn manifests beauty and benefit, availability and usefulness. In *Science and Health* (p. 507) we read, ‘The tree and herb do not yield fruit because of any propagating power of their own, but because they reflect the Mind which includes all.’ This reflection, then, like spiritual man, always has been, antedating any appearing to mortal sense. In Isaiah we read, ‘Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool;’ and in Jeremiah, ‘Do not I fill heaven and earth?’ These passages convey the idea of completeness, entirety, outcompassing any and all material concepts of time and space. This gives us the right starting-point; and to those whose business it is to turn to account the products of the earth, — for instance, planters, farmers, or pioneers, — it is most helpful to work along this line of thought, namely, that there is no place and there are no circumstances where God is not.

from “Thy will be done in earth” from *The Christian Science Sentinel*
February 5, 1916 by Beatrice H. Inglis

When Jesus stilled the waves, His only words were: "...Peace, be still." (Mark 4:39) Isn't this a wonderful treatment? "Peace, be still." It becomes necessary for us to realize a "Peace, be still" to every disturbance, to every disturbed thought, and therefore, to all discordant or inharmonious outer conditions. When Jesus said, "Peace, be still," he was not directing his thought to the troubled waves or to the storm. He was not addressing disturbed thought, the disturbed mind of the disciples, of those on board the ship. Nor was he addressing them as person, but rather to the universal belief of a disturbed thought, to the universal belief of a mind apart from God; to the universal belief of inharmonious inner and outer conditions, he was declaring: "PEACE, BE STILL!"

from God is Individual Consciousness, by Bicknell Young, p. 4

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it, thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water.

Psalm 65: 9-13

Let no clouds of sin gather and fall in mist and showers from thine own mental atmosphere. Hold thy gaze to the light, and the iris of faith, more beautiful than the rainbow seen from my window at the close of a balmy autumnal day, will span thy heavens of thought.

from *Miscellaneous Writings*, by Mary Baker Eddy, page 355



Photo by Jeremy

The atmosphere of the human mind, when cleansed of self and permeated with divine Love, will reflect this purified subjective state in clearer skies, less thunderbolts, tornadoes, and extremes of heat and cold.

from *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*
by Mary Baker Eddy, page 265

The gentle clouds and the gentle rain fall upon the just and the unjust; no electricity, no thunder and lightning, no cyclone, no tornado, no destruction, for the dear Father's face looks out from the clouds in love and in harmony. No malice, and no hatred — for there is nothing to interfere with His government in Love. There shall be the gentle and beautiful rain upon the earth to water the whole face of the earth.

Do not take up, there is no thunder and lightning; know that God governs the elements, and there is nothing destructive or harmful. God sends the rain that watereth the earth. Human will cannot come in and govern. You would not argue diphtheria, if the case was consumption; neither do you argue thunder and lightning, when it is sin (malice). If thunder and lightning come, then know, forces are of God and are not destructive. If too much rain, realize harmony. If drought — no drought. S&H 102 : 9 (268th edition).

from *Watches, Prayers, and Arguments Given to Students*
by Mary Baker Eddy, pages 105-106

Lift up thy light, O man, arise and shine,
Steadfast while loud the storms of life assail;
Immortal ray of that great Light divine,
‘Gainst whose all-power no tempest shall prevail.

Hold high thy lamp above earth’s restless tides,
Beacon of hope to those who watch afar.
Falsehood and fear shall pass, but Truth abides;
Thine be the splendor of her deathless star.

Should the world’s sin and sorrow round thee rave,
Pierce thou the dark with Truth’s undaunted ray,
Send out its light of joy to help and save,
That more and more shines to the perfect day.

Hymn 172 from *The Christian Science Hymnal*,
1932 edition

Mary Baker Eddy, Her Spiritual Footsteps

by Gilber Carpenter, Chapter 10

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

After telling this demonstration Mrs. Eddy said, "Isn't God good? Oh! Mr. Carpenter, trust in the dear, good God." To me this seemed to mean, "Trust in your developing consciousness of good." After she had said this, I had the distinct sense that she had gone into a state of spiritual consciousness where I could not follow.

In II Kings 3:17 we read, "For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord." It would seem that Mrs. Eddy's demonstration in the above case was a present day fulfillment of this Scriptural prophecy.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Psalm 19 : 1



Painting by Dale A.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

Isaiah 41: 17-18

Nothing Is Going On But Good

by Bicknell Young

Animal magnetism is not something up here to be feared. The Science of Mind is not in the things it deals with. Truth is not in the error it deals with.

War is animal magnetism. Drought is not lack of rain, it is animal magnetism. You might treat until blue in the face as a drought and not get anywhere; but treat it as animal magnetism and you meet it. Weather is something we have the ability to take care of if we would. If mortal mind says that the weather threatens, gain ascendancy over this. Who says so? What is that to God, to infinite, divine, ever-present, all-powerful, all-knowing Love? The only weather there is is divine weather. You may not imagine it, but you know it. Weather is something that Scientists can do something about. Everything that is evil is mesmeric belief, animal magnetism. Realize that nothing is going on but good.

Atmosphere

by William D. McCrackan

God's control extends over the atmosphere as truly as it does over human thought. Man abiding in at-one-ment with God cannot be victimized by undue heat or cold, dampness or dryness, by wind, hail, or electricity. Destructive physical phenomena do not proceed from the all-loving Father. Christian Science clearly indicates the mental origin of such phenomena and provides for their control by the divine Mind. Since no satisfactory definition of matter has ever been given except in terms of mind, therefore dominion over physical conditions, in order to be truly effective, is to be exercised through the power of right thinking. In defining the kingdom of heaven in the *Glossary of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* (page 590), Mrs. Eddy uses the words, "The reign of harmony in divine Science; the realm of unerring, eternal, and omnipotent Mind; the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme."

The true atmosphere is, therefore, always harmonious, and the belief that atmosphere is physical can be properly controlled by the spiritual realization of the kingdom of heaven. An almost illimitable prospect of good deeds opens before the Christian Scientist who applies this understanding. The farmer, the seaman, the traveler, the merchant, the father, the mother, the child, as well as those engaged in the various activities of the Christian Science movement, can be certain that the elements cannot hinder right purpose or separate man from the love of God. The science of this is made clear by Mrs. Eddy's teachings, which show fear to be groundless, in that it is based on mystery, and science dissipates mystery.

Christ Jesus described himself as the Son of God, and John declared, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." A true follower of the Master will therefore learn to bring the atmosphere and the elements into obedience to God even as the great Exemplar has shown that this should be done. The hurricane, the killing frost, the electric flash, are but manifestations of mortal mind and so amenable to treatment by spiritual understanding. The mysticism of material phenomena has

been scientifically and finally explained away by Christian Science. Their sharp thrusts can be turned aside by the realization of the truth about them.

For instance, Mrs. Eddy, listening to the revelation of Spirit, has defined electricity more accurately than any physical scientist working from matter could possibly do. We read on page 293 of the Christian Science textbook: "Electricity is not a vital fluid, but the least material form of illusive consciousness,—the material mindlessness, which forms no link between matter and Mind, and which destroys itself. ... Electricity is the sharp surplus of materiality which counterfeits the true essence of spirituality or truth,—the great difference being that electricity is not intelligent, while spiritual truth is Mind." Let us recognize that electricity has no inherent intelligence, no law of its own, and has no ability to think, therefore no power to act; that the intent of a supposititious mind which desires to use electricity for evil purposes is frustrated by the divine Mind which alone is intelligent,—and then the flash of lightning will lose all direction and purpose, all power to harm.

To keep our mental atmosphere clear of evil thinking insures health, strength, endurance, spiritual peace and joy. Hate cannot poison the atmosphere, produce explosions, concussions, shocks, wounds, or induce evil conditions which Love cannot heal. With so many valiant soldiers and sailors exposed to the mental miasma of war's revenge, the labor of love of the Christian Scientist is already marked out. Let this song from our Hymnal go over land and sea to protect, cherish, and prepare a safe home-coming:—

In atmosphere of love divine,
We live, and move, and breathe;
Tho' mortal eyes may see it not;
'Tis sense that would deceive.

The Principle of being, God,
Is with us ev'rywhere;
He holds us perfect in His love,
And we His image bear. (Hymn 144)

There is great need for the impersonalization of both good and evil. We must transfer the source and cause of Good from personality, where it is supposed to be, to Mind or God, where it now is and always has been.

To impersonalize evil, we must transfer the source and cause of all evil from things and persons, to mortal mind, which is the seeming source and cause of all evil.

When we seem to experience some form of evil, we may think this evil has its source in the weather, in food, or in an automobile, or in some person, but this is not true because all experiences of evil have their seeming source in mortal mind. So-called mortal mind is always the culprit, and evil once reduced to mortal mind can be proved to be nothing. When we detach the source and cause of evil from things and persons, and keep evil as negation, as mortal mind, or lie, then evil does not have a foot to stand on, and fades out of consciousness, having neither power nor place nor existence.

from *Addresses* by Martha Wilcox, page 183

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Jeremiah 17 : 7- 8



“The Father of the rain, who hath begotten the dew, and bringeth Mazzaroth in his season, and guides Arcturus with his sons,” knows the wants of every one of its ideas, and controls man and the universe in harmony and immortality.” (Science and Health, 1st edition by Mary Baker Glover, page 226: 10-14) Mrs. Eddy tells us that the first 3 centuries of Christian history were scientific.

The leaders of the church in those days were called the Ante-Nicene Fathers, and one of them was Clement. In A.D. 70, there were serious divisions in the church at Corinth, and so Clement wrote 2 epistles to them to restore and maintain harmony (as did Paul not too long before). I found this scientific excerpt from “The First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians” to be very helpful in neutralizing weather concerns: (For some reason, some scholars identify this excerpt as from chapter 9, and some as chapter 20) -

¹ He again persuades them to compose their divisions. THUS has the humility and godly fear of these great and excellent men, recorded in the Scriptures, through obedience, made not only us, but also the generations before us better; even as many as have received his holy oracles with fear and truth.

² Having therefore so many, and such great and glorious examples, let us return to that peace which was the mark that from the beginning was set before us;

³ Let us look up to the Father and Creator of the whole world; and let us hold fast to his glorious and exceeding gifts and benefits of peace.

⁴ Let us consider and behold with the eyes of our understanding his long-suffering will; and think how gentle and patient he is towards his whole creation.

⁵ The heavens moving by his appointment, are subject to him in peace.

⁶ Day and night accomplish the courses that he has allotted unto them, not disturbing one another.

⁷ The sun and moon, and all the several companies and constellations of the stars, run the courses that he has appointed to them in concord, without departing in the least from them.

⁸ The fruitful earth yields its food plentifully in due season both to man and beast, and to all animals that are upon it, according to his

will; not disputing, nor altering any thing of what was ordered by him.

⁹ So also the unfathomable and unsearchable floods of the deep, are kept in by his command;

¹⁰ And the conflux of the vast sea, being brought together by his order into its several collections, passes not the bounds that he has set to it;

¹¹ But as he appointed it, so it remains. For he said, Hitherto shalt thou come, and thy floods shall be broken within thee.

¹² The ocean, unpassable to mankind, and the worlds that are beyond it, are governed by the same commands of their great master.

¹³ Spring and summer, autumn and winter, give place peaceably to each other.

¹⁴ The several quarters of the winds fulfil their work in their seasons, without offending one another.

¹⁵ The ever-flowing fountains, made both for pleasure and health, never fail to reach out their breasts to support the life of men.

¹⁶ Even the smallest creatures live together in peace and concord with each other.

¹⁷ All these has the Great Creator and Lord of all, commanded to observe peace and concord; being good to all.

18 But especially to us who flee to his mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom be glory and majesty for ever and ever. Amen.

Submitted by Parthens

In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being. The earth, at God's command, brings forth food for man's use.

from *Science and Health*, 1910 edition by Mary Baker Eddy,
page 530 : 5-12



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The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

Proverbs 3: 1

The Weather

Now when there is the claim that the weather is sultry, handle it, and you will see a breeze spring up; if it is cold, handle it; it is all in Mind, ever the same, harmonious. God did not make sultry weather, etc.; then if we through belief have made it, we must unmake it. When it looks like thunder and lightning, handle it; there is no sultry atmosphere to cause thunder and lightning. When I first came to Concord (before hypnotism and mesmerism joined hands to work upon me), there was no snow the first winter at all, and no thunderstorms the first year.

When sultry, I would close my eyes for a moment, then open them, and the leaves would all be stirring; a breeze had sprung up. We make our own atmosphere. These things are easier to handle than sickness. I used to handle them, until I forgot about it. Lately I have attended to the work, and only kept above the effects. When Clara was here, I would speak about the thunderstorms, and she would work alone, and they would all disappear. You can do this, and if you are not at first successful, do not get discouraged; keep on trying. When you have the first indication — forestall it.

When I have made a storm disappear, I did not argue, “There are no clouds.” I said, “God’s face is there, and I see it,” and the storm would break and disappear.

Handle the weather, just as you do any belief of mortal mind.

You are not a Christian Scientist, until you do control the weather.

from *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, (the “Blue Book”),
by Mary Baker Eddy, pages 104-105

“Let us have a clearing up of abstractions. Let us come into the presence of Him who removeth all iniquities, and healeth all our diseases. Let us attach our sense of Science to what touches the religious sentiment within man. Let us open our affections to the Principle that moves all in harmony,—from the falling of a sparrow to the rolling of a world. Above Arcturus and his sons, broader than the solar system and higher than the atmosphere of our planet, is the Science of mental healing.

“What is the kingdom of heaven? The abode of Spirit, the realm of the real. No matter is there, no night is there—nothing that maketh or worketh a lie. Is this kingdom afar off? No: it is ever-present here. The first to declare against this kingdom is matter. Shall that be called heresy which pleads for Spirit—the All of God, and His omnipresence?

“The kingdom of heaven is the reign of divine Science: it is a mental state. Jesus said it is within you, and taught us to pray, “Thy kingdom come.”

from *Miscellaneous Writings*, by Mary Baker Eddy, pages 174

You must not let the mesmerism of mortal mind make you think you can't keep your watch. She said on March 30, 1908 or 1909, "Now the season of storms is coming on. The enemy-mesmerists claim they can do what they want to the weather-as they claim they can do as they will with sickness. You all know you can control a headache or a belief of dyspepsia and you are not afraid of it. Sickness is a belief of mortal mind. Now what is a storm? Is it not a false claim of material law? Is there any such thing as material law? Then if bad weather or lightning is an erroneous concept of mortal law, can't you break it up? Now I want you to prepare yourselves to do this. I remember once when we were having a terrific storm and the lightning was around the house like chains, the students were with me and I declared to them that there was no surplus electricity and in a few minutes the whole storm disappeared. Now you know there are no thunderstorms in divine Mind. No lightning in heaven-so prepare yourselves to break up these violent storms. There is no need for them."

from *Collectanea*, by Mary Baker Eddy, page 36

The Weather is Under Divine Control

by Leslie Bell

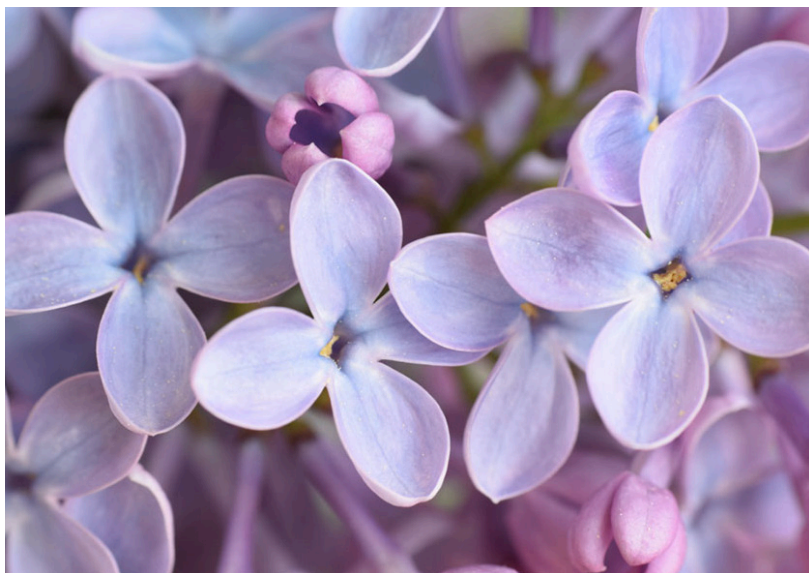
The student does not attempt to control or know the truth about a material universe, for he knows that it is only a wrong concept of the real, spiritual universe. The realization of the truth about God's universe dispels false concepts or beliefs and brings about the required change in human consciousness. The universe does not need to be changed. Rather, a false sense of creation must be surrendered.

This does not mean that a Christian Scientist ignores the human sense of weather conditions by sweeping it to one side with superficial statements. Far from it. He not only declares the truth about God's creation, but he also denies as positively the wrong conditions that appear. For example, droughts, floods, hurricanes, are obviously not representative of God. They are the violent and destructive manifestations of mortal mind, and as such should be denied any real existence. Extremes of heat and cold, lightning and gales, belong not to the real universe, but are a part of that material universe which is but the externalization of mortal mind, the mistaken thinking which conceives of the universe as material and subject to material laws.

There can be no violent destructive conditions in God's universe, for it is the reflection of Spirit, showing forth the divine qualities of refreshment, unfoldment, fruition, peace, and abundance increasingly and eternally. This perfect, harmonious, happy universe is the only universe there is, and we can cease believing now in any other. It is a universe of infinite, imperishable beauty, redolent with sweetness, expressing the loveliness of Love, the unbroken light and unchangeable radiance of spiritual peace; it is continually refreshed and revived by Spirit, whose mandate is unceasing unfoldment. We can live in this realm now by identifying ourselves with all that is good, true, and enduring, and we identify ourselves as the man whom God created by spiritualizing our thoughts. A Scientist leaves the outcome to God, knowing that the Christ, Truth, will meet each human need in the way that best serves the divine purpose to bless one and all.

WATCH- Love controls the weather. No electricity of mortal mind. No thunder; no high winds to blow. Divine Mind governs all.

from *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, (the “Blue Book”),
by Mary Baker Eddy page 37



Adhesion and cohesion are qualities of Mind and work together for good. In weather conditions these properties cannot be reversed to harm or retard man.

from *Collectanea*, by Mary Baker Eddy, page 98

In our lifetime, fifty percent of all species could be gone.

“...a mortal cannot die out of the belief that body is material. He has to live out of it. There is no way out of the belief of death but to live. Life is Love, Spirit, and if we would overcome the false material sense of life in matter, we must love our way out. He who loves not, lives not, for Love is Life. In order to get the body that manifests life, we must begin to declare for it, and gradually, or rapidly, come into our own—namely, eternal body.” (Teaching and Addresses, by Edward Kimball)

God’s ideas are as eternal and unassailable as Life, Truth, and Love. The lies of mortal mind are all that are going extinct because “Science both neutralizes error and destroys it.” (S&H, p. 157) Animal magnetism cannot make us believe that industry is ruining the Earth or that God’s creation is fragile, delicate, or corruptible in any way. Industry, and all the pursuits of mankind, are guided by divine Mind, the Cause of all activity.

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Psalm 91

¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

⁹ Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

¹⁰ There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹³ Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Zone to Zone

by Julia M. Johnston

God's universe is the infinite, spiritual reflection of divine substance and Life. Throughout the length, breadth, depth, and height of the universe, God's laws of harmony are in continuous operation. Divine Science governs this measureless realm, which is filled with divine ideas which are obedient to the Mind that made them.

At no time, and in no place, can there occur a break in the divine control. God cannot for an instant be separated from His creation, and His laws are established for eternity. Their every activity is preserved, without opposition, resistance, or delay. The majesty of spiritual law forever pursues its glorious way. The universe expresses the glory of God, radiant, eternal reality. All identities which comprise the universe exist in unity, because each idea is tributary directly to divine Mind.

In contrast with the unified immensity and stability of everlasting perfection, the belief in a power apart from God is like a grain of sand on a tidal shore. Mistaken human sense, having no conception of infinity or perfection, believes that the universe is material, and divided into both discordant and harmonious parts. It believes in subdivisions of the earth named zones, and then attributes to these zones certain conditions of good and evil. The frigid zones are believed to be regions where storms originate, which spread disaster. The torrid zone is believed to be an expanse where fevers and pestilences breed. Other divisions are labeled earthquake zones, hurricane zones, and so on.

God's law controls all time and space, all cause and effect, all power and life. There can be no such thing as a territory where evil is in control, where God's law has ceased to function. There is no place deserted by God, or forbidden to God. There is no opportunity for error to start, accumulate, or dominate. The assumption that there is a moment when God is not supreme, is a mortal illusion.

God's omnipotence rules out the possibility of a danger zone anywhere in creation. Man never passes through evil's realm, or exists

for a moment within it, for evil, being unreal, possesses no domain. All ideas of the Creator live and disport themselves in perfect safety throughout the endless realm of Mind. They know no fear, no peril. They know that they can never go beyond Love's care.

God, the creator of all, is at peace, and His universe is thriving in that peace. Throughout the realm of reality there is no danger zone, no war zone; there is no area where evil abides, or operates; there is no barren shore, no waste place, no treacherous depth, no uninhabited space, no prison wall, no fearsome power, no enemy land. Then let us know no fear. Let us walk on our way in safety, and win the victory over any belief in a power apart from God. In Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy says: "The depth, breadth, height, might, majesty, and glory of infinite Love fill all space. That is enough!"



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