

# A Lecture on Christian Science

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the day he lay in the jungle when he was found by his enemy who, instead of destroying him, carried him into his own hut and nursed him until he was well; and then, instead of holding him in slavery, gave him his freedom. You explain to him that which withheld his enemy's hand and later save him, his freedom was mercy, compassion, liberty, equality, fraternity. These, you make clear to him, are qualities of Love. And you tell him that God is Love, and that Love is God.

You further cite to him an instance where two men owned jointly a piece of ground much desired by both were about to engage in warfare in order that one might possess, when one said to the other, "Why should we fight and kill? Your family has need of you. Let us see if we cannot find some right way out that will be satisfactory to us both. Pondering thus, they turned aside from thoughts of killing. You show him that that which prevented warfare between the two men was compassion, humanity, equity, justice. These, you explain to him again, are qualities of Love, and qualities of intelligence or Mind. And you again tell him that God is Love, and that God is Mind.

The worshiper of idols, a worshiper of idols no longer, his face "afire with divine love" (Science and Health, p.367), may say to you, My brother, this your God is a wonderful, a beautiful God. I now have no need of a graven stone image or of a mental image of God. I see now that God is with the wounded deer on the mountainside, with the sick man in the jungle, with the men who were about to destroy, with the mariner at sea outriding the storm. I see that he is here now, as in fraternal interest and pure desire we consider together His nature, name, or character. I now see that God is always present wherever the qualities of health, unselfishness, compassion, honesty, and peace are reflected to mankind. The man who worshipped the idols has now an intelligent idea of the presence and power of God, good. He has an intelligent understanding of Caution or God. He has ceased to worship idols.

### Orthodoxy

The objection is sometimes made that Christian Science is not orthodox. This brings up the question of what is and what is not orthodox. Human opinions combine in a statement of beliefs and then declare that those who differ from beliefs thus stated are unorthodox. The amount of this is: If you believe as we do, then you are orthodox. If you do not believe as we do, then you are decidedly unorthodox and "do not believe in the divinity of Christ!" Mrs. Eddy was written in this connection on page 25 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures": "The divinity of Christ was made manifest in the humanity of Jesus."

Regarding orthodoxy, may it not be said: That alone is orthodox which, proceeding from Principle or Truth, reflects the nature and character of the one Mind or God, is harmony, health, righteousness, and peace. Jesus established the basis of orthodoxy in the most simple and unmistakable language when he said, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

On page 497 of the Christian Science textbook will be found the religious tenets of Christian Science. If any person honestly believes that Christian Science deifies the divinity, goodness, purity, and reality of Christ Jesus, let him read these tenets. Let this person also read the chapter on "Atonement and Eucharist" in the same textbook. Let not this reading be done from a preconceived theological point of view, but honestly, as one would have an important fundamental statement of his own read by others. As a result such a person will find that he has, perhaps unwillingly, been led into the error of hasty and unrighteous judgment.

### Fear Suggestion Destroyed

The human mind, unfractured by divine Science, is controlled by its own suggestive fears of sin, disease, and death. Thus controlled, the mind is more or less continually looking for these evils. Now, this human mind is finding trouble, and frequently where no trouble exists, is illustrated in an interesting manner by the experience of a good lady at a picture exhibition where clouds of heavy dust were falling up from the seats of horses and cattle in the picture on the screen. This lady, whose coughing had disturbed many about her, was expelled finally to apologize for the disturbance, explaining to a lady sitting next to her that she could see but could not breathe because the dust irritated her lungs.

If one will go a little farther up the illustration it will serve to illustrate one of the evils of mental suggestion to give all manner of knowledge to the human mind, as shown in the picture where a horse, or any animal, was seen to be coughing, or any other such thing. It is a very well known fact that the mind is the seat of all knowledge, and that the mind is the seat of all suggestion. The mind is the seat of all suggestion, and the mind is the seat of all suggestion.

stance or thing which is leaving up on his consciousness a mental impression or mental suggestion, later to be reproduced in his active experience. Since the human mind, as instructed by Christian Science, is so constituted that it anticipates a preponderance of evil in all things, it will be seen at once that the majority of the impressions or suggestions thus coming to this human mind involve a preponderance of evil, which later will be reproduced in active experience. On the other hand, that person whose thought is fundamentally fortified by Christian Science is able to discriminate intelligently between the impressions and suggestions which present themselves, excluding those which later produce sin, sickness, and death. Such a person, furthermore, through the demonstration of Christian Science, admits into his consciousness only those ideas of truth and good which he desires later to see reproduced in his active experience, in facts of health, strength, righteousness, and peace.

### Disease Propaganda Destroyed

If one was seeking a vivid example of mental suggestion it would not be necessary to go any further than to look upon any so-called epidemic of disease which from time to time sweeps over this or any other country. Much of epidemic disease is nothing more nor less than disease propaganda. It is quite generally recognized that a close study, contemplation, or a fear of disease will frequently result in the reproduction of the symptoms of such disease. This is so well recognized among medical students that it is often the subject of a jest when a student is reported ill. Under such circumstances students will laugh in a jesting spirit in regard to the special disease which formed the subject of the day's lesson; the theory being that the symptoms of this particular disease have been developed by the student who is ill. If all the reports and bulletins in regard to so-called epidemics of disease were to be honored, one might feel as though he were surrounded by enemy germs and microbes, each particular germ endowed with the intelligence and cunning necessary to destroy the understanding and health of mankind.

During the course of a recent so-called epidemic of disease, I have encountered numerous interesting experiences, some of which have been quite illuminating. In some of the cities visited, schools, churches, theaters, and public gathering places generally were entirely closed. In other cities conditions varied as thought varied. In one very large city the regulations provided that church services might be held if the members of the congregations were seated at intervals of four feet apart. It was not apparent as to just how those who were responsible for the order arrived at this exact placement of four feet. I dare say the theory may have been that an active young man at his best might not be able to jump no far as four feet.

Coming into my home city of New York it was a wonderful relief to experience freedom from fearful and forbidding restrictions. Here were found churches, schools, theaters, and public gathering places open freely, and business going on in quite a normal, healthy fashion. Calling upon the health commissioner of New York to congratulate him upon the conditions which prevailed, I was thanked for the acknowledgment and received the assurance that those in charge did not believe it was a good plan to carry on a campaign of fear that would scare the people out of their existence.

The wisdom of this policy is shown by records which indicate that the mortality and sickness were much lower in New York city during this particular epidemic than in other cities and localities throughout the country which had been held under forbidding bans and bulletins of fear. This is particularly gratifying, since it is traditional with New York, that if it has an epidemic or anything else "the pride is to get" it a little bit harder than any other locality.

### Disease Thought-Germs

Let it be understood, however, in connection with this subject that the Christian Scientist does not ignore any more than he does the germ or disease. Too little is really known about the germ, however, to justify taking it as seriously as some would have us do.

Even among those who are supposed to know all about the germ there seems to be a very wide difference of opinion as to whether the germ starts the disease or the disease starts the germ. This point is well illustrated in the experience of a gentleman who graduated from a medical school a quarter of a century ago. This man followed the practice of medicine for a period of years, until he learned that there was another and better way in which the sick were healed, and that disease regenerated by the mind process in Christian Science.

Since that time this gentleman has devoted his activities and energies to the study of Christian Science, and he has been able to do so because the results of his own experience, which he has gradually learned, have been so convincing that he has been able to do so. He has been able to do so because the results of his own experience, which he has gradually learned, have been so convincing that he has been able to do so.

"think?" The professor, somewhat surprised, asked him what he meant by his question. "Well," answered the gentleman, "twenty-four years ago I was here in the very room doing the very things that you are doing here this morning, and I was wondering as I came into the hospital how far you had got along with the work in those twenty-four years. Have you found out yet, which is first, the germ or the disease?" "Oh," replied the professor, looking at him curiously for a moment, "you came around again in twenty-four years!" All that there is to a germ is a diseased thought; and all there is to a diseased thought-germ is, in, to, and of the mortal mind, that mind which Jesus described as a liar, "murderer from the beginning," and without truth. Mrs. Eddy refers to this subject on page 164 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" when she says, "Much yet remains to be said and done before all mankind is saved and all the mental microbes of sin and all diseased thought-germs are exterminated." The Christian Scientist knows that an idea of Truth, of Mind or God, will at once destroy disease-thought-germs, whose only existence is in, to, and of the mortal mind. This mortal mind being a liar, and having no truth in itself, cannot produce in its own beliefs either truth or reality with which to oppose God's ideas.

### Erroneous Methods Disclosed

In the use of a material medicine or serum, no intelligent person will agree for a moment that the drug or serum has intelligence or wisdom in itself to go to a certain part of the human organism and there do the exact thing necessary to be done in order to establish harmony. Neither will any intelligent person agree that the drug or serum has a supernatural or magical power enabling it to establish harmony. Then it follows that there must be a combination of faith and mental suggestion that operates to produce whatever result is supposed to follow the use of the drug or serum.

None of the noble men and women who have labored unselfishly and patiently for the alleviation of human suffering will consent to the proposition that any comfort they had brought to mankind was the result of the unworthy belief that the medicines used were endowed either with intelligence or a magical power to act.

The comfort and help that have been brought to mankind through the lives of noble men and women devoted to the relief of human suffering have been due to their honest prayers, desires, and unselfish love for mankind, and not to any superstition or makeshift of matter.

It would be considered the height of the ridiculous if some person was to go to a board of education and tell the members of that board that he had, at great expense and pains, made a collection of chalk that had been used in erroneous mathematical calculation. That from the chalk so collected, a serum had been prepared with which to inoculate fresh pieces of chalk, the theory being that the use of the chalk thus inoculated would lessen the liability to erroneous mathematical calculations. Some one may say, "Why, that is nonsense and is ridiculous!" That is exactly what it is, ridiculous and nonsensical! Yet it is not something of this sort that is suggested for the acceptance of mankind, and to which mankind are expected to submit their bodies with the idea of establishing harmony?

One may object to this and say: "Why, there is no logic in such an argument. The chalk is simply a piece of inorganic matter; it has no intelligence or mind as has the human body. Ah! it is the mind, then associated with the material body, which must be taken into consideration and treated!" In this event, where in mind will one inject a serum, or introduce a drug?

**Scientific Procedure**  
Since it is the human mind that is to be treated, then it must be the human mind that is sick. It is obvious that that which is sick cannot be its own healer, else it would not be sick. It follows, then, that the divine or immortal Mind is the only medicine and healer that can be used legitimately to cure the sick mortal mind. Through this action of the divine Mind the mortal mind is disabused of the belief that it has a sick body. This procedure is scientific and true, and if followed understandingly and consistently will reconstruct and heal the sick and sinning.

The Christian Scientist, when handling disease, has no fear of the germ enemy despite the testimony of the physical senses, and despite the conclusion advanced by human reason, based upon the testimony of the physical senses. He knows something, at least, of what the omnipresence of God means. He knows that it means the omnipresence of divine Mind. Wherever he goes this presence of omnipresence is with him, regardless of what the physical senses may testify as to the assumed presence and power of enemy microbes or enemy germs. The universe of the Christian Scientist is filled with God's love, and it is this love that is the source of all healing. He knows that this universal love is a life without death or reality, and that it is the only power. Having come something of the omnipresence and omnipotence of God, the endeavor of the Christian Scientist is to reflect in his own mind and in his own life the omnipresence of God in all things, and to reconstruct human

thought. He knows, in a degree, that the omnipresence of God is not a divided omnipresence in which sin, disease, and death also are factors. With thought thus established, the Christian Scientist is not particularly disturbed by so-called climatic changes, seasonal changes, or changes of the weather. He has learned that his business is not with climatic or seasonal changes, with colds, coughs, influenza, or whatever else it may be called tomorrow. He knows that his business first, last and always is with God, the divine and immortal Mind whose nature or character is everywhere present and always operative for the good of mankind.

### Healing Propaganda

One is beginning to hear the statement made that Christian Scientists have a very efficient method of carrying on religious propaganda. This statement, without doubt, is based upon the steady growth of Christian Science throughout the world. In order that one may avoid unjust criticism it is important that a clear distinction be made at this point. The work of Christian Science is healing and educational. It is not propaganda.

The difference between the healing and educational work of Christian Science and a process of propaganda, ecclesiastical, political, medical or otherwise, is as distinct as day and night. Christian Science places before human thought the fact of healing as self-evident truth. On the other hand, what is termed propaganda presents to thought certain statements which do not bear the conviction of self-evident truth within themselves. Such statements require a system of mental suggestion, or mental influence, apart from themselves to bring about their acceptance. The theory of propaganda, therefore, involves the erroneous basis that, if you can succeed in making all of the people believe a thing is so, it will be so.

The subtlety and error of such a theory should be apparent in these days to the most casual observer. The great world war now closing was brought about by this theory of suggestive propaganda. Furthermore, the breaking up of the world war has disclosed the logical result of this distorted theory—its total and dismal failure as applied to the government of nations.

### The Homeland

The scriptures inform us that Abraham went out from his father's house seeking a "city which hath foundations," a new country. This new country, as it is revealed in Christian Science, is not just a quantity of material earth bounded by geographical lines and designated by the name of a nation. It is not just the green shaded lanes and purpurine brooks, however densely beset with childhood days and associated with homeland they may seem to be. The Homeland, Native Country, Fatherland, is the city sought by Abraham. Homeland is that understanding of Principle or God which unfolds true and right ideas leading into constructive reform and good will to men. It is not to be entered by the portals of what mortals believe to be death, but by an understanding and demonstration of the qualities of eternal Truth and good, today and here. The Fatherland is that realm of infinite Mind in which ideas of constructive good are continually unfolding. It is that realm of Mind in which the flower never loses its fragrance, in which love never becomes unlovely nor ceases its wholesome and pure incentives. This is the Father-Motherland to which mankind is looking in Christian Science. This understanding of Homeland builds up the true

spirit. No mortal eye can see, no ear can hear the presence of Spirit. The witness, however, of Spirit is the same in all languages. This witness is the sign of healing and regeneration. This book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," is unfolding to mankind the true idea of Caution or God. This unfolding is reflected in a higher idea of life, more adequate health, courage, confidence, ability, strength, uprightness, honesty, and good will. As these fruits of Christian Science

### Gratitude to Mrs. Eddy

Christian Scientists have a tender regard, love, and gratitude for their revered Leader, Mary Baker Eddy. It would not be right to assume that there is anything in the nature of personal worship in this attitude. On the contrary, this feeling of regard and gratitude is in acknowledgment and recognition of the broad, universal service to humanity which characterized Mrs. Eddy's life.

From the time of her healing on that memorable Sunday morning in the year 1866, Mrs. Eddy's life was spent consistently and exclusively in unfolding the facts connected with her healing in such terms and manner as would best be understood by the human mind. It was necessary that these facts should be rightly correlated, and the science which governed them made clear, in order that mankind always shall have at hand the means to alleviate and heal sickness, sin and sorrow.

It is not unnatural, therefore, that those who have been restored to health, joy, and peace by Christian Science should express gratitude to God for the Science that has made them free. Neither is it strange that these should express gratitude as well to the noble woman whose life work made it possible to experience such healing and peace.

### Fulfillment

It is recorded of Jesus that, coming to the city of Nazareth, he entered the synagogue, and taking up the Book, opened it to the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." And closing the Book, he said to those who are gathered about: "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Likewise, my friends, the recognition is growing among intelligent people everywhere that the words of Christian Science reflect the existence of a definite law. Furthermore, the recognition is growing that the operation of this law is available in Christian Science to heal and bless all mankind in the degree that the law is rightly understood and put into practice.

### The Christian Science Textbook

The statement of this law, or Christian Science, and the method of application are found in all of the writings of Mrs. Eddy, more especially in the book "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," which is the only textbook on Christian Science healing.

One edition of this work is printed in the English language throughout. One edition is printed in the French language, with the English translation on opposite pages. And one edition is printed in the German language, with the English translation on opposite pages. The language of Spirit is universal. No human tongue can frame the sound of

come into your experience, you will recognize that they belong to and identify the nature or character of God. Thus, these fruits will be to you the witness or evidence of immortality, or "God with you,"—God with you—and, my friends, if God be the one eternal Mind, or Caution, be with you here and now. "Why search the future and the past? Who do you look with fearful eyes, and see far off, for a glimpse of death? Life's pearl is here."

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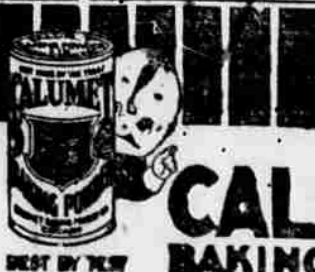
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