

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE

Full Text

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A lecture on Christian Science was delivered Friday night in the Fremont school auditorium under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Klamath Falls.

Charles O. Parmele introduced the lecturer with the following remarks:

Friends: In behalf of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of this city, it is my happy privilege to welcome you here tonight.

The fact of your presence here would indicate that in some measure, at least, you are interested in learning something of that Truth that is commanding the attention of mankind throughout the world.

That the Truth as taught in Christian Science, regenerates, sustains and comforts is testified to by unnumbered multitudes. In the Christian Science periodicals, published by the Christian Science Publishing Society are carefully authenticated testimonies of healing and every Wednesday evening in the Christian Science churches testimonies of healing covering every phase of mortal discord are given.

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THE PERFECTION OF CREATION
If we are to escape the dangers and difficulties which beset the pathway of human existence, our starting point, therefore, must be a perfect God and a perfect man—the starting point which Christian Science has brought to light.

Mrs. Eddy defines God as divine Mind, Life, Love, Principle, and Spirit. Happily enough this definition corresponds with the highest Scriptural conception of God, for the Bible speaks of Him as Life, Mind, Love, Spirit.

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"wipe away tears from off all faces."

Try by means of physical sense to penetrate the veil or in outline of visualize our friend will end only in confusion and disappointment. Materiality cannot apprehend spirituality. The qualities which endure our friend to us and which really constitute our friend and make him undying are not of the flesh. They never existed in a material body. They are spiritual qualities—loyalty, faithfulness, love, and other attributes of Soul. They are not appreciable to material sense; they never have been and never can be. They are appreciable to spiritual sense only. Let us cultivate this sense. Let us think rightly, live rightly. Let us rise above sin and sensuousness. This is what our friend is doing. Then with our thoughts and aims in the same direction our pathways will converge. We shall come out of the different states of consciousness to which mortal sense has consigned us, and which have seemed to separate us, and come together into the one absolute consciousness of Life eternal.

It is humanly natural that we should be concerned about our friend and wonder what and where he is, but if we are wise we shall trust him to God's tender, constant care, thinking of him rationally and helpfully. Grieving and speculating can do no good and may spread confusion where peace and calm are needed. When our friend was here we emphasized his good qualities, we admired his sweet smiling face, we thought of his pleasant ways, in other words, we saw something of the real man as an expression of imperishable life and unchanging good. We should continue to do so. Right thinking, comprising thoughts of love and life and peace, is always and universally helpful. It knows no barrier. It reaches its destination certainly and instantly.

In Christian Science practice we observe that right thinking, treatment, or prayer has the effect of quickly and effectively as though he were awake or present. Intervening walls, mountains, oceans, and varying states of human consciousness, offer no resistance to the truth liberated by right thinking. In Science the here and there are merged, and we are neither separated from God nor from one another by walls of matter or walls of consciousness. These supposed barriers exist only to erring physical sense, and they disappear as physical sense yields to spiritual sense or the true vision.

Woman's Club To Elect Monday

Election of officers for the Klamath Falls Business and Professional Women's Club will be held Monday evening, June 24, at a dinner to be held in the city library club rooms at 8:30, according to Mrs. Lena Dennis, president.

Fixtures Arrive For Golden Rule

Two carloads of fixtures for the new Golden Rule store arrived Friday afternoon. These are the first to arrive and more are expected in the near future, according to Ed Vannice, manager.

Probe Sinking of Steamer Laurel

PORTLAND, Ore., June 22. (UP)—U. S. steamboat inspectors today began a formal investigation into the wreck of the freighter Laurel, in which the life of one man was lost.

The Laurel went aground before dawn Sunday at the mouth of the Columbia river. She broke in two and the stern section, with 33 men aboard, drifted onto the beach north of the river mouth and half a mile from shore. One man was swept overboard by a huge comb and was never seen again.

ELECTROCUTE MURDERER

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., June 22. (UP)—U. S. Department of Justice today announced it would execute by electric chair the murderer of a state penitentiary here at 12:37 a. m. today for the murder of J. A. Mitchell, Coleman killing station operator.

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