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Watch Booklet

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

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“To The Watchers:

‘Hear, O Israel, for the Lord, our God, is *one* God.’

You are not to come in your own name to pray.

You are not to control any mind.

You are to come only in the divine strength, and know that God will rule and does, and that hypnotism and evil minds cannot, and do not, control men or governments.

All power is God, good.

This is my only formula to Christian Scientists for prayer, and God will give you faith that will remove mountains.”

from *Watches, Prayers, and Arguments*, given by Mary Baker Eddy, page 49

Christian Science Sentinel, September 17, 1927

Election time is a convenient opportunity for error to sow the seeds of bewilderment, confusion, and discord. Even in church elections, where members have some understanding that there is but one Mind, we find much consideration as to human qualifications, characteristics, and mannerisms. In all this pondering, let us not overlook the necessity to listen for the voice of God, and to use the thoughts of God rather than those of human deliberation.

In I Samuel it tells of the necessity to appoint someone to take the place of Saul as king over Israel, and Samuel was entrusted to do the appointing. It is made very clear that Samuel recognized that God had already made the choice and that his responsibility lay in listening for and being obedient to God's voice, that he might select the one of God's appointing. And what were Samuel's instructions? He was to go to the place of appointing, and sacrifice there all human thinking and planning, and call the others to sacrifice, too. And then God would name unto him the one whom He had chosen!

It was not necessary for Samuel to know beforehand whom to appoint. Even then that false claim of minds many touched Samuel, as the sons of Jesse passed by, he started to choose humanly, and said of Eliab, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." But the Lord rebuked him, saying, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth." And whom did the Lord choose? The youngest! He who was judged of such little importance that he was left out with the sheep. There was no thought-taking as to his own eligibility for this office, but just a humble obedience to the carrying on of the business at hand.

Let us make these lessons our own and come to the realization, as

did Samuel, that we do not go to these elections to decide on persons for offices, but that we are gathered together to choose the man of God's appointing, that our responsibility in the matter is to clear our thought of human opinions and thought-taking so that we can hear the Lord's voice when He says, "Arise, anoint him: for this is he." Then would we find such unity of thought manifested that there would be no difficulty in making the right choice.



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“Our President is divine Love. There is no law of monopoly or exclusion, no personal control. There is the influence of divine Mind. There is no mental malpractice or mortal mind government. All government is of God.”

from *Lessons of the 7th Day*, by Mary Baker Eddy, page 301

“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

Isaiah 9

“Over eighteen centuries ago, the advent of a babe stamped a new impress on history. Little dreamed the Emperor, enthroned in his gorgeous palace upon the Capitoline Hill, that a babe slumbering in manger in the obscure hamlet of Bethlehem, a remote province of Assyria, was to establish an empire before which the power of the Caesars must dwindle into insignificance. When the child Jesus was born, all the nations known of that period were in subjection to the government of Rome. ... Rome was then the world, and Caesar was the governor of Rome. He could do what he pleased with the property, the liberty and lives of over three hundred millions of people comprising the Roman Empire.

“Such power no mortal ever swayed before; such power no mortal will ever sway again. ...

“Jesus sought to bring to light the understanding of the kingdom of heaven, the reign of harmony that exists between God and man. He knew the dominion of God had not been overthrown, that there was no monarch equal to this. He also knew that the kingdom of heaven is the empire of Spirit wherein matter cannot molest or make afraid; and the spirit of the simple prayer, let thy kingdom come on earth, and the understanding of the supremacy of Spirit, was his basis of healing.”

from *Essays and Other Footprints*, (the “Red Book”),
by Mary Baker Eddy, pages 4, 28

Plainfield Church Unity Watch

We must pray now to support the upcoming elections. Pray for one who will hear and do God's will — and this includes all the world's leaders. The government is on His shoulders, and right thinking can bring to pass one who is in tune with God. It is God who will raise him/her up and animal magnetism has no power to interfere with His plan. Put away all political views and pray, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10)

Let us pray impersonally each day that Principle alone governs our nation, and every nation; and this government is not driven by person or party. One Mind, God, governs, and this divine government is founded on the rock, Christ, and can never be derailed! All the supposed forces of evil crumble before the almighty power of God!

Impersonal Principle — the law of God, divine Intelligence — governs the upcoming election, the voters, the candidates, and the future of this nation. Dishonesty, lust for power, and selfish greed are trampled underfoot — and honor, love for God, this nation and its people, are exalted! The love of God regulates and protects the peace and honesty of the voting process. Anything that would try to corrupt or interfere with the peaceful unfoldment of God's good plan and purpose for this great nation is ground to a powder! The Word of God is quick and powerful, and it cannot be reversed. "No power can withstand divine Love." (Science and Health, page 224)

“Certain elements in human nature would undermine the civic, social, and religious rights and laws of nations and peoples, striking at liberty, human rights, and self-government — and this, too, in the name of God, justice, and humanity!”

from *Message for 1900*, pages 69-70

“All the power, action, intelligence, life, and government in the universe belong to God and have always belonged to Him. He is the Supreme Ruler and does not share His power with another.”

from “God’s Law Of Adjustment” by Adam Dickey

Only the voice of Truth can be heard in the halls of Congress! Above all the din and tumult that seems to be going on, God’s law reigns supreme. Evil’s lies cannot hypnotize, cannot influence, cannot even be heard above the overture of angels that fills those sacred halls! God’s government and His law of Love overshadow all opposition and division, and bring God’s perfect plan to a proper and peaceful conclusion. This is the Word of God, and it goes forth with absolute power!

“Let Truth be heard above error and God will bless your efforts.”

from *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, (the “Blue Book”), by Mary Baker Eddy, page 277

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A Republic based on obedience to the rule of law will stand unmoved by any effort to undermine or dethrone it, along with any element of its Constitution, including the Electoral College. The law of right is firm and unyielding, founded on Principle, and it cannot be circumvented — God will not allow it. Any attempt to limit the rights of each individual — whether in the majority or the minority — was guarded against when every word of the Constitution was so thoughtfully and agonizingly crafted under the watchful eye of Almighty God. The hand of God protects and defends this nation and its laws against intrusion by the human mind to undermine what God has established! It cannot be done! The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth now and forever!



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Prayer for Country and Church

“Pray for the prosperity of our country, and for her victory under arms; that justice, mercy, and peace continue to characterize her government, and that they shall rule all nations. Pray that the divine presence may still guide and bless our chief magistrate, those associated with his executive trust, and our national judiciary; give to our congress wisdom, and uphold our nation with the right arm of His righteousness. ...

“May our Father-Mother God, who in times past hath spread for us a table in the wilderness and ‘in the midst of our enemies,’ establish us in the most holy faith, plant our feet firmly on Truth, the rock of Christ, the ‘substance of things hoped for’ — and fill us with the life and understanding of God, and good will towards men.”

from *Christian Science v. Pantheism*, by Mary Baker Eddy, pages 14-15

“You have taken on a tremendous job when you became a Christian Scientist. You have virtually aligned yourself with God.

“The thoughts of Christian Scientists are not the thoughts of mortal mind. Their thoughts are divine Principle, their thoughts are the Christ — and the Christ is come to the world not merely to save you and me individually, but to save us collectively — not merely to show us how to carry on our daily affairs, not merely to bless in a limited way, but to bless us in an infinite way.”

from “*Saving the World*,” in *Collected Writings*, by Bicknell Young

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Work with Mrs. Eddy's definition of God (S&H p. 587, in bold letters below), and the accompanying comments given during a Roundtable discussion in Plainfield Church, to handle every fear surrounding an election.

GOD. The great I am; — The only power, the only agenda, the only representative, the only constituent, the only voter, the only vote

the all-knowing, — Running unopposed and meeting every need

all-seeing, — With nothing hidden, redacted, or omitted

all-acting, — The right word and action at the right time, every time

all-wise, — The only Law, the only Lawmaker, never confused or out-of-touch

all-loving, — The Comforter freely giving abundance and peace

and eternal; — True now, true in four years, true always!

Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence. — The complete and perfect government!

“You worship no distant deity, nor talk of unknown love. The silent prayers of our [members] churches, resounding through the dim corridors of time, go forth in waves of sound, a diapason of heart-beats, vibrating from one pulpit to another and from one heart to another, till truth and love, commingling in one righteous prayer, shall encircle and cement the human race.”

from *Miscellany*, by Mary Baker Eddy, page 189

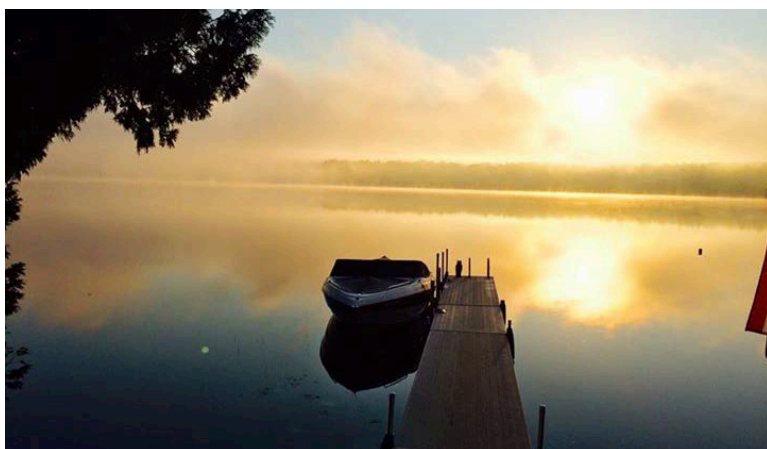


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“Evil and lies cannot sway the judgment of the [people], and ... the judge of the whole earth will govern the [people] and they will do right.”

from *Mary Baker Eddy, Her Spiritual Precepts*, by Gilbert Carpenter, Vol. I, page 237

Association Address of 1912

William R. Rathvon

Mesmerism in the mass is to be mentally handled just as it would be in the unit. Ten thousand shadows are no more substantial than one. Let us suppose a political situation where a great mass of voters are mesmerized into supporting measures that are corrupt. If you want to give the situation the benefit of scientific treatment, your first move would be to declare the Allness of Spirit and the nothingness of matter, the power of good and the impotence of evil. Know and declare that no aggregation of evil can stand against the omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence of divine Mind.

Enlarge on this line, and then proceed to make your treatment more specific. Know and declare that the welfare and progress of your nation cannot be hampered or blocked by any individual or group of unscrupulous politicians, for God is on the field when He is most invisible. Know further, that no matter how unpromising the outlook may be, God has infinite ways and means of foiling error's most strenuous effort and of defeating its nefarious schemes. Further expand your treatment by declaring that one with God is a majority, and you are that one. Whether your mental work will be the little leaven that will leaven the whole lump, I cannot say. But I do know that your endeavors will not be fruitless, and will bring peace and protection to you and yours.

Prayers for Nation

Parthens

There is no truth in the thought of America experiencing a lack or limitation of any kind, or the thought of lack and limitation in America. God waves the scepter of His Word, and the desert blossoms as a rose.

All decks on the ship of America are now cleared for divine action, and America's own, as envisioned by her founding fathers, now comes to her, under grace and in perfect ways.

Divine order is established in all of America's affairs. The Christ possesses America and makes all things new.

As it was in the days of the Revolutionary War, America's seeming impossible good now comes to her and comes to stay. Endless good now comes to America in endless ways.

There are no obstacles in divine Mind. Therefore, there is nothing to obstruct America's good. All obstacles and stumbling blocks now vanish from America's pathway. Doors of divine health are now open wide, banishing plague and pestilence. Doors of divine inspiration, divine understanding, divine authority, divine ability to help other nations, and divine ability to establish the kingdom of God on earth.

In the face of enemies outnumbering his troops, Jehoshaphat clapped his cymbals and rejoiced in the invisible forces of eternal Mind. Thus, infinite Intelligence in its unstoppable omni-activity goes before America to make easy and successful her way.

America successfully sweeps away all hindrances before her, for she works with the Spirit and follows the Divine plan of her glorious destiny. With God at her side, America is more than equal to any challenge, including the challenges of treachery, treason, and any other seeming hindrance she faces or will face in the future.

America is fully awake to her good and she gathers in the harvest of endless opportunities to generate and spread good universally.

America is harmonious, balanced, and magnetically aligned with the polar magnet of revelation that spawned her in 1776, the North Star that is Christ, the Word.

Divine order is now established in all of America's affairs, domestic and foreign. Omnipresent good now takes over all of America's affairs, within and without. It is now established in all of America's affairs, domestic and foreign.

As in the days of the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the World Wars, heroes now arise in America to see clearly and act quickly under the inspiration of God, and, holding to the promises of God, their greatest expectations come to pass in what others might suppose as "miraculous" ways, but they come to pass in "supremely natural" ways, as it was with the founding fathers.

There is no competition on the spiritual plane. What is rightfully America's is given to her, under grace. America discovers and activates latent powers, revealed to her now, as demonstrated and exemplified by the Spirit of God in the life of Christ Jesus. Human will is powerless to interfere with God's will for America.

God's will is now done in all of America's affairs, foreign and domestic. And God speaks to America, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door and no man shall shut it"

America banishes past compromises with evil, and now lives in the wonderful now, where happy events occur and happy surprises come to her each day, including endless opportunities for legal victories never known previously.

For America's sake, Christ is now risen in a new and living way, and she now gloriously fulfills her destiny.

Let us truly appreciate our American Declaration of Independence which states that God has endowed us all with the right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This American Bill of Rights is as a beacon light to millions in other lands. We need to understand that this Declaration of Independence did not just happen. It came about as the result of divine inspiration in the consciousness of God-loving men. We need to see that there is no human law nor man-made legislation that can veto these basic human rights in America. And we need to see further that because of the supremacy of Mind, these basic human rights shall be extended to all men everywhere. It is God's will that all men be free. We need to declare vehemently and realize without the shadow of a doubt that neither politics, human power, nor political expediency can veto the divine law that there shall be good, effective, and honest government in the world. For you to sit back and constantly find fault with government and government officials is neither Christian nor Scientific; but for you to know daily that nothing can be done to veto the mandate of Truth, intelligence, and Love in government, is for you to be an effective, divine law-enforcing agency.

When Mrs. Eddy was asked about her politics, she replied: "I have none, in reality, other than to help support a righteous government, to love God supremely, and my neighbor as myself." (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 276) You see, she truthfully followed the example of Christ Jesus in regard to politics and she has told us to follow her only insofar as she followed Christ. You will never know what great blessings will come to you, your country, and the world as a result of following Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy on this important subject of human politics. In the same article about politics, we read: "Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy has always believed that those who are entitled to vote should do so, and she

has also believed that in such matters no one should seek to dictate the actions of others.” We certainly have a responsibility to our country and to the world. We partly express that responsibility through our vote franchise. We must “render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s.”

If you are a Democrat and see no good in the Republican Party – if the Republican Party is only one of reaction, selfishness, vested interests, and monopoly, while in your sight the Democratic Party is endowed with all the virtues of political idealism, you are being handled by mass mesmerism and unintelligent political bias. Or if you are a Republican and can see no good in any of the legislation that has been passed (by the Democrats), while you regard the Republican Party one that never makes any mistakes, you, too, are being handled by mass mesmerism. There is much that can be improved in all political parties. It is God’s mandate that there shall be outstanding ethical progress in all political parties as time moves on, and it is your duty and right to know that neither the claims of politics nor human power has the right or privilege to veto this mandate of intelligence and love.



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God Is in Control

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”

(Romans 13:1)

“Despite the policies of politicians, the regulations of religious leaders, and the dictates of both national and international dignitaries under whom we are currently placed, we have an assurance from the authoritative Word of God, that He is in control and has authorized every authority to carry out His eternal plan and purpose.

“Paul’s instruction to ‘Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers,’ can often be resisted by those who recognize the problems and corruption that are often lurking in the corridors of power, but even in those difficult times, we must never forget ‘There is no power but of God and the powers that be are ordained of God.’ However difficult we find the circumstances of life, within our family unit, or our national boundaries, we must never forget that God uses the difficulties of life to hone and strengthen our faith, and to draw us into closer fellowship with and dependence on Him.

Prayer

Father, I thank You that You are in control of all that is happening in my life, throughout the world and beyond. I pray that while I am here, You will take my life, and use me in whatever way You choose. May I be a faithful witness and bring glory to Your name, in my small corner of this world. In Jesus’ name, AMEN

Excerpts from Daily Verse read during a Plainfield Church Roundtable

The need of divine wisdom and Love — Christ’s assurance of prayer answered — and the absolute Science of God’s Allness, moves the Christian Scientist to pray for the peace, prosperity, and brotherhood of all nations and peoples. No willpower is used in the Scientist’s prayer, since human will must be lost in the Divine, for prayer to be efficacious. In the words of Zechariah, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” I would ask that all Christians unite in prayer for the cessation of sin, — the oppression of the weak, — the accession of power at the sacrifice of individual rights; but especially that divine Love shield the innocent from the wrath of the guilty, and cause it to praise Love.

from *Watches, Prayers, and Arguments given by Mary Baker Eddy*, pages 69-70

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The Price of Liberty

William D. McCrackan

Liberty has never been established by a false peace. It takes the righteous facts of truth to satisfy the high ideals of liberty. Mrs. Eddy writes, "Truth crushed to earth springs spontaneously upward, and whispers to the breeze man's inalienable birthright — Liberty." (My.)

Pacifism, the attitude which clamors for peace at any price, produces a false peace which puts the world in confusion, for it gives the enemy just what it wants. Pacifism attempts to pacify without healing. Real pacification does not permit evils to be covered up, but uncovers evil in order to destroy it.

Nations must find out that they cannot commit crimes with impunity. Merely to restrain criminal nations would not guarantee peace, but to purge their governments of criminality will save the people who are now hypnotized by the criminal teachings of these nations. When individuals place their votes upon the people who have righteous views and the courage to stand for Principle in government affairs, there will be no danger of putting criminal politicians into power.

“Each day I pray for the pacification of all national difficulties, for the brotherhood of man, for the end of idolatry and infidelity, and for the growth and establishment of Christian religion — Christ’s Christianity. I also have faith that my prayer availeth, and that He who is overturning will overturn until He whose right it is shall reign. Each day I pray: ‘God bless my enemies; make them Thy friends; give them to know the joy and the peace of love.’”

from *Miscellany*, by Mary Baker Eddy, page 220



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“Be not afraid of the storms that beat against this rock. They can never overthrow the superstructures built thereon. The enemy is at work in Washington, and we have at last learned what the old dragon is and what he is not. He has not horns or hoofs, but he claims personality, for he is the error that says, ‘The “I” is a personal intelligence instead of the impersonal Good. And thus, I can go to minds mortal and breathe into their thoughts lies, temptations, and fears — and win them over to error.’

But, dear ones, ‘Resist this devil and he will flee from you. Draw near unto God and He will draw near unto you.’ A mental malpractice is this Satan unchained for a season. Watch that your house be not broken open. What I say unto you I say unto all: Watch.”

from *Mrs. Eddy’s letter to Eldridge and Melinda Smith in 1882* written from Washington DC and archived in the Mary Baker Eddy library

“God is governing His own universe all of the time, and governing it correctly. That which eternally is, that which counts, is to know that God has already done all things well, and this is the standpoint of Christian Science.”

from “*The United States of America*” *From Collected Writings*, by Bicknell Young

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