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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS

In the Matter of the Estate of G. O. Werth, Deceased. Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned has been duly appointed by the above entitled Court as Administrator of the Estate of G. O. Werth, Deceased, and has duly qualified as such.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby notified to present the same, together with proper vouchers therefor to C. A. Barton, Coquille, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 1936. C. A. Barton, Administrator of the Estate of G. O. Werth, Deceased.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS

In the Matter of the Estate of James Campbell Hervey, Deceased. No. 2523.

Notice of Final Account. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his Final Account in the matter of the administration of the Estate of James Campbell Hervey, deceased, and the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, has set Tuesday, the 18th day of March, 1936, at the hour of 10 A. M., as the day, and the County Court Room in the County Court House at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as the place, for hearing objections to said Final Account and the settlement of said estate.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1936. William Henry Hervey, Executor of the Estate of James Campbell Hervey, Deceased.

WARRANT CALL

Notice is hereby given that warrants No. 574 to No. 597 inclusive drawn against Valley View School District No. 63, will be paid upon presentation at Coquille Branch of First National Bank of Portland or by clerk. Interest ceases on Thursday, March 3, 1936.

Jas. N. Jacobsen, Clerk. S. D. No. 63, Coos County, Oregon. 713

WARRANT REDEMPTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all warrants drawn against the General Fund of the City of Coquille, Oregon, and endorsed prior to July 1, 1937, are hereby called for payment upon presentation at my office. Interest on such warrants will cease as of February 24, 1936.

W. S. SICKELS, Treasurer. City of Coquille, Oregon. 613

WARRANT REDEMPTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that warrants No. 488 to No. 500 inclusive, issued by School District No. 47, Coos County, Oregon, have been called for payment and interest on them has ceased.

Adolphus Hayes, Clerk S. D. No. 47, Gaylord, Ore. 613

WARRANT REDEMPTION NOTICE

Warrants up to and including No. 1620, drawn against Union High School District No. 3, Riverton, Oregon, will be paid upon presentation to the clerk.

Interest on said warrants ceases Thursday, February 24, 1936.

Mrs. Lillian Hanly, Clerk U. H. No. 3 Bullards Route, Coquille, Oregon. 613

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A Lecture on Christian Science

Entitled Christian Science: The Science of Christ-Healing

by Colla Eucker Eddison, C. S. of London, England

Member of the Board of Lecturers of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts

Delivered under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Coquille, Oregon, at Odd Fellows Hall, on Tuesday, March 8.

The lecturer spoke substantially as follows:

It is recorded in the Gospel of John that Christ Jesus declared, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Life eternal, that abundant life which Jesus said that he came to give, implies more than mere existence. It includes health, freedom, happiness—all that makes life worth having.

"This is life eternal," the Master said—not shall be; and what mankind needs, what we all long for, is present salvation from the problems and perplexities that beset us, from sin and sorrow, from sickness and from lack. Christian Science teaches and proves that such deliverance is possible here and now through a right understanding of God, as Jesus indicated.

Christian Scientists turn naturally to the Bible to learn about God, for to many people holds the Bible in greater reverence. It was in the Bible that Mrs. Eddy discovered the truths she afterwards set out in the Christian Science textbook, and her followers find that the Bible grows more and more important to them in their daily lives as they study its pages in the light thrown upon them by Christian Science.

Throughout the Old Testament may be discerned a gradually developing concept of the nature of God; a concept sometimes overlaid with primitive notions of a God of battles, swayed by human passions such as revenge or favoritism; at other times more spiritual and universal in its meaning. Thus we may trace in the Old Testament the thought of God as infinite, as omnipotent, as all-knowing and eternal, the intelligent source and cause of everything that exists.

It is, however, in the New Testament, more especially, of course, in the life and work of Christ Jesus, that we find the clearest, the most convincing explanation and demonstration of what God is. Sitting by the well-side at Sychar, Jesus said plainly to the woman of Samaria, "God is a Spirit." And the supreme revelation of God's nature made by our Master, in his teaching, in his works of healing, in his whole life of patient self-sacrifice, was that God is Love.

As a result of her deep and persistent study of the Scriptures and of her spiritual inspiration Mrs. Eddy was able to answer the question "What is God?" in the Christian Science textbook as follows: "God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love" (Science and Health, p. 465). This, then, is the God whom Christian Science enables us to know and understand, and to find "forever near," because, being infinite, He is ever present.

Jesus and Christ

The way in which Christian Science enables us to know God is by helping us to understand more intelligently the life and work of Christ Jesus. Jesus once asked his disciples a momentous question. There were current among his contemporaries many different views and theories about him. Some people thought he was John the Baptist, others thought he was Elijah, or one of the prophets risen again. Jesus rejected all such fantastic speculations and said to his disciples, "But whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." That Jesus approved this answer and regarded it as important is shown by his reply, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jons, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father, which is in heaven."

What, then, is the meaning of this title "Christ"? Christian Science explains that there is a distinction between "Jesus" and "Christ": the term "Christ" is not merely a synonym for "Jesus." The human Jesus was the best and greatest man that ever lived. His example remains forever as the standard for Christian living. He is the Way-shower, in whose footsteps Christian Scientists endeavor humbly to follow. It is impossible to exaggerate the debt which the world owes to the Founder of Christianity. He went about doing good—he healed the sick, fed the hungry, raised the dead. He imposed upon his followers that great command to love one another. By his victory on the cross and his resurrection he proved that life is spiritual and eternal.

What was it that enabled him to do all this? Christian Science teaches that it was the Christ,

Truth, which Jesus understood in fullest measure. Jesus, as Mrs. Eddy has pointed out, is a human name which the Master shared with others of his race; Christ, on the other hand, is a divine title which refers to the spirituality expressed throughout his life and teaching. In Science and Health (p. 583) may be found this definition of Christ: "The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error." That which is manifest is clear, plainly understood. It was, then, the Master's clear apprehension of what God is that entitled him to be called "Christ Jesus," and that healed and saved those who turned to him for help.

It was upon his healing work that Jesus relied to substantiate the truth of what he taught and to confirm Peter's acknowledgment of him as the Christ. And today it is by its healing and regenerating work that Christian Science confirms and substantiates its teachings, and its claim to reveal to this age the Christ, Truth, which made Jesus the Messiah.

The Will of God

It is said of Jesus in the epistle to the Hebrews, "Lo, I come . . . to do thy will, O God," a statement confirmed by many of our Lord's own sayings. His works illustrate and demonstrate the will of God. When with a word Jesus stilled the storm which seemed to threaten the disciples' safety, he proved that the will of God is not in conformity with God's will. He showed by healing the sick that disease and infirmity are not the will of God. By raising the dead he proved that death is not the will of God. What did these works of Jesus prove God's will for man to be? Surely the opposite of the conditions which he destroyed; peace and safety, not distress and danger; the affluence of spiritual substance, the freedom and vitality of health, life in all its full abundance. He brought these positive realities into men's experience through his knowledge of the Christ.

This leads to another point for consideration. Can that which is contrary to the will of God have any real existence? Since God is infinite Mind, the only cause and creator, the sole source of existence, only that which is in accordance with His will can be real. Christian Science holds that sin, disease, disaster, lack, sorrow, are unreal because they are incompatible with the nature of God, who is infinite Life, Truth, and Love. Indeed Christian Science goes further and declares that neither matter nor evil has any real existence, since God is infinite Spirit and is infinitely good. That such a conclusion has Scriptural authority is clear. Our Master said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh [that is, matter] profiteth nothing." When he healed a woman who is described as having been bowed together for eighteen years, he said that Satan, the devil, had bound her—and elsewhere he said of the devil, or evil, that "he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him." That which has no truth in it cannot be real. Christian Science therefore teaches that evil and all its manifestations are untrue, unreal; and the destruction by Christ Jesus of sin, disease, death—all manifestations of evil—confirms that conclusion.

How are we to explain the apparent reality of evil, of sin, disease, cruelty, and so on? What seems to be true but is not true is a misconception, a false belief. Misconceptions about anything are removed when they are corrected by acquaintance with the true facts. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." That from which truth sets free is not truth but error, not real but unreal. The Christian Scientist is not so much concerned to wonder where the false belief, the illusion, of sin and disease came from, as to prove their illusory nature by reforming character and healing sickness.

Christian Science Discovered

Did the Christ disappear beyond the reach of human recognition when Jesus rose above men's sight in his ascension? Christ is Truth and therefore is eternal, ever present, always available to be understood. "Throughout all generations," we read in the Christian Science textbook (p. 333), "both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea,—the reflection of God,—has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth." Just as the great characters of the Old Testament caught glimpses of the truth about God and man, so also since the beginning of the Christian era men of deep spiritual insight have also perceived something of that same truth, and this perception has enabled them to bring help, comfort, and spiritual progress to the world.

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Then in the year 1868 the Christ was revealed, as never before since the time of Jesus, to Mary Baker Eddy, who after half a lifetime of devotion to the things of Spirit, was indeed "prepared to receive Christ, Truth." In her autobiography, "Retrospection and Introspection," and elsewhere in her writings, she has recorded how, after sustaining a severe accident, she was lying in a seriously injured condition and turned to the Bible for help and consolation. She there read the story of the healing of the man sick of the palsy, with the result that she was able to rise from her bed and join her friends in a room near by, where they were waiting for her to pass away. Mrs. Eddy's turning to God in this extremity proved the present operation of that same divine law that was demonstrated in the healing work of Christ Jesus. God had been made manifest to her; the Christ had come to her consciousness and it restored her to health. She records a conversation at this time with a friend as follows: "A dear old lady asked me, 'How is it that you are restored to us? Has Christ come again on earth?' 'Christ never left,' I replied; 'Christ is Truth, and Truth is always here,—the impersonal Saviour.'" (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 180).

Mrs. Eddy was not content to leave the matter there. She realized that she must share her discovery with the world. Thanks to her unselfish work, the Science of Christ has been stated in clear and unmistakable language in the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and in Mrs. Eddy's other writings. Anyone who cares to study those works in conjunction with the Bible may learn the truth about God and man, and so find that divine Love is manifest in human experience today in the healing of sickness and sin, just as it was in the first days of the Christian era.

Let us consider this more in detail. Suppose, for instance, someone suffering from a so-called hereditary disease turns to Christian Science in search of help. He begins to learn that God is the only creator of man, as Jesus recognized when he said to his disciples, "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." The sufferer realizes that, in truth, God is his only ancestor. Then his beliefs about so-called inheritance begin to alter. He sees that since God is his Father his inheritance is one of good, not of evil; that as the son of God man can express only that which is sound and pure and Godlike. Instead of thinking of his seeming material inheritance of sickness, he declares, with the Psalmist, "yea, I have a goodly heritage." The fear engendered by a false material belief of heredity is broken, and the sufferer finds himself free.

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