

A LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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and establishes the government of divine Principle, God.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE A SURE DEFENSE

We all know that when suit is brought by one man against another that the defendant usually appears in court to defend himself. If the defendant by reason of his ignorance of this right fails to appear or because of his negligence fails to put in a defense, the plaintiff, even though his claims are false, may secure a judgment against the defendant by default, the same as though the claims were proven true.

Let us suppose that A. sues B. The claims that he makes against B. are false. B. should appear, produce the true facts, so exposing the falsity of A.'s claim, which would then be cast out of court as worthless and B. would be in no danger. The truth has saved him. But suppose B. through ignorance of his rights, or fear of A. or because he is negligent, fails to defend himself. Judgment is given against him and he suffers from the false claims the same as though they were true. His own folly has punished him. Mortals are in much the same position as B., the man who is being sued. Claims are being made against them, against their life, happiness and health. Evil is the plaintiff and has a host of false witnesses. It is of interest to note that evil is defined in the original text of the Bible as accuser. The claims are totally false, and all that man needs to do is to assert his rights, know and declare the truth, that evil never has had, has not now, and never can have any legitimate claim on man or his being; that man is of God, is subject only to His laws, and has a God-given right to life, to health and to happiness. When man understands his divine rights he cannot be made the victim of evil, sin or disease.

If, however, mortal man has not learned of his rights to immunity from evil and sickness, or is afraid of these claims and puts in no defense, or if knowing his rights he neglects to defend himself, in any of these cases judgment is taken against him as though the claims were true, since nothing is done to expose their falsity. My friends, we have been allowing unjust judgment to be taken against us. We have not been defending our rights to life, health and happiness, sometimes because of negligence, more often because of ignorance. Christian Science shows us how to make our own defense, expose the falsity of evil's claims and preserve the integrity of our well-being.

HOW TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The question is often asked, What is necessary for one to acquire that understanding of God and man which displaces the false concepts of materiality with the truth of spiritual being, heals the sick, and enables one to solve life's problem? Earnest study of the truth as set forth in the Bible and Science and Health, and its constant application in daily life, is essential. It is also necessary in approaching this question to remember that God and not man governs the universe. It is God's will and not the personal will of mortal man that must control. Not infrequently people come to Christian Science for help with the desire to have God work in their way. They wish to tell God what to do and perhaps offer a little advice on the best way for Him to do it. Such a state of mind never gets near to God, for it has failed to recognize that man's whole being is the expression of God and is eternally subject to His will, which governs the universe for the benefit and happiness of all.

Self-surrender, surrender of the mortal sense of selfhood, is necessary to know God. Mortal man must be willing to let God's will be done whether or not it coincides with his personal preference. Many business deals ought never to work out the way men would have them and Christian Science will never help through a dishonest business deal or give the slightest assistance to any evil purpose. It is the operation of God's will alone. God dwelleth with him that is of an humble and contrite spirit. Friends, it requires true courage to be humble.

It should further be borne in mind that God eschews all evil, that he does not tolerate selfishness, self-will, dishonesty or sin in any form. He who seeks to understand God must do so with this fact in mind and be willing to surrender the mortal sense of self and all of his false mortal beliefs as rapidly as they come to light. He must be sincere and honest. Some try to get to heaven carrying a little hell along with them, under cover. Hell is our sinful beliefs and the fires of suffering they inevitably bring. Such a one makes a bad bargain in Christian Science and A. V. finds that he cannot lay hold of deity, Miss one hand while holding Meyer with the other. We can change our

not serve two masters. God is One and infinite, and His blessings come not to the self-seeker, to the hypocrite or to the worldly-wise, who, snugly wrapped in the garments of his self-conceit would try a little of God in a way of his own.

It is the self-surrender of her who gave the widow's mite, her earthly all, the contrition of the publican, the brotherly love of the good Samaritan, that marks the earnest seeker for God and enables him to reach the heart of ever-present Love. Jesus said, "Except ye . . . become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." This showing that the kingdom of heaven is not a place but a state of consciousness, to find which one must acquire the childlike qualities of love, gentleness, humility, unselfishness, purity and goodness. Thus we see that heaven is not a future state of regal refuge but a present reward for righteous thinking. Instead of dying his way into heaven, man must think his way in, and this is just as true this day and hour as when Jesus said it. It is these childlike qualities of thought that one needs to gain an understanding of Christian Science, to gain the Mind of Christ, the consciousness of Truth.

Little by little, through study and application, one acquires these qualities of thought and comes into living oneness with ever-present good, God. Thus is man's consciousness so filled with goodness that sin, disease, and sorrow are brought under subjection, cast out, and destroyed.

PRAYER

Through true prayer man learns to know God. A correct understanding of prayer is therefore essential to an understanding of Christian Science. Scientific prayer is the modus of all Christian accomplishment. A Christian Science treatment is prayer. As Christian Science explains it, prayer is not imploring a far-away Deity. It is the simple and natural process of thinking in accord with the ever-present Principle, incorporeal good, God. It is that thinking which shuts out the claims of material sense and places all trust, confidence, and faith in God, relying solely upon His power and wisdom to protect and maintain the integrity of His universe, including man. Thus we see that the Scriptural command, "Pray without ceasing," simply means to think righteously always. Through prayer thus understood man finds his oneness in thought and character with God, his scientific and eternal unity with divine Mind, everlasting good. Through prayer he gains the light of Truth in consciousness that drives out fear, heals disease, and gives man the moral strength which resists and overcomes sin. Prayer is man's active manifestation of his oneness with God. It is right mental activity based on a true concept of God and man. Since sin, disease and all evil is the outcome of wrong thinking, it must be plain that the prayer of right thinking is the only way that overcomes the world, the flesh, and all evil. It is man's God-given privilege whereby he finds his oneness with the infinite and his place in the infinite plan.

"On earth peace, good will toward men," was the message that heralded Jesus' ministry. For nearly two thousand years these words and the prayer of the Master: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," have been on the lips of Christendom. But what is the trouble? Something has failed. Somewhere there has been a hitch. Something has been out of gear. "This people draw near me with their mouth," wrote Isaiah, "and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me." The trouble has not been with men's words, it has been with men's thoughts. Rivers of words will not bring God's kingdom to earth in a thousand centuries; universal right thinking will establish it in a day. And universal right thinking is no more and no less than every individual thinking, that is, praying rightly. We each have a duty to perform, not only to ourselves but to society. The brotherhood of man can never be a fact while an evil thought remains in your consciousness or mine. Our words and our thoughts need to be brought into agreement.

MRS. EDDY

Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, was a gentle, refined, and cultured, New England woman. A native of New Hampshire, she received her early religious training from Puritan parents, becoming a member of the Congregational church in her girlhood. Mrs. Eddy early in life evidenced a deeply religious nature. She was ever seeking for the truth about life as the Bible taught it, without concern for merely man-made doctrines, as evidenced by her refusal to accept the doctrine of pre-destination when she joined the orthodox church.

Passing through human trials of more than usual severity but always trusting in God and seeking to know more of Him, Mrs. Eddy discovered the law of Christian healing at a time when a severe accident threatened her life and her entire trust had been placed in other than material remedies. Her first glimpse of this spiritual law through which she was then healed was followed by complete retirement from society for several years in order that she might the more diligently devote her time to the study of the Scriptures and glean from them a fuller understanding of this law and its application to human needs. In 1875 the text-book of Christian Science, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," was published by her, setting forth the result of her labors. The Bible, with which all the teachings of Christian Science are in agreement, and this book, have ever remained the basis of all Christian Science teaching.

For her unflinching courage in the face of a world opposed to her, for her unflinching devotion to Principle, for her love for God and her devotion to the cause of universal betterment, and for her wise and loving leadership, Christian Scientists honor and respect Mrs. Eddy. They recognize her great work for them and for all mankind, even the reopening and making plain of the way for individual and universal salvation. To hold a lesser opinion of her and her life-work would be to deny what is true. It would be to shut out honesty and leave the heart frozen with the ingratitude which shuts the door on good, to him who is thus deceived. We all need gratitude, for gratitude goes hand in hand with right thinking. Gratitude is indeed the acknowledgment of good present. Gratitude is the recognition of God with us and opens the doors of thought to heavenly things.

Many expressions of the highest regard and respect for physicians and ministers are to be found in the writings of Mrs. Eddy, although she could not concur with their views upon medical and religious subjects. Christian Scientists entertain no hostility toward the medical profession nor toward those whose religious opinions differ from their own. They respect in the fullest degree the right of every individual to think as he or she may choose upon medical or religious matters, free from interference from others, and they ask but the same privilege for themselves.

CONCLUSION

My friends, but two things are happening in the world today. Every experience, every phenomena, however insignificant or however important it may seem, from the mortal combat of nations to the kind thought of the little child, is but a part either of the temporal and disappearing phenomena of evil destroying itself, or a part of the true and enduring phenomena of God manifesting Himself. Neither you nor I can swerve a hair's breadth the immutable operation of these laws of God. What you and I may do is to choose whether we shall be dominated and deceived by evil hastening to its final destruction, with its attendant hell of suffering, or whether we shall be obedient to the divine Mind, God, and partakers of the genuine happiness, health and well-being to which we are rightfully entitled.

Christian Science does not argue with any one. It does not urge any one to accept its teachings. It simply presents them to the world as they are and points to the evidence of the multitude of men and women who have tried them and found them not wanting. The choice must be individual. No one can work out our salvation for us. No one can know God by proxy. Like the river that floweth for all and giveth freely to him who cometh to it, whosoever he may be, but goeth not out of its course for any man, so Christian Science is a stream of living water flowing out into human consciousness, free to all who will partake of its blessings.

As stated on page 102 of Science and Health, "There is but one real attraction, that of Spirit," and sooner or later every man, woman and child must find his or her correct relationship with God, and find it in the way that the Bible teaches, through right thinking, the understanding and demonstration of God and His idea.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, on the 14th day of December, 1916, and to me directed upon a judgment that was enrolled and docketed in the office of the clerk of said Court on the first day of December, 1916, in a certain suit then pending in said Circuit Court wherein W. C. Winslow was plaintiff and C. G. Long and Mary C. Long, his wife, were defendants, (Case No. 4934) a judgment was rendered in favor of the above-named plaintiff, W. C. Winslow, and against the above-named defendants, C. G. Long and Mary C. Long, his wife, for the sum of Six Hundred Six and Ten-100 Dollars (\$606.10), together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 4th day of February, 1916, until paid, and the further sum of Sixty and No-100 Dollars (\$60.00), attorney's fees, and the further sum of Nineteen and No-100 Dollars (\$19.00), costs and disbursements and the costs of and upon this writ; and whereas it was further ordered and decreed by said Court that the following property should be sold by me to satisfy said execution, I will, on Saturday, the 20th day of January, 1917, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M. of said day at the front door of the County Court House at Dallas, Oregon, in Polk County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on day of sale, all the right, title and interest and estate which the said defendants have and all persons claiming under them have in or to the hereinafter described premises and every part thereof, said property being described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 3 in Block No. 1 in Henry Hill's Town of Independence, Polk County; thence West 74 1/2 feet; thence South 102 feet; thence East 74 1/2 feet; thence North 102 feet to the place of beginning, all being situated in Henry Hill's Town of Independence, Polk County, Oregon. Save and except therefrom the North Fifty (50) feet.

Said sale being subject to redemption in the manner provided by law, the proceeds thereof to be applied to the payment of the aforesaid judgment, and that in case any proceeds are left after the satisfaction of Plaintiff's said judgment the same shall be paid over to said defendants as their interests may appear hereinafter.

Dated at Dallas, this 19th day of December, 1916.

JOHN W. ORR,
Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.
W. C. WINSLOW,
Attorney for Plaintiff. T.D.19-116

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Pursuant to the terms of the Will of the late Gideon Sowers, the undersigned Executor of said Will offers for sale, for cash, at private sale the following described premises belonging to said estate, to-wit:

Lot 1 in Block I, Montgomery's addition to Falls City, Polk County, State of Oregon, being store property.
Lots 5, 6 and 7 in Block B, Montgomery's addition to Falls City, Polk County, State of Oregon, being residence property.

All bids to be submitted to the undersigned Executor of said Will at the office of Walter L. Tooze, Jr., at Dallas, Oregon. Bids will be received on each tract separately, and all bids submitted should state whether bid is for one or both tracts, and be accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the amount offered.

All contracts of sale are made subject to the approval of the County Court.

W. F. NICHOLS,
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Gideon Sowers, deceased.
WALTER L. TOOZE, Jr.,
Attorney for Executor. A85-tf

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, George A. McCulloch, has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, administrator of the estate of Sabrina E. McCulloch, deceased, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them with the proper vouchers within six months from the date of this notice to the said administrator, at his residence near Broadmead, in said County of Polk.
Dated and first published December 12, 1916.

GEORGE A. McCULLOCH,
Administrator of the estate of Sabrina E. McCulloch, deceased.
OSCAR HAYTER,
Attorney. TD12-79

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, on the 8th day of December, 1916, and to me directed upon a judgment that was enrolled and docketed in the office of the clerk of said court on the 7th day of December, 1916, in a certain suit then pending in said Circuit Court wherein Gertrude E. Kruse and Emma L. Savage, trustees under the will of Orin G. Savage, deceased, were plaintiffs, and F. F. Fisher, Alena E. Fisher, his wife, Fred A. Handy, W. S. Catton, Mary Fisher, J. B. Blair, receiver of Fisher Bros. & Steiner, Private Bankers, R. L. Fisher, M. M. Fisher and G. A. R. Steiner, co-partners doing business as Fisher Bros. & Steiner, Private Bankers, Grant Smith, J. B. Blair and A. L. Warren, trustees of Fisher Bros. and Steiner, Private Bankers, were defendants, (Case No. 4905) a judgment was rendered in favor of the above-named plaintiffs, Gertrude E. Kruse and Emma L. Savage, trustees under the will of Orin G. Savage, deceased, and against the above-named defendants, F. F. Fisher, Alena E. Fisher, his wife, Fred A. Handy, W. S. Catton, Mary Fisher, J. B. Blair, receiver of Fisher Bros. & Steiner, Private Bankers, R. L. Fisher, M. M. Fisher, and G. A. R. Steiner, co-partners doing business as Fisher Bros. & Steiner,

Private Bankers, Grant Smith, J. B. Blair and A. L. Warren, trustees of Fisher Bros. & Steiner, Private Bankers, for the sum of Fifty-three Hundred and no-100 dollars (\$5300.00), with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 21st day of August, 1916, and the further sum of Four Hundred and no-100 dollars (\$400.00), attorney's fees, and the further sum of Seventy-Four and no-100 dollars (\$74.00), costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ; and whereas it was further ordered and decreed by said Court that the following property should be sold by me to satisfy said execution, I will, on Saturday, the 13th day of January, 1917, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M. of said day at the front door of the County Court House at Dallas, Oregon, in Polk County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on day of sale, all the right, title and interest and estate which the said defendants have and all persons claiming under them have in or to the hereinafter described premises and every part thereof, said property being described as follows, to-wit:

The West one-half of the D. L. C. of Jesse D. Walling and Eliza Ann Walling, his wife, it being claim No. 48 in T. 6 S. R. 4 W. and claim No. 52, T. 6 S. R. 3 W. and claim No. 58, T. 7 S. R. 4 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, State of Oregon, save and except from this conveyance the following tracts of land: 71.51 acres, more or less, out of the N. E. corner of said West half of said claim, deeded to Mrs. Eliza Ann Walling by the heirs of the said Jesse D. Walling, the said tract of land so reserved and excepted from this deed being described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the North line of the said Jesse D. Walling and wife's claim 78.17 chains West of the N. E. corner of said claim; and running thence South 74 1/2 degrees West 38.67 chains along the North line of said claim; thence South 15 degrees East 22.64 chains; thence North 74 1/2 degrees East 17 chains; thence North 15 degrees West 7 chains; thence North 74 1/2 degrees East 21.66 chains; thence North 15 degrees West 15.25 chains to the place of beginning.

Also the following: Beginning at a point in the North boundary line of the D. L. C. of Jesse D. Walling and wife in T. 6 S. R. 4 W. of the W. M. in Polk County, Oregon, which said point is South 74 degrees 30 minutes West 116.84 chains from the Northeast corner of said D. L. C. and running thence South 74 degrees 30 minutes West along the North boundary line of said D. L. C. 13.25 chains; thence South 15 degrees East 22.64 chains; thence North 74 degrees 30 minutes East 13.25 chains; thence North 15 degrees West 22.64 chains to the place of beginning, and containing 30 acres of land, more or less, in the D. L. C. of Jesse D. Walling and wife, and in section 36 in T. 6 S. R. 4 W. of W. M. in Polk County, State of Oregon.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1916.

JOHN W. ORR,
Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.
EARL C. LATOURETTE,
Attorney for Plaintiffs. T.D.12-J-9

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