

### A LECTURE

## Christian Science

Entitled  
**Christian Science: The Revelation of God's Healing Presence**

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There was a good attendance in the Washington School auditorium Tuesday evening when R. J. Connors introduced Mr. Browne, whose address was as follows:

To be brought into a clearer and closer realization of that presence of God which heals humanity's ills is a happy as well as a sacred experience. Your being here this evening indicates that you are searchers for this presence with which God has already blessed us. He has brought us together for our common good. Did not Jesus say, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them?" And as Jesus came or nature was certainly good, we may rightly believe that he referred to the Christ, the manifestation of God, as being present with them. Christian Science enables us to be aware of God as ever-present; it shows us how to think and live in the way pointed out by Christ Jesus. He overcame the material evidences of sin, sickness, and death because he understood God as ever-present, and so, here and now, brought freedom from suffering.

No doubt there are some here tonight who are hearing of Christian Science for the first time, and possibly others who are just becoming interested. Some of you may be members of other Christian denominations, and some may have never belonged to any church. But let me assure you all that, as the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, has written "God explains Himself in Christian Science" (Message for 1901, p. 5), and if you are here with expectation and sincerity, looking for that larger understanding of God which will eventually enable you to heal yourself and others, you will not be disappointed. When we learn in Christian Science that God is All-in-all, as the Scriptures declare Him to be, and that all evil, sin, disease, and death are not real but only suppositions of the absence of God, or good, we can begin to demonstrate what we learn. However, as in other fields of endeavor, your success will depend largely upon your faithfulness, your perseverance, steadfastness, and honesty.

A writer once set down these stirring words regarding religion. He wrote: "Religion is not an escape nor an insurance. It is conquest. For man is in touch with such amazing resources that, no matter what happens, nothing can destroy his spirit! What matters is, how does he take what happens. The man who has found God has found one who will enable him to turn calamity into triumph" (The Christian Science Journal).

Christian Science brings to us the message of spiritual healing which Jesus proved in his life, making it clear that all disease and suffering, incapacity and disability are the results of false education, culminating in fear and helplessness. The argument of the human mind is, "This is a case that is incurable!" again, "Hereditry makes it futile for me to expect to get help." Others argue that their condition has made them useless and a burden, but these are only arguments of human belief which can be successfully denied. Christian Science is the Science of God, of man, and the universe, helping us to find our spiritual selfhood, as God's image, possessing by reflection His qualities of wisdom, health, vigor, strength, purity, beauty, and unhampered activity.

Now, Christian Science not only heals the sick but it exposes and denounces the fraudulent beliefs and claims of materialistic theories relating to man's existence by giving us the facts of being, the truth about God's perfect creation.

In the Holy Bible, God is often referred to as presence. When Moses felt the need of God's help to bring up the children of Israel from the wilderness he said to God, "See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me." And God said, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

What did Moses need more than

that? God's presence would go with him, and give him rest. In all his walks and doings God would be ever-present, ever with him to guide him in all his steps—the light continually before him. This was enough for Moses, and it is enough for you and me in our seemingly perilous journey through the wilderness of human beliefs or, in other words, the journey out of the material into the spiritual. If we walk with God—that is, if we are conscious of good and live it, if we enjoy His presence in all our ways—it will be well with us. The great fact of being is that we are forever in His presence. We have always been there, are there now and will always continue to be there, for spiritual man is God's reflection or witness. Man then must, of necessity, express all of the qualities of God or God would be unexpressed. Man is God's idea ever dwelling in Mind. But we must awaken to the fact that God is Spirit, and the one and only presence. Most of us have given little attention to this, because we were not aware of the spiritual facts of our being, but every time we have had a desire to be good, every time we have felt a great sense of compassion or love for mankind, renewed faith and confidence, we have felt the angels of His presence.

### Becoming Aware of the Divine Presence

At this point in the unfolding of our subject, the question might be asked, "Why are there not more who know and feel God's presence?" Mrs. Eddy answers the question in the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." Let me read what she says (p. 543): "In divine Science, the material man is shut out from the presence of God. The five corporeal senses cannot take cognizance of Spirit. They cannot come into His presence, and must dwell in dreamland, until mortals arrive at the understanding that material life, with all its sin, sickness, and death, is an illusion, against which divine Science is engaged in a warfare of extermination."

It is seen from these statements that the testimony of the five physical senses arguing for the mortal concept of things is not true and can only be considered in the light of a dream. And that all sickness, failure, sin, death, calamity, war, and famine must be intelligently dealt with as illusion, and destroyed by scientific reasoning based on the eternal, unchangeable, invariable, invincible, and indestructible facts of Spirit, which is God. Surely none of us believe that the experiences of a sleeping dream are real, and we know when we awaken the memory of the experience will soon fade away. We know it was a dream and we are not disturbed by it. And so, as we discover in Science that the whole material experience we are going through is a waking dream of belief of life, intelligence and substance in matter, we shall give less attention to material evidences and think more of spiritual facts.

Naturally we do not see God with the physical senses, neither can we see our real spiritual selfhood with these senses. After admitting that God is Spirit, we must conclude that man must be spiritual, too. This is the most important fact for us to know. God made man in His image and likeness, according to the Bible's first chapter of Genesis.

The question next arises: How can this illusion or dream of material existence, the presence of "evil and absence of God, be broken? For the answer let me read again from the Christian Science textbook (p. 586): "The illuminations of Science give us a sense of the nothingness of error, and they show the spiritual inspiration of Love and Truth to be the only fit preparation for admission to the presence and power of the Most High." Here, then, is the way to awaken from the dream. The mortal or human consciousness must be prepared to let go of its material, darkened sense of things, through the light of spiritual understanding of the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's teachings.

### The Revelation of Love and Truth

In the Holy Bible, Moses comes first as the one to whom God revealed His great name, His nature, as "I AM THAT I AM," and to whom God later gave the Ten Commandments. Upon some understanding of these commands has been based all successful government of both individual and state since Moses' time. Jesus of Nazareth, who spoke "as never man spake" taught and demonstrated his spiritual understanding of God's law. The commands to love God supremely and one's neighbor, and even the "stranger that is within thy gates" as him-

self, are included in the revelation to Moses.

Jesus reiterated these commands and explained their spiritual basis and proved their applicability at all times to human needs.

As the Apostle John writes, "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus, Christ." The earthly experience of Christ Jesus impressed humanity in two ways: first, through his teachings which have endured throughout twenty centuries and are still as true and inspiring, as pertinent as when Jesus was here among men; second, that he brought to the human consciousness such an understanding and realization of the presence of God that many felt its healing power, freeing them from sin, disease, and even death.

Jesus understood God. This understanding was due to his clear realization of spiritual being, for he was endowed with the Christ from God. The name "Christ," which is so often associated with Jesus, was really the divine nature of God which our Master expressed. Mrs. Eddy defines "Christ" as, "The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error" (Science and Health, p. 583). And "Jesus" is defined by her as, "The highest human corporeal concept of the divine idea rebuking and destroying error and bringing to light man's immortality" (Science and Health, p. 589). Mrs. Eddy also states: "Jesus was the son of a

virgin. He was appointed to speak God's word and to appear to mortals in such a form of humanity as they could understand as well as perceive" (Science and Health, p. 332). He knew that the age in which he lived was grossly material and idolatrous, and so he appealed to his listeners through parables and healings. He promised his followers that, though he must leave them, his word and works would live, and they that believed on him the works which he did they would do, also, and even greater works. And, most important of all, he prophesied the coming of the Comforter or Christ, Truth, which he said the Father would send, which would show men all things that he had taught—in other words, the healing of sin and sickness through understanding God and the facts of spiritual being.

The intervening years have shown a gradual, steady growth in the appreciation of his teachings and of his unbounded love for humanity. Men and women have voiced their admiration of him and attested their faith in grand and glorious lives devoted to the advancement of the Christian religion. But, not understanding his teachings sufficiently to do the healing works, men have, for the most part, relied upon material remedies for correcting the ills of the body. But the great fact of God's presence, power, and intelligence could not be denied a place in human affairs and, as has always been the case when one is prepared

to receive a revelation of God, the revelation appears.

So Mary Baker Eddy, one of our own countrywomen, proved to be the one ready to receive this revelation of divine Science, which is the promised Comforter. Mrs. Eddy was an earnest, devoted student of the Bible, a firm believer in God, and she was particularly impressed with the healing works of Jesus and his disciples. At a time when Mrs. Eddy

was suffering from the result of an accident, which her physician thought would be fatal, she turned to her Bible for comfort and strength and read the account Matthew gives of Jesus' healing of the man sick with the palsy. She found herself suddenly healed and recognized that the healing was due to God's presence and power. Wouldn't you like to hear the story? (Continued on page ten)

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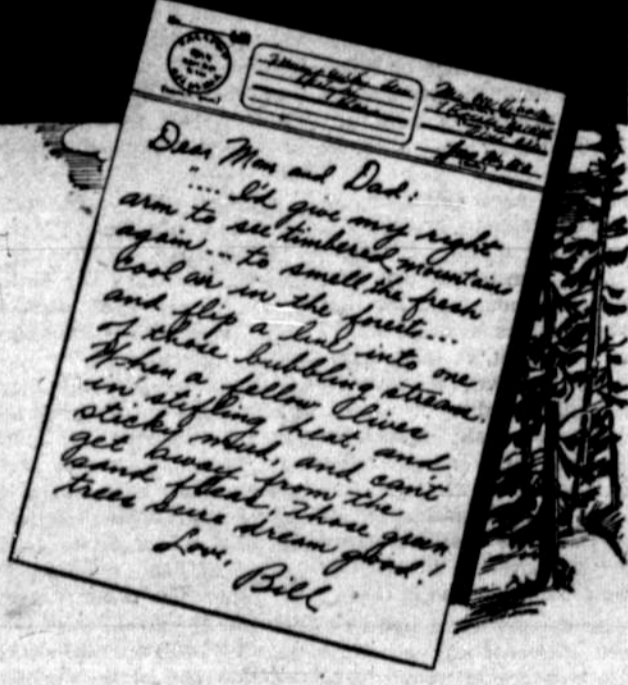
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