

A Lecture on Christian Science

Entitled Christian Science: The Science of Ever-Present Good by Robert Stanley Ross, C. S. B.

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Christian Science is practical religion and finds ready response amongst practically minded persons. Although the period allotted to me is necessarily brief, I shall endeavor nevertheless to tell you as simply and concisely as possible at least something about the Principle and rule of Christian Science, the science of ever-present Good—something about its method or modus operandi.

For the full, complete, and original statement of Christian Science, I refer you, of course, to that unique volume, the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy.

The Master's Mission The Bible tells us that Jesus came to do the will of the Father and to destroy the works of the devil. By studying the Gospels, you will find that the Master spent most of his time liberating those who believed they were in bondage to sin, disease, and death. If these evils were real, that is, if they were of God, Jesus would have destroyed God by destroying them.

It is not self-evident that, if God were directly or indirectly responsible for evil, if He were in any way associated with human suffering, the crying of mankind would be useless and that Christian Science, medicine, surgery, philanthropy, or any other method of treatment to which one might appeal for help would be illegitimate.

Resisting Evil Several months ago, for example, I heard a commotion on the street behind me. Looking backwards, I saw a cat running in my direction pursued by a dog. Presently another dog appeared on the scene, cutting off retreat. Faced by this dilemma, the cat started to cross the roadway at a point where two trolley cars, going in opposite directions, were about to pass each other.

Prayer is Gratitude Accordingly, prayer as understood in Christian Science is not an appeal to the Giver of all good to do more than He has already done, nor to grant the special requests of a petitioner. Rather it is joyful recognition and humble, prayerful, childlike affirmation of the forever fact that God has already done all things well; that where evil seems to be, there is the presence, activity, and power of God, good. True prayer enables us to look through and beyond this mystified human sense of things into the rarefied atmosphere of spiritual reality, where we see things as they are, not as they seem to be.

This prayer of joy and gratitude, rebuking and rising above senseless testimony, demonstrates that men need not be out of health, happiness, home, friends, employment, money, nor anything else that is necessary and good, so long as they understand spiritually that man cannot be outside the realm of God, infinite good. God has not made a poor man or a sick man or a sinner. Therefore, if obeyed, the same divine Principle

which Christian Scientists invoke daily in their own and others' behalf to silence pain, heal a broken heart, and restore wasted tissue of the body, may be depended upon also to replenish a depleted purse. The Psalmist sang, "No good thing will I withhold from them that call uprightly," and Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

Opportunity and Supply There is no more concord between Christianity and poverty than there is between Christianity and any other phase of human discord and limitation, sin, disease, and death included. Whatever seemed to be the human need of those who turned to him for help, Jesus demonstrated God's willingness and God's ability to meet that need and to do so instantaneously.

Although God is a respecter of persons, He is not a respecter of material things. The divine Principle regards one idea or reflection as highly as another. If some persons seem to be abounding more abundantly in good than others, this is not due to divine discrimination, but to the activity in human consciousness of divine law, a law which Christian Scientists recognize is ever present and is available to all as it is to one. But before divine law can become operative in our behalf, we must be joyfully expectant of good. We must lay claim humbly and importunately to all that is included in man's birthright now as the chosen of God, who is dominant, not over supposed persons, circumstances and things, but over a mortally mental sense of the universe, including man; for Mrs. Eddy tells us on page 80 of Science and Health that "mortal mind sees what it believes as it sees it, feels, hears, and sees its own thoughts."

Overcoming Limitation Some time ago, for example, while motoring with a friend through a public park in one of our large mid-western cities, I saw a beautiful polar bear going through a series of motions from which, I learned, he never deviates. Year in and year out, the bear takes three or four steps forward and, without turning, the same number backward hundreds of times a day with tedious exactness. When asked for an explanation, the keeper said that the animal grew up in a cage that permitted him to take only those few steps in either direction. Although he is now at liberty to roam where he will in a large, rugged outdoor inclosure, including a pool of water, he still goes through the same motions of bondage to his own sense of limitation, believes still that he has room enough for a few steps only.

Like the bear, are not most persons in bondage, more or less, to the belief of limitation? Christian Science, however, is showing mankind how to throw off the small-sage habit. Instead of telling us to bow submissively to suggestions of limited health, limited happiness, limited opportunity, limited ability, limited income, and so forth, this Science encourages us to face fearlessly the fear calling itself limitation, in the assurance that error is never real or true, pleads for limitation as it will. Through the sun seems to rise, it is the earth turning. Though the earth seems to be flat, we know it is round. Though, at the horizon, ships seem to disappear, they continue on their way. And so it is to be with the spiritual world. The unreality of all sense testimony with its lying limitations, and cheerfully, confidently, expectantly fix our gaze on spiritual reality, which is ever-present, unchangeable, unlimited good, and to which sin, disease, sorrow, poverty, failure, discouragement, disaster, and death are unknown.

Let it be understood clearly, however, that the religion of Christian Science cannot be used for the primary purpose of promoting one's other narrow, selfish purposes. The religion of Christian Science can be used for one purpose only, namely, for acquainting one's self and others with God, infinite good. Knowing, however, that God rewards humanity with that which makes the pursuit of heavenly riches their chief aim in life, Jesus said, "Seek ye the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things (human necessities) shall be added unto you." Accordingly, it is not organization, financing, or patronage that is fundamentally important to one's success in business, in law, in medicine, in spiritual recognition, man's unity with God and of God's impartial, unchanging love for man in the light of this divine law, we see that every child, man, and woman, as an idea of divine Principle, Mind, stands before the Almighty with an equal right to not only health and happiness, but to opportunity and success. It is our sacred privilege to demonstrate this spiritual fact.

Do not the Scriptures exhort us to love our neighbor as ourselves? This means, of course, that we should rejoice over the good that comes to others as wholeheartedly as we rejoice over the good that comes to us. It means that we should find our own health, happiness, and success in the health and happiness and success of others. Consequently, the surest way to insure our own failure is to look for and count upon the failure of others; and, contrariwise, the surest way to succeed ourselves is to recognize our neighbor's divine right to succeed, to encourage him in his endeavors, and to rejoice with him when he does succeed. "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." When mundane affairs are ordered in accordance with the Golden Rule, the law of Love, the discord and strife so commonly associated with human relationships will cease. Then we shall see that success in business and other legitimate pursuits depends not upon human competition but upon neighborly, brotherly, Christian cooperation.

In order to determine how clearly the pupils of a Christian Science

Sunday School class understood the law of Love, I asked them one Sunday morning what would be their attitude toward a playmate who, for example, should appear among them with a pretty new dress, new hat, new shoes, and so on, even though they should seem at the time not to have anything nearly so new and so pretty. Without a moment's hesitation, a tiny girl replied cheerfully, "I'd be glad she had them." Here was no competition, no rivalry, no envy! Would you question for an instant whether any needed thing could be withheld in turn from such sweet, scientific usefulness? That dear child had learned early and well what the Master meant when he said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your ears. For with the same measure that ye mete with it shall be measured to you again." She had learned that in order to receive, the closed hand must first be opened to give.

The Modus Operandi According to Christian Science, then, ever-present, unchangeable, good is and always will be the basis, starting point, or Principle of true thought and demonstration. To human sense, however, this fact must be a revelation or discovery. The dawning upon human consciousness of the idea of ever-present good is the appearing of Christ, Truth, which which Jesus came to reveal and exemplify. This divine appearing constitutes Christian Science practice and brings about in human experience that which is known as healing. Fundamentally, however, this process is not the healing of sick persons nor sinners, nor of persons who believe they are sick and sinning, but it is the dispelling of a false personal sense by spiritual recognition of the glorious fact that the real man, the Christ-man, which is true selfhood, has never been sick nor a sinner, discouraged nor a failure. The power which accompanies this perfect idea, this recognition of reality, is irresistible. It opens wide the floodgates of omnipotence. It ushers into human consciousness the very presence of God.

Therefore, the method or modus operandi of Christian Science is the art of maintaining, through meekness and love, such a clear, unobstructed outlook upon spiritual reality that the mesmerism of customary, popular belief, scientifically termed mortal mind or animal magnetism, cannot becloud our thinking and thereby prevent us from recognizing ever-present good. In this way we may rely only on what we see for ourselves and others the unreality of that which to human sense seems to be real and substantial. Instead of doing something to supposedly separate our outward persons, circumstances, and things, we have only to clarify our own thought spiritually and love to remove the beam or false material concept from our own thinking and see the universe and man as the spiritual idea of God, hence perfect, in order to remove the mote or error that seems to be part of our neighbor. Mrs. Eddy writes in this way only can we see for ourselves, "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him, where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick."

Conclusion This unerring Mind or Principle which, in her extremity, healed Mrs. Eddy and inspired her to write and publish the Christian Science textbook, prompted her also to establish The Mother Church and its system of branches as the necessary and best means for proclaiming her teachings and, through them, redeeming the race. Hence, the Christian Science church is a healing institution. It offers regular services on Sundays and, on Wednesdays, testimony meetings where one may hear those who have been healed by Christian Science tell about it. It offers Christian Science Sunday schools where children who are accepted as pupils are taught how to utilize this glorious, demonstrable understanding of God. It offers free Christian Science Reading Rooms, where the authorized literature may be read, purchased, or borrowed. It offers, in the back part of The Christian Science Journal, a list of recognized practitioners who, when called upon, are prepared to help those who seem to be unable temporarily to help themselves.

Finally, let it be understood clearly that healing is only one Christian Science revealed by God to his loving, watchful, obedient servant, Mary Baker Eddy. God selected Mrs. Eddy to be His messenger and scribe to this and future ages because she was wholly worthy and capable of carrying out the divine commission. It is as necessary for him who would succeed as a Christian Scientist to keep this fact clearly before him and gratefully to acknowledge it, as it is for the mariner to refer constantly to chart and compass and obey them in order to steer his ship safely past the rocks and shoals along the way. Owing to this saintly woman's discovery, the world is witnessing in accordance with prophecy the establishment as a permanent, scientific, demonstrable system of measure that ye mete with it shall be measured to you again." She had learned that in order to receive, the closed hand must first be opened to give.

Improving Hall—When members of Blue Mt. Grange held their regular meeting Saturday forenoon was spent in working about the hall and the afternoon session was given over to transacting business. Three new applications for membership were received and one was voted on for reinstatement. Several important resolutions were passed and these will be presented at the next Pomona meeting. Two appointments were made, Frank Jagger to take the place of Ed Eckley on the legislative committee, Mr. Eckley, with Mrs. Eckley, having gone to California to spend the winter, and O. C. Fleishman to take over the grange insurance agency for Blue Mountain.

Have New Daughter—Edward Council, of Ladd Canyon, has received word of the birth of a 34 pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ward at their home at Fullerton, Cal. Sept. 23. Mr. Ward lived in Ladd Canyon for several years and has many friends in that locality.

Entertainers—Mrs. Jerry Standley entertained at her home on Catherine creek Thursday evening in honor of the birthday of Miss Fay Moudy, Jim Devore and Mr. Standley. The birthday cake was an angel food, adorned with candles to represent Miss Moudy's birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Moudy and children, Fay, Everett, Steven, and Laura, Gerald and Donna Lee Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Devore and Mr. and Mrs. Standley.

60th Wedding Anniversary—From Eugene we learn that Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Austin of the College Crest district last week celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. A family dinner was given at the home of their 60th-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Iseninger, in observance of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin were married in Des Moines, Iowa. They have lived in Eugene for 15 years. They have two daughters, Mrs. Iseninger and Mrs. B. Scott, both of Eugene; one son, E. A. Austin, of La Grande; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Both are 66 years old. Mrs. Austin's birthday being on September 15, and Mr. Austin's on May 9.

To Baker—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grandy, of Ladd Canyon, drove to Baker Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sullivan. They drove through Ladd Canyon both ways and found it a very beautiful drive at this time of the season and the road in good condition.

In La Grande—Mrs. Jimmy King and the Misses Margaret Callahan and Oehler, of the Imbler High school faculty, were in La Grande Wednesday evening to attend the meeting of the literature study section of the A. A. U. W.

Get-Together Club—There was a good attendance Thursday when the Get-Together club met again, this time with Mrs. Henry Council in Ladd Canyon. There was a short business meeting presided over by the vice president, Mrs. Sarah Banton, and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in social conversation after which Mrs. Council served



Mrs. J. G. Falck, Ogden, electa head of the Service Star Legion at that organization's national convention.

Issue Call For a New Minister COVE BAPTISTS (Special)—The Rev. Mr. Baker of Vancouver, Wash., is to take charge of the local Baptist church, coming for services both morning and evening Sunday. Monday he looked for a house, returning to Vancouver for his family. He has a wife and four children. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Robinson.

Lone Pine Society Will Hear Debate WALLAWA (Special)—Considerable interest is being shown in the debate on county consolidation scheduled at the Lone Pine Literary Friday evening. This question has been given considerable publicity in this county by the press recently as a possible means of tax reduction. Many and varied opinions are heard and it is probable a number of debates will be arranged for various parts of the county the next few weeks.

Mrs. John Couch, of Leap, had a truck load of fat hogs and several head of cattle here last week for shipment to Portland.

Mrs. Swearingen Given a Surprise PROMISE (Special)—Mrs. Maude Swearingen was very pleasantly surprised Wednesday when several of her friends arrived unannounced and proceeded to spread out a well-prepared lunch. After the lunch each lady placed a friendship quilt block, with their name embroidered on same, which they presented to Mrs. Swearingen. These spent a very pleasant afternoon visiting. Mmes. Leatia Bertia and Almendra Carper, Ravenna McDonald, Julia Sanner, Lida Truemp, Alice Smith, Allie Smith, Mary Moore, Beatie Corbett, Nellie Fleishman, Emily Phillips, Maude Henderson, Myra Corbett, Emma Lindsey, Wanita Tucker, Elma Corbett, and Maude Swearingen.

SCHOOL BELL HUNG AGAIN CORNING, I. O.—Modern timepieces have proved inadequate in hastening the schoolward trip of Corning boys and girls, say members of the school board, so they have resurrected the old bell from its basement resting place and hung it again in the tower.

NEWCOMERS GIVEN BREAKFAST MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Sometimes as often as once a month the Memphis chamber of commerce welcomes newcomers to the city with breakfast in the city journal, a list of recognized practitioners who, when called upon, are prepared to help those who seem to be unable temporarily to help themselves.

Over The Valley Personals

From Portland—Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Ewin, of Portland, were here from Portland a few days last week at the home of their son, Henry Ewin and Mrs. Ewin, in Ladd Canyon and with their daughter, Mrs. Clarence Green, in La Grande. Little Billy Ewin, son of Sherrell Ewin, accompanied them.

Home From Trip—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Welch returned Thursday to their home at Imbler from an extended trip to the Middle West, and report a wonderful vacation which dated from Sept. 13. In addition to inspecting the Century of Progress exposition, they visited relatives and friends at Ft. Madison and Keokuk, Iowa, and Rich Hill and Pleasant Hill, Mo.

Delicious Apples—Delicious, Rome Beauty, Baldwin, Gano, 10 to 60 box, Jonathan and small Delicious 25c box. Bring box C. W. Cleaver, on highway at Imbler. 10-27-2 t

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a two-course luncheon. Mrs. Frank Council invited the women to have their next meeting at her home, Nov. 2.

Cricket Unit, Grange—Members of this subordinate will hold their regular meeting Saturday evening, Oct. 28 at their hall northeast of Main. The H. E. C. club also meets at this time. The Grange is busy with plans for a program and basket social to be held at their meeting place, the Highland school, Nov. 8. The Highland Cemetery association is co-operating with the Grange in this event.

Improving—Mrs. H. A. Fager, of the sidehill near La Grande, who has been ill for several weeks is improving, but is still confined to the hospital in La Grande. Mr. Fager seems to be getting along nicely looking after the family and things about the house.

Meeting Changed—The meeting of the county Rehearsal association which was to have been held Tuesday evening at Summerville has been postponed until Thursday evening, Nov. 2.

School Faculty Given Reception WALLAWA (Special)—The Women's club held an informal reception for members of the school faculty at the M. E. church Friday eve-

ning. The Chi Chi's (girls' club) had charge of the decorations and a Hall-lorion motif predominated throughout the room. Following a short program of music, a number of games were enjoyed by the large number of friends and patrons who attended. Light refreshments were served. Mrs. J. B. Gregory was general chairman of the affair.

Presbyterian Are Recent Guests WALLAWA (Special)—Mrs. O. W. McKenzie was hostess to 18 members and friends of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Wednesday. Mrs. George Dale had charge of the devotions. During the business meeting final plans were made for the annual experience meeting and sock social, Tuesday, Oct. 31. Mrs. Roy McKenzie assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

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CAMPUS THIEVES RETURN BOULDER, Col. (AP)—Last year burglars looted every one of the 12 fraternity houses on the Colorado university campus, taking chiefly clothing and money. School had only been open a couple of weeks this fall when four chapter halls were visited again. This time they lost furniture.

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