

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE
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With the assurance of that which has been tried and proven Christian Science presents to the world, not a new denominational dogma, but the eternal Truth about God, creation, and man based on reason, logic, and demonstration. It asserts that an ever-operative law of good, which is superior to every phase of evil, exists, that this law may be understood and used by man to overcome every evil condition with which he may be confronted.

Christian Science has been defined by Mrs. Eddy in her work entitled Rudimentary Divine Science, page one. "As the law of God, the law of good, interpreting and demonstrating the divine Principle and rule of universal harmony." Universal harmony is surely what the world is desiring, what you and I want in our daily life and all its relationships, for universal harmony excludes all evil, discord, sickness, and woe. Christian Science presents, interprets, and demonstrates this law of good so that all who will may presently enjoy its unlimited blessing.

Consciousness And Being

Whatever may be our shade of religious thought we can readily agree that we are, that is that we exist and have being. Life is a fact to us because we think and have consciousness. Our consciousness is our life realm.

Since we can all agree that we are, that is that we have consciousness, let us next consider what is the origin and cause of man's consciousness. An answer to this important question must be an answer to the question, What is the origin of man? Man and his consciousness are one.

Reason tells us that the cause of man must be intelligent, that intelligence indeed must be its primary quality. A moment's consideration shows us that intelligence is found only in Mind, is the native substance and essence of Mind. Indeed Mind and intelligence are inseparable, synonymous; and it is therefore intelligence, or Mind, that Christian Science accepts as the rational and primal cause of man. Wisdom of course characterizes intelligence or Mind and its entire expression, or creation. This statement leads us to see that goodness, unity, and harmony—the expression of wisdom—must characterize Mind and its expression. Evil, discord, and distress betray absence of wisdom or entire unrelatedness to real Mind or intelligence. Erring human thought is not real intelligence, and bears no relationship to God.

Man The Expression of God

If God be divine intelligence or the altogether good Mind what is the true status of man? We all know that Mind is manifest only through its ideas. Therefore, the true status of man, the creature of intelligence, is the idea of Mind, the individual expression of God, the off-spring of intelligence, or the son of God, as the Bible puts it.

The real man is not a physical organism that like a Jack-in-the-box appears and disappears. He is the creature of Mind. Matter is Mind's opposite; never its partner nor medium. Man does not live because of matter but in spite of it. Matter is not the creator, destroyer, or arbiter of his being. Man does not live by sufferance of evil but by decree of God.

"Ye are the temple," that is, the consciousness or expression, "of the living God" said Paul. You and I and all ideas of life are the only agency of divine expression. We cannot change nor abandon our function nor relinquish our responsibility.

Matter Opposed To Spirit

Looking into the consciousness of mortal man we find a very different concept of God, creation, and man from that which we have been considering. This concept makes matter to be cause from which man seems to be evolved by a material mind which operates through matter. Man is a creature of flesh, sinful, corrupt and perishable instead of the expression of God, perfect pure and eternal. In this corrupt, material concept is found division, strife, sickness, grief, fear, injustice and hell. This mortal sense of creation which makes matter its god would subordinate divine intelligence to mortal ignorance, supplant all-powerful good with all-mighty evil; supersede the ever-presence of good which is heaven with the ever-presence of evil which is hell. Which of these concepts of creation is true, the material or the spiritual? Both cannot be for

each is the exact of the other. "I have set before you," said the prophet, "life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose!" This is the demand that is pressing you and me and all mankind today, a demand that will never cease until we have chosen and chosen aright, aligned our thinking with the true cause, divine intelligence and its law.

Unfoldment of Truth

Since the first faint ray of spiritual Truth dawned in that state of individual consciousness which we call Adam, separating and condemning sin and evil as opposed to the moral law of good, there has been going on in the consciousness of mankind a gradual mental progression out of the darkness and grossness of materialism into the light of spiritual Truth.

This period of 6,000 years since Adam has been for mankind a period of gradual growth into a clearer concept of God, intelligence, and the operation of His laws in man and the universe. Today we live in what students of the prophetic scriptures agree with practical unanimity are "the latter days," and Christian Science is here to interpret the "latter days" as the time when good shall be demonstrated to be supreme and eternal, and the end of the world of material belief to be at hand.

Christ Jesus' Work

A little less than twenty centuries ago there was given to mankind through the consciousness of the man Christ Jesus a fuller and more complete revelation of the law of God and its operation in human affairs than had ever before been manifest to mortals. The sick were healed, the sorrowing comforted, the dead raised, all in direct contravention of the world's—that is matter's and the human mind's—sense of law, but in direct fulfillment of God's law, for said Jesus, "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

For himself Christ Jesus claimed no supernatural power. In his works he saw but the natural operation of the law of God, intelligence, operating to maintain the integrity of its creation against the encroachments of evil belief.

The Truth taught by Christ Jesus based the Christian era and made manifest to men the fatherhood of God. His message was the Christ, even the knowledge of God and man, the only way by which man cometh to know the Father Mind. Knowing the hardness of the hearts of mortals, buried in materialism and false belief, he said to his followers, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot hear them now," but foreseeing the time when the world would be ready to receive the full explanation and co-operation of his teachings

he foretold that there should come the Comforter who, he said, "shall teach you all things" and guide you into all Truth!" This full unfoldment of the knowledge of Mind, Truth—the Comforter—the Father-Mother God, came to Mary Baker Eddy in the year 1866 and has been given by her to the world in the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," whose leaves are, in the prophetic words of John, "for the healing of the nations."

Mary Baker Eddy

It is but a small tribute to the note here that in recent years Mrs. Eddy has received from her townspeople and neighbors at Concord, N. H., through the Mayor and City Council, official expression of their esteem and respect, that she has been designated by a governor of her state as that state's greatest woman, that Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, whose work of service to mankind has placed her in the first rank of all women, has been glad to accord to Mrs. Eddy the place of "the nation's greatest woman." Here indeed it is but to interpret the logic of events to add that ere the hourglass of this century is run, Mary Baker Eddy will receive her rightful place in human history as the world's greatest woman.

In 1908 Mrs. Eddy founded The Christian Science Monitor, the world's only international daily newspaper, which with quiet power is shedding the light of honesty among earth's shadows, and with an eye single to truth is unraveling the skein of confusion in the affairs of men and nations. The purpose of this paper, also, wonderfully epitomizes her own life purpose. Indeed, it was her purpose and is the purpose of the whole Christian Science movement, and it is this, "To injure no man, but to bless all mankind."

Separation Necessary

Christian Science blesses mankind by showing the practical and only way to demonstrate harmonious being. Christian Science teaches that the salvation of mankind from evil and mortality consists in the separation in consciousness of the false material sense of God, man, and creation from the true sense of God and man as spiritual and eternal, dividing between Adam and Christ.

On page 261 of Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy says, "Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts." This admonition helps us to recognize the force of Jesus' great statement of the one way by which life and freedom are attainable when in

twelve words he stated the law of God for man's complete salvation thus, "Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free."

Democracy And Autocracy

Democracy is derived from two Greek words meaning rule and people, hence the rule of the people. All government is primarily mental. Democracy is that government expressed through the consciousness of all or the larger part of the people. Autocracy is government by the will of one or a few. Democracy is the certain evidence of mankind's mental growth away from the domination of material force and human will, and his progression toward that true government which is found in the one altogether good Mind, the common intelligence, source and ruler of all.

Autocracy, whether it be in national councils, religious or medical hierarchies, or in the thought of individuals, is but evil's claim to power. It is the carnal mind which is ever the enemy of God. Autocracy is the lie about God's government, for it is the rule of human will, recognizing no law but its own selfish desire. God's government is the rule of universal intelligence, impartial and just to all. The rule of human will violates the rights of conscience, stultifies moral and spiritual growth, and confines within the prison walls of material sense the lives and thoughts of individuals, sects, and nations.

The goal toward which the world is progressing through its anguish and suffering is the one universal democracy the theocratic democracy, wherein all men are governed by their common parent Mind, unvarying intelligence, and its law.

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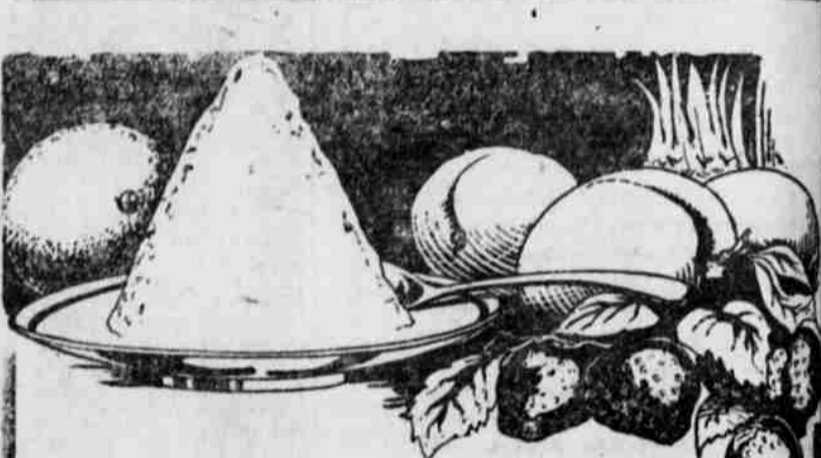
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