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## A Fumble that Brings Disaster

In an ancient religious rite, citizens stood at equal intervals, forming a chain. The one nearest the altar lighted a torch, then ran and gave it to the next, who in turn passed it on to the third, and so on. Each man ran without looking back. His sole interest was to pass on the flaming symbol.

These citizens were warned against fumbling the torch. And "Don't fumble the torch" is a good axiom to apply to modern times. The "torch" in this connection, is very small—a match—when it is fumbled, tall buildings are razed, homes destroyed, virgin forests laid to waste, and worst of all, hundreds of human lives are lost by fire each year.

And yet—what a simple matter it is to be careful. The extra seconds required to make certain the butt of matches are well spent when you consider what may happen if the torch is fumbled. Just place your heel on the butt and crush out every spark, or if it is a match, break it between your fingers. You fumble only when you toss them away carelessly. Don't do it.

## Troubles

People often wonder why, with advancing years and the solution of the economic problems, new difficulties present themselves so inevitably. The new troubles are often more baffling than the old ones.

Children grow up and become old enough to get into trouble. Leisure brings with it innumerable opportunities for difference of opinion. Necessities, which in the early years of the struggle settled so many difficulties, can no longer be relied upon.

One shrewd and seasoned friend offers this advice: "Avoid letting yourself feel too much. Insist upon thinking. If your son or daughter eaves, let yourself cool off before you do anything about it. Keep quiet until you have taken time to think." Anyone who has wrestled with emotional crises will perceive that this is sensible advice.

## Taxes Multiply Like Rats

Government spokesmen, admitting that the national debt will shortly reach the 35-billion dollar point if the present rate of expenditure is continued, often attempt to laugh this off with the observation that a country as rich as ours can stand almost anything in the way of a debt burden.

The tax burden goes up automatically as public debts increase, just as mice multiply and consume everything around them if they are not exterminated. It is an intolerable drain on individuals and industry. Money that would go for building factories for home improvement and construction—for jobs and payrolls—for industrial expansion—for farms—for everything that we use for profit or pleasure, is going to the tax collector. Our productive wealth is being sapped

to a constantly increasing extent. Debt makes taxes—taxes makes debts. They constitute a vicious circle, that threatens the very existence of our social and corporate structure. A tax-infested nation, like a rat-infested ship, is doomed unless fumigating measures are adopted.

## You Can't Win

The reckless driver, like the habitual criminal, can't win. Every newspaper carries the evidence of that, in accounts of those whose lives have been sacrificed to speed, to incompetence, and to recklessness at the wheel. Every year in this country alone, some 35,000 people die—victims of improperly driven motor vehicles. Among them are the famous and the obscure, the brilliant and the mediocre. Each life lost means that the nation's resources have been sapped—each death means misery and unhappiness to others. Reckless driving is an unbeatable game, at which the player loses—and which likewise penalizes and robs the innocent.

## "Tainted Money"

A few Americans won real money with their Irish Hospital sweepstakes tickets. A great many more lost. Uncle Sam himself is the only one who won a fat prize without buying a ticket.

The income taxes which the International Revenue Bureau will collect from the lucky ticketholders will total close to \$500,000 on the first three horses. That is nearly one-third of the total American winnings, and it is much more than any single winner received.

This nice little profit doesn't make Uncle Sam any more liberal toward English sweepstakes tickets. It is against the law to sell or buy them here, but the government doesn't worry about "tainted" money. It can make good use of whatever it gets.

All the man on the street knows is that there is great concentration of wealth in certain sections among a few and that he is powerless to help the situation.

One of the new rose bushes we note, is named "Better Times."

There are few things more contemptible in this world than a two faced individual—some one who is a cooing dove to your face and a nipping cur behind your back.

A Columbia prof says the value of spinach is greatly overrated. Not by the poor kids who have to eat it.

The minister of education of Turkey has decreed that all boys and girls must have their hair trimmed short. Backward Turks Over here it has been decreed that all of us must be trimmed of everything except hair.

If the Administration would only forget for a while its "reform obsession" and emphasize recovery, business men would soon take heart again. Then the wheels of heavy industry would start moving, and the inevitable American boom would be on!

Business, as estimated by the Babsonchart, now registers 22 per cent below normal, and 5 per cent below a year ago.—Roger W. Babson.

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## A Lecture on Christian Science

Entitled Christian Science: The Religion of Spiritual Vision by Hon. William E. Brown, C. S. B. of Los Angeles, California

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

Hon. William E. Brown, C. S. B., of Los Angeles, delivered a Christian Science lecture Thursday night in the Multnomah School House before a large and appreciative audience. On behalf of the sponsoring organization, Mrs. Fannie A. Foster, First Reader of the Christian Science Society of Multnomah, welcomed the audience and introduced the speaker with the following remarks:

Friends, Christian Science Society, Multnomah, welcomes you this evening to hear a lecture on Christian Science, entitled "Christian Science: The Religion of Spiritual Vision," to be given by Hon. Wm. E. Brown, C. S. B. of Los Angeles, Calif., a member of the Board of Lecturership of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.

I first became interested in Christian Science some twenty-eight years ago, when I was instantaneously and wonderfully healed of a so-called incurable disease, after attending physicians could give me neither help nor hope. During the intervening years I have seen in a manner of disease and afflictions healed through the application of Christian Science.

That marvelous statement of Christ Jesus, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" is just as true today as when it was first spoken. Christian Science is proving with ever increasing degree that the spiritual understanding of the truth which our Master taught, does emancipate humanity here and now.

The lecture you are about to hear will tell you how you may apply the teachings of Christian Science and enjoy its many benefits. It is now my very great pleasure to introduce to you Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown then spoke substantially as follows: "Perhaps it would be difficult to frame a more important or comprehensive message to mortals than that given by Paul when he wrote to the Corinthians, 'For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen, are eternal.' From this it will be seen that the highest possible attainment is to gain the ability to know the unseen things of Spirit.

Ring down the centuries comes the question of Christ Jesus, the Master Scientist, clearly indicating the cause of all human discord—"Having eyes, see ye not?" Paralleling this fundamental question, there arises from those who in a measure comprehend the meaning of the Way-shower, the age-long cry, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."

In these two utterances there is indicated the cause and cure of much human discord. It is, of course, well known that Biblical terms have both a literal and spiritual interpretation, and of the latter Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes in the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to Scriptures," "Take away the spiritual significance of Scripture, and that compilation can do no more for mortals than can moonbeams to melt a river of ice" (Science and Health, p. 241). It is therefore extremely important that we understand the spiritual meaning of the term "eyes."

Turning again to the text-book, we find that the term "eyes" is defined in part as follows: "Spiritual discernment" (Science and Health, p. 586). Clearly then, it is not established that what the Master wished to impress upon his disciples was, that they lacked spiritual vision? "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." In response to this cry, Christian Science comes to you tonight showing how this age-old yearning may be answered in a practical manner.

Permit me to call your attention for a few minutes to the title of this lecture, "Christian Science: The Religion of Spiritual Vision." The term Christian Science will indicate to you that this religion is a practical religion, scientific in every aspect, based upon a demonstrable premise. It is not blind faith or superstition. SPIRITUAL VISION The term "Spiritual Vision" is of course, more or less explanatory and deals with the ability to perceive things as God knows them. Here someone may ask what the statement means, "As God knows them." This is an important question and its consideration will be helpful. Christian Science defines God as Infinite Mind, an omnipresent intelligence in which all things exist. Since God is the only cause, an infinitely perfect cause, it is clear that all which He creates is perfect, forever expressing the divine qualities; or, as it is expressed in Genesis, "And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good." So here we have our answer, God beholds everything as "very good." Truly a vision of this kind is well worth striving for, is it not?

Thus, we are to discuss tonight a truly scientific religion, which exists for the ultimate purpose of providing spiritual perception to mankind, to the end that all may perceive the things described by Paul: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS To show the advancing steps in religious beliefs which preceded Mrs. Eddy's discovery of Christian Science it will be helpful to consider briefly Professor Einstein's admirable analysis of the religious beliefs of humanity. In substance, he tells us that in primitive people it is first fear that awakens religious ideas: fear of hunger; of wild animals; of illness and

death, and in these extremities he tells us that the human soul forms a being more or less like itself on whose will depend the experiences which it fears. The primitives hope to win the favor of this being by deeds and sacrifices, which, according to tradition, are supposed to appease this being or make him well disposed to men. This may be called the religion of fear. As mankind advances out of these primitive fears, another demand formulates itself, founded in the social feelings. In this experience, the individual longs for guidance, for love and assistance. The God of this religion is a providence who protects, decides, rewards, and punishes. This religion may be called the social or moral idea of God.

Finally, when these foregoing religious ideas have failed to satisfy more spiritually inclined individuals there begins a third level of religious experience which does not involve an anthropomorphic idea of God. Professor Einstein designates this advancement as the cosmic religious and declares that indications of this can be found even on earlier levels of development; as, for instance, in the psalms of David and in the prophets. This advanced state of religion creates first, in the individual a recognition of the vanity of human desires and aims; and second, begins to establish a consciousness of the nobility and marvelous order which are revealed in nature and in the world of thought.

Professor Einstein further declares that the religious geniuses of all times have been distinguished by this cosmic religious sense, which recognizes neither dogmas nor a god made in man's image. This admirable analysis of the religious phases of mankind shows the advancing steps which preceded Mrs. Eddy's discovery of Christian Science, the religion of spiritual vision; but it was not until this discovery that a satisfying and demonstrable religion was given to the world.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

It is well to bear in mind that Christian Science and the teachings of Jesus are identical. It was Mrs. Eddy's discovery of the spiritual meanings of his teachings and the divine Principle underlying them which enabled her to give to the world a complete, scientific, and demonstrable Christianity.

The importance of gaining spiritual vision is stressed by Solomon, who declares, "Where there is no vision the people perish." A careful study of the Bible in the light of Christian Science shows that a lack of spiritual vision is the cause of sin, sickness and death; and that the only permanent and universal remedy for these evils is to acquire spiritual vision, and finally to instruct others how to gain this vision.

It is doubtless occurring to some here for the first time, why the need for spiritual vision, and what is to be visualized? The need is shown by the fact that all mortals desire health, happiness, and security, and it is evident that material vision has not been able to confer these blessings upon mankind. So, we must look elsewhere. The Bible tells us over and over again that spiritual understanding is the open door to all that is good and desirable. The Bible also reminds us that the things of God are foolishness to the natural man and that they can only be spiritually discerned.

In the fourth chapter of Proverbs we are admonished, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding." So the need of spiritual vision and its reward is succinctly summed up by the Psalmist, who declares, "Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish."

At this point I am reminded of a colloquy between a Christian Science practitioner and his patient to whom he had been explaining the importance of gaining spiritual vision. After admitting the logic of the situation the patient exclaimed, "But how can I gain spiritual vision?" The practitioner replied, "By acquiring the mind of Christ." "Why," said the patient, "is this necessary?" "Because said the practitioner, 'the mind of Christ is the only mind that can perceive the universe of Spirit.' This fact is clearly brought out in the Spiritual reference which reads, 'For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.' To this the patient replied, 'This reasoning seems clear and rational, but how can one acquire the mind of Christ?'" The practitioner said: "The process is simple, but requires constant alertness in gaining an understanding of the truth, and, stated negatively, consists mainly in standing porter at the door of thought and refusing to entertain or express any and every thought which is opposed to the mind of Christ.

Before the discovery of Christian Science, the ability to refuse to entertain or express any thought which is opposed to the mind of Christ, and the benefits flowing from such activity, were not known or understood. All were constantly urged by ethical teachers to seek the good and shun the evil, and mortals were urged to depart from evil because it would please God. It remained for Christian Science to point out the real benefit accruing from such mental discipline. Christian Science points out the real reward or gain arising from refusing to accept, entertain, or express error; that by such refusal the vision is clarified and the day hastened when all shall be able to see the universe as God sees it; in other words, the gaining of spiritual vision.

ENVIRONMENT It is apparent to all who have given the matter sufficient consideration that what we term our environment or experience in life is a matter of consciousness; or, in other words, one's environment is only the expression or external objectification of one's thinking, and consequently can be changed only by a change in thinking. Paul summed up the entire matter by declaring that "to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Since in one's present environment there occur the experiences termed sin, poverty, unhappiness, disease, old age, and death, it is evident that their supposed necessity or possibility must have existed first in consciousness before they

could be expressed in environment or experience. This simple analysis immediately suggests the remedy; that is, permanently to expel these so-called activities from consciousness, to the end that they may be forever expelled from one's environment.

The ability to expel discordant conditions from consciousness is one of the many blessings conferred upon mankind by Mrs. Eddy. Her clear and logical teaching that God, infinite Mind, is forever expressed in unbroken harmony and perfection, and the falsity of all opposing beliefs, and when their falsity is discerned they disappear from human experience. Of this process Mrs. Eddy writes (Science and Health, Pref. p. xi), "The physical healing of Christian Science result now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation."

To attain this very desirable and necessary state, so that one may be satisfied with life, a multitude of ways and plans have been formulated and advocated, each proclaiming itself the true and only way. To know that such ways have failed, one has only to view the discordant experiences of this generation. A similar condition confronted the great Master of men when he began his mission of salvation upon the shores of Galilee. In order to divorce false hopes and expectations from his hearers, based upon the prevailing plans of redemption, he declared, "All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers;" that is, they robbed man of his true or spiritual birthright of their misleading and false teachings.

Accompanying this complete condemnation and rejection was his spiritual and provable declaration, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." It is clearly understood that by these sayings he was referring to his teaching and doctrine, and not to his personality.

A careful study of Jesus' teaching show unmistakably that the sad plight in which the race of Adam seems to find itself is the result of unspiritual thinking. This is evidenced by Solomon's unsatisfactory experience, which he tells us brought him only "vanity and vexation of spirit."

Inherently, there exists in the minds of mortals a latent hope that there is a way of escape from all discordant conditions and they have felt intuitively that the Bible contained this way. This hope has urged mankind to search the Scriptures; but until the advent of Christian Science the way was not well defined.

The inherent conviction that the way of life is found in the Bible is shown by a modern scientist's declaration; he says that our civilization, like the mills of the gods, grinds "exceeding small,"—and the grist is what? Money, riches, vanities, envies, vain display. Why? Because we do not take to heart what we might learn from the Bible. It points out the path to true happiness.

SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING What of the woman, Mrs. Eddy, who brought to this age the fundamental necessity of gaining spiritual vision? From whom did she receive this ability; this impelling spiritual urge to seek the things of God, to the end that she might show them unto the creature? She was led step by step, and proof by proof, to discover what she intuitively believed to be true. Of this she writes in her book "Retrospection and Introspection" (p. 24), "The discovery came to pass in this way. During twenty years prior to my discovery I had been trying to trace all physical effects to a mental cause; and in the latter part of 1866 I gained the scientific certainty that all causation was Mind, and every effect a mental phenomenon."

Her research, discovery and demonstration were orderly, scientific, and convincing. She did not ask the world to accept Christian Science because she discovered it, but offered the most convincing proof. Of this she writes in her book "Unity of God" (p. 7) as follows: "When I have most clearly seen and most sensibly felt that the infinite recognizes no disease, this has not separated me from God, but has so bound me to Him as to enable me instantaneously to heal a cancer which had eaten its way to the jugular vein. "In the same spiritual condition I

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## MATERIAL VERSUS SPIRITUAL SENSE

It is interesting and significant to note that Mrs. Eddy's discovery of Christian Science in 1866 is now being substantiated in considerable degree by leading physicists of today. In speaking of the achievements of natural science, Dr. Eddington, professor of astronomy at Cambridge University, writes in his article entitled "The Domain of Physical Science," published in a volume of essays, entitled "Science, Religion and Reality," as follows: "Of the intrinsic nature of matter, science knows nothing and can never know anything," he continues, "For all we know, matter may itself be mental."

In speaking of "iron laws of nature" he declares: "As the result of recent scientific work, it can be shown that these laws are the result of the mind's own action." He finally reaches this most important conclusion: "To an altogether unsuspected extent, the universe we live in is a creation of our own minds." Of his conclusions Professor Eddington declares, "These conclusions, although some of them have occurred to philosophers and mystics in the past, are now the results of the severest science and are therefore of extraordinary importance." It is interesting to realize that this dictum of modern science finds a prophetic correlative in Mrs. Eddy's declaration made over a half century ago.

Let us speak for a moment of the final mental cause of the universe; Christian Science teaches that cause and effect are mental. Since Christian Science also teaches that God is the only cause, it does away with the perplexities involved in the popular theological concept of a spirit or soul resident in a material body; for, starting with a perfect God as the only cause, it is perceived that the universe, and this includes man, is perfect, spiritual; in short, is the full effect of this perfect cause.

In other words, Mrs. Eddy received directly, through spiritual revelation, the facts concerning the universe, while the efforts of natural scientists, ranging over hundreds of years of investigation, are only now dimly perceiving hints of some of the simpler truths discovered by Mrs. Eddy.

In speaking of the qualities inherent in truth and in error, Benjamin Franklin wrote as follows: "Truth is uniform and narrow; it constantly exists. Error is endlessly diversified. It has no reality, but is the pure and simple creation of the mind that invents it." And Herbert Spencer gives the following excellent definition: "That which is real is permanent; that which is not real is not real."

Mrs. Eddy, following the teachings of Jesus, taught and proved the unreality of evil. Moreover, Mrs. Eddy's teaching is wholly consistent with its divine Principle, God. Accepting in its fulness the allness of God, she remained loyal and consistent throughout in her reasoning and deductions. When confronted with the seeming claim of evil, she did not attempt to account for its so-called existence by calling evil "good in the making" or stating that there might exist some reason unknowable to mortals. She instantly knew its unreality; in other words, she agreed with the adversary quickly that is, she instantly recognized the unreality of its claim and promptly dismissed it as unreal.

What a godsend to mankind—the ability to know the nothingness of evil and its manifestations and thus to free the victim of the material senses! What a relief to know that we may be forever excused from indulging in criticism, faultfinding, and condemnation! Think of the joy and privilege that is ours to endeavor constantly to see our fellow men as God sees them!

Let me show you how very practical this line of procedure is. A number of years ago, during one of my early visits to a practitioner, she said very many helpful things to me and among them was this: "To love, is the full— Continued on Page 3"

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