

Bulgin's Reply to Andrew J. Graham

In the Medford Mail Tribune, Saturday, June 4th, 1921.

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NOT INDEPENDENT THINKING."

Dear Sir:—I see in your extended article in the Saturday Mail Tribune, most of which is old matter, and bears the earmarks of the same old stereotype Christian Science hash...

1st. There is very little independent thought or departure from Ma Eddy's teachings as laid down forty years ago. Why do you Christian Scientists crucify your intellect in such a manner—why don't you depart in forty years from this stereotype, conglomerated, disjointed, incoherent mass of stuff and give us some up-to-date, real independent thinking? Will you tell me why? You are not allowed to. I have propounded thirty questions and published them abroad asking for an answer. They are not catch questions either. Why don't you answer my catechism? I can tell you why—Mrs. Eddy's teachings will not allow you to say "yes" to some of these questions, and you don't dare to say "no," you know what class it would put you in, the moment you did.

2nd. You make the attack every time Christian Science writes an article, and publishes the same, or delivers a lecture in the community where the church of God is at work, and are making an attack upon the orthodox church. You did it in an insidious manner, claiming your right to live as a church carrying the name Christian, wearing the badge of the Cross and Crown, then deny the personality of God, the Deity of Jesus, Water Baptism, and the Communion of Bread and Wine, all of which our Bible commands us to do, and none of this you do. Then everywhere you promulgate your doctrine, it is an attack upon the orthodox church of our Jesus Christ, and for that reason I propose to fight you, and fight in the open as long as God gives me breath.

3rd. I want to call your attention to the fact that not once in your lengthy article of four columns in a daily newspaper do you exalt Christ and give my Master the credit as Divine God for healing your bodies, or effecting a cure, but a dozen times in your article you speak of the benediction of healing through Christian Science, and you speak of Science and Health with Key to Scriptures doing it all, but we Christians, when we go to Christ with our sick bodies, as we often do, and through prayer to Jesus as Divine God, and we get healed as we often do, we don't give some man or woman who wrote a book, or stole a manuscript the credit, but we thank our dear Lord Christ who is not an influence or a principal, but Absolute Deity—we thank Him.

4th. I notice your statement still claiming that Mrs. Eddy by searching the Scriptures, discovered Mind Healing and wrote Christian Science with Key to the Scriptures. I must again Sir, as a student of history and with positive facts within my reach with which to judge—I must deny your statement and inform you again that Mrs. Eddy didn't read very much Scripture, but old man Quimby's manuscripts. And at your public library in every city of the United States, you can get a file of McClures magazines and get affidavits galore to prove that she stole and copied those manuscripts. And court records to the effect that Mrs. Eddy's book is facsimile of the Quimby manuscripts. Read McClures magazine 1907, February, March, April, May and June numbers, and I'd like to see an attempted explanation of these charges.

5th. Now again Sir, YOUR WONDERFUL RELEASE. I see in your article personal testimony of how you were healed by reading Mrs. Eddy's book. Now if that is so, either she is of the devil, or else she is a greater person than God. You remember Sir, that the Scripture said: In later days Satan should have the power to work miracles and deceive the very elect. If the Devil ever had power, or has power today, to inflict disease, then nothing could be more logical for that old deceiver to have power to cure disease, and the Bible plainly states that he was to have miraculous power, and many so-called cures of Christian Science, to my mind are the works of the Devil, and my evidence for believing this is—prophecy said there was such a time coming, and second, he would be the anti-Christ and deny that Jesus was God, which you Christian Scientists do, and that he would seek to be worshipped rather than God, and as you Christian Scientists don't give Jesus Christ as God the glory, but give it to Mrs. Eddy and Christian Science, you exactly fill the bill. Then Sir, I claim that if you were cured by reading her book, she is really the Devil, or a more wonderful person than God.

6th. YOUR DEFINITION OF GOD. You say from Mrs. Eddy's book, that God is a principal or an influence. Such statements as that would make a theologian stek, and would kill a philosopher outright. God is not a principal, but God is a person. You don't seem to be able to differentiate between God and His attributes. I think thirty minutes study in a good theological seminary would be a splendid thing for every one of you Eddyites. There you would learn a good definition of God, one that would hold water with the Bible Theologian philosophy and good horse sense. Let me give you a definition of God that would hold water.

"GOD IS A SPIRIT INFINITE, ETERNAL AND UNCHANGEABLE. HIS BEING OR ATTRIBUTE IS WISDOM, POWER, HOLINESS, JUSTICE, GOODNESS AND TRUTH." Now that will hold water, you can put it to any test you wish, and it will stand the test. When you rob God of His personality and make an influence of principal out of Him, you destroy love and you destroy prayer. No one can fall in love with a principal or can pray to a principal, and you can't say prayers to an influence. A whirlwind or a tornado is an influence, but you can't love or pray to a thing like that. I'd advise you, Mr. Graham, to take a two year's course at Mr. Moody's Institute or a few months at least at a good seminary and then take a course of logic at an ordinary high school.

7th. THE DEITY OF JESUS YOU HAVE DENIED. Your dealing with the question of Jesus the Christ is exactly what I had expected and I have been telling my audiences all along the road that you did deny His Deity. Am glad to have it over your own signature, and that too of an official member of the Christian Science lecture. Now this couples you up with Jews and Unitarians, and Webster's Dictionary says a Unitarian is an infidel. When you go to Webster's Unabridged Dictionary for a definition of Unitarianism, he says infidel. Now I have more respect for an orthodox Jew than I have for you and your whole cult, for they are looking for a Messiah to come, but you fall under the banner of Christianity, and dismantle my Lord and rob Him of His Deity, when He returned back to glory after His sacrificial work. God says: Let all the angels worship Him.

You are a splendid hand at preventing the Scriptures when you use the text in Matthew 19th, where Jesus says: There is one God and that is God, and you try to make out by this system of yours of straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel, that here Jesus denied that He was God. This is exactly what he did not do, but he did call the young ruler out on His Deity, and make him admit His Deity before he proceeded to answer him. The Greek there reads—Why do you ask me, there is only one who truly fills the bill, and that is Jehovah. Do you mean to say that I am He? And then proceeded to tell Him that the time would come when He would see Him at the right hand of Omnipotence. And you claim that Jesus did not claim to be God. This is a very weak and sickening statement for any one posted in the Bible.

"I'll call your attention to some of His claims, and we don't want you to dodge the issue, or play fast or loose with these eternal questions, but face living facts.

JESUS SAID OF HIMSELF. 1st. He accepted worship. 2nd. He claims to be the Resurrection and Life. 3rd. He raised Lazarus from the Dead. 4th. He said before Abraham Was, I am. 5th. He was greater than Solomon. 6th. He was the Light of the World. 7th. He is the Way and the Truth. 8th. He is Universal Judge. 9th. He is the Alpha and Omega. 10th. He is the Lord God, Who is, Was and is to Come. 11th. He is the Living Water. 12th. He is the Bread from Heaven. 13th. I and the Father are One. WHAT GOD DO YOU KNOW OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST? OTHERS SAID OF HIM: 1st. Angel Gabriel said: He shall be great and Most High. 2nd. A Demon said: I know Thee Holy One of God. 3rd. Peter said: Thou art the Christ. 4th. Thomas said: My Lord, My God. 5th. FATHER said: My Beloved Son, let all Angels worship Him. 7th. Resurrection says: "I have power to lay down and power to take up."

You say in your article that Mrs. Eddy says "When Truth enters man's conscience he begins to feel his at-onement with God. Applying this principle was what made Christ Jesus a supremely good man," page 497. First. There is no "at-onement" or atonement without the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the whole plan of salvation is based entirely upon the Blood atonement—for "without the shedding of blood there is no remission."

The truth did not enter the mind of Christ Jesus for He said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the life." Therefore Christ Jesus needed not to apply any principle to become a "supremely good man" for He was God, Deity, manifest in the flesh.

You say Christian Science heals same as Jesus. I deny that, and if you can take and comprehend an argument, take this.

Jesus never healed through the mind. Jesus healed instantly. Jesus claimed to be God. Jesus never lost a case. Jesus never charged. Jesus never built. Jesus never preached sermons on healing the body. Jesus always claimed to heal by the Almightyness of God, that He claimed to heal and taught us to give God the glory. But you Sir, say in your first column: "I have alluded to my own healing, out of the deepest gratitude to THE DISCOVERER AND FOUNDER of Christian

Science." Shame on you, that mind did not get the Glory, but Mary B. does.

The same principle that heals a headache also purifies the Leper "raises the Dead." Now if that is so show me one Leper or one dead man or admit that the headache was cured by mind over matter and get well yourself or was not real but imaginary, or you heal a Leper and raise a dead man or shut up until you can demonstrate. You say its hard to see how a doctor can be a Christian and at the same time employ remedies to heal. And then in the next breath say this is no arrangement of the doctor's. Oh Well since Jesus spat on the ground and made clay ointment and anointed the blind man's eyes, and Hezekiah and Isiah endorsed fig poultice for boils and God blessed and cured them. A dog eats grass, and a cat eats catnip which sick. Then God pity you when you get less sense than a dog or a cat put together. I would say a good surgeon and doctor is nearer a Christian who uses God given means and heals the sick than you Eddyites when by malpractice and criminal negligence you kill the "hundreds you are killing. I fall to find in thirty years a single case of real healing by Christian Science other than such cases as would tend to cure themselves. Show me one glass eye you have taken out and put in a good one, and set of false teeth taken out and given a new set, or cork leg you have taken off and given a good one, and a dead man raised from the dead. Now demonstrate where I can see.

Jesus' mission you say was teaching and example. No Sir, that was secondary. Jesus' mission was a Redeemer and Saviour from sin. He was not a way shower. But He came to die for sinners. It is a pity God let Him die, if He was a teacher and example. Then the old Testament is one continuous lie, if He was not to die. For it was not the life of the Lamb, Helper or White Pigeon, but the blood alone that makes an atonement for the soul. Either get off the ground as a Christian and drop the world from your book and cut, or stop the Unitarian hash, Jesus was an example and teacher only. He was God.

Now lastly Mr. Graham, I contend, and I have always contended that no logical mind or orthodox Christian can believe Mary Baker Eddy and God's Word at the same time. When two witnesses or two documents or two books come into court, claiming to have the same origin, especially if that origin claims to be from God, we would expect to find some points of agreement and not absolute contradictory throughout, and that contradiction too, on the vital points. Now here are two books coming into court, one written by a woman who claims to have received her inspiration directly from God. She says the same hand that held the pen, that wrote the book of Isaiah, is the same hand that held the pen that wrote Science and Health with Key to Scriptures. I claim that this is a blasphemous lie, and I'm going to show some reasons why. If one of these books came from God, and Holy men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, and that book is the Bible, I'll hold on to God's book and let Mary Eddy's sacrilegious lie go. Now Sir, for your benefit, and all the world, I want you to review in parallel column the following text from these two books.

1st. Christian Science Says: The Spirit created matter is an erroneous premise. Page 15. Holy Scripture Says: God is a Spirit, John 4:24. God created the heaven and the earth. Gen. 1:1. 2nd. Christian Science Says: Mortals are not made as created in God's image. Page 33. Holy Scripture Says: So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him. Gen. 1:27. 3rd. Christian Science Says: Adam is a product of nothing, an unreality. Page 526. Holy Scripture Says: The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground. Gen. 2:7. He called his name Adam. Gen. 5:2. 4th. Christian Science Says: Your mortal body is a mortal belief of discord. Page 296. Holy Scripture Says: Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 6:19. 5th. Christian Science Says: Christ is a divine principle, not a person. Soul outside the body. Page 530. Holy Scripture Says: He took on Him the seed of Abraham. Heb. 2:16. A spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have. Luke 24:39. 6th. Christian Science Says: Jesus never ransomed man by paying the debt that sin incurs; whosoever sins must suffer. 11, 189. Holy Scripture Says: In whom we have redemption through His blood even the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:14. 7th. Christian Science Says: Sin is not forgiven; we can not escape its penalty. 11, 165. Holy Scripture Says: If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9. 8th. Christian Science Says: The Holy Spirit is divine science; the development of eternal life—impersonal. Page 538. Holy Scripture Says: When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear that shall He speak; and He shall show you the things to come. John 16:13. (It is not without design that seven times is the personal pronoun used in a single verse where Christ is propo-

sing of the coming of the holy spirit.)

9th. Christian Science Says: Sin, sickness, is a belief only. Page 25. (If sin, sickness and death are delusions, Christ was either imposed upon or an imposter.) Holy Scripture Says: Jesus says: "His own self bear our sins." 1. Pet. 2:24. "Himself" bear our sickness." Matt. 8:17. He should taste of death. Heb. 2:9. 10th. Christian Science Says: It is the sense of sin, not the sinful soul that is lost. Page 34. Holy Scripture Says: The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Ezek. 18:4. What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the world and lose his own soul. Mark 8:36. 11th. Christian Science Says: As long as we believe the soul can sin, we can never understand the science of being. Page 38. Error is a false supposition of a false sense. Page 542. Men can not depart from holiness. Page 541. Holy Scripture Says: There is none righteous, no not one. For all have sinned. Rom. 3:10, 23. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 John: 10. 12th. Christian Science Says: Death is an illusion, for there is no death. Page 531. Holy Scripture Says: The last enemy is death. 1 Cor. 15:26. Sin bringeth forth death. Jas. 1:15. Who delivered us from so great a death. 2 Cor. 1:10. 13th. Christian Science Says: Heaven is not a locality. Page 44. Holy Scripture Says: Jesus says: I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:1. 14th. Christian Science Says: No final judgment awaits mortals. Page 44. Holy Scripture Says: We must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 10:12. 15th. Christian Science Says: Angels are pure thoughts. Holy Scripture Says: Angels are ministering spirits set forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." Heb. 1:14. 16th. Christian Science Says: There is but one way to heaven—Harmony. Page 292. Holy Scripture Says: Jesus says: "I am the way." John 14:6. 17th. Christian Science Says: Atonement is not blood. It stands for mortality disappearing, for Jesus' deathless life, which He left for an example, and ransoms from sin all who follow it. Page 528. Holy Scripture Says: Without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. 9:22. Washed as from our sins in His own blood. Rev. 1:5. Adv. E. J. BULGIN.

P. S.—Since writing the above I note the second letter appearing and while it does not merit a special reply, nothing new being contained therein, I may have something to say about it later. Adv. E. J. B.

Among the business callers last Wednesday not mentioned in my last was Mrs. J. Monia of Brownsboro, W. E. Webb, one of the Derby farmers, Charles Mathews, a son of the late K. Mathews recently of Montana, and James B. Hamerick of Central Point. C. A. Barton and H. L. Barton, state agents for the New World Life, who are canvassing this part of the county in behalf of that institution were here for dinner Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and seemed to be meeting with considerable success in their line. H. H. Noel of Medford, a traveling salesman for the Buick auto was also here for dinner the same day. Lee Whately of Prospect was also a business caller on his way home Thursday. F. J. Ayres and wife of Reese creek were also transacting business here. While they have a farm on the Eagle Point-Derby road they also own property in own town and were here looking after their first cutting of alfalfa. Mrs. Rose C. Schieffelin who is working in the interest of the Red Cross society went up to Butte Falls on the stage on Red Cross business and brought out a woman and six children who seemed to be under her supervision. J. B. Cooper and Mr. Throssall of Trail came out on the stage from Trail Thursday and went on to Medford. John Wilkinson of Lane county, Ore., a nephew of our neighbor, S. H. Har-nish, came in Thursday to pay him a short visit. Mr. Wilkinson formerly lived in Central Point but moved with his parents to a place about twelve miles south of Eugene City. Mrs. Simon, the wife of one of the old foremen on the Ala Vista orchard and her mother, Mrs. Murton of Wel-len were transacting business here, also visiting some of their old neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Van Handen-burg now of this place. Since the school in Butte Falls has closed Mr. O. A. Goss and family have moved from there into the old George Warmaley house. They have been staying in Butte Falls in order to have their daughter, Miss Helen, attend the high school there as they did not fancy the idea of having her spend so much of her time on the road going and coming to and from the school in Med-ford. Mr. and Mrs. Goss have a nice pear orchard in the outskirts of our town and contemplate building a home on it this summer. Thomas E. Nichol, one of the pioneers of the valley and one of our merchants made a business trip up to John Allen's about the middle of the week. During the past week there have

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