

Christian Science--its Practice and Proof--A Lecture

on Christian Science Entitled Christian Science: Its Practice and Proof by Florence Middagh, C. S. of Los Angeles, California

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Mankind is faced with problems today that need to be solved. Christian Science explains Jesus' method of solving them by recognizing divine mind as the only intelligence, and that Truth succeeds where error must always fail, and that nothing can bring right results but right motives, spiritual consciousness, and a complete dependence upon God.

Christian Science is teaching mankind the difference between material development and spiritual growth. It is turning thought from the contemplation of relief in matter to the attainment of harmony in Spirit. The pursuit of material development comes from a false concept of God, conceived by the material senses--the five physical senses, that testify to a material personality and mind in matter.

Spiritual growth is not dependent upon education, vocational training, personal influence, opportunity, prestige, or wealth. It is the unfolding of spiritual ideas in human consciousness. It is the awakening from material beliefs to an understanding of God. It is a mental process, involving thought, and, and can be realized here and now.

In one of the most remarkable books ever written this arresting statement is made, "The time for thinkers has come. Some may wonder why such a statement should be made when the world has always had good thinkers, even spiritually-minded men and women who have grasped something of the fundamentals of spiritual creation, not only as separate from material things, but essentially the only reality."

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What is Christian Science? Because of erroneous conceptions about Christian Science, some may hesitate to accept its teachings. One may have formed a false concept by accepting a prejudiced opinion that would misrepresent the teachings of Christian Science either through ignorance or malice. Then, too, because the name is new, some may believe that its teachings are new, and different from the Christianity presented in the Bible, and taught by Jesus to his disciples. Many of the vital elements of this demonstrable Christianity had been lost to the world, or considered impractical. Among other things, it has restored the healing of disease, and has revealed that it was a natural, spiritual law which governed the so-called miracles of Jesus. She proved, and students of Christian Science all over the world are proving, that this divine law, governing every activity of man, is just as potent today, and just as ever-operative, as in Jesus' time.

Christian Science is fundamentally based upon the Biblical declarations in both the Old and New Testaments, that God is the only creator, and that everything He made is good. It proclaims and proves the aliveness of God, good, and the nothingness of evil. Christian Science teaches that since evil is nothing, claiming to be something, it is destroyed by a recognition of its unreality. This recognition comes with a comprehension that God is the only creator, and that this creation consists only of good. It, likewise, accepts the Biblical teaching that man was created in God's image and likeness, the likeness of Spirit, not matter. Christian Science is best understood by a thorough study of its textbook. It invites you to approach the problems that confront you from an entirely different viewpoint and one from which they can be solved. As one studies this textbook, the unreality of evil should become evident to him, and as the aliveness of God is unfolded, the revelation of Truth appears. Each one may begin at once to prove this

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Men depend entirely upon mathematical calculations, from the making of a bridge to the building of a bridge. When they realize that the law governing numbers points to the invariable and perfect law of God, which governs man and the universe, they will find that they can rely upon the principle to solve every problem of whatever nature that may confront them, and be just as sure of right results.

If the idea of God as Principle sounds cold and abstract, let us remember that Mrs. Eddy says that God is Love, and therefore His is divine Principle. Since this Principle that governs man is Love, then man has nothing to fear, but every joy and happiness to experience now. Let me give you a simple illustration. A student of Christian Science said that one day a friend passed her on the street without speaking to her. At first she was filled with resentment and a sense of injustice. Then she decided that since she knew something about God as Love, it was her work to apply this governing Principle to the situation, in order to gain her own peace of mind. She reasoned that since God is Love and man was made in His image and likeness, then man must be loving, lovable, and lovely--must express all the qualities of Love. This understanding of Truth enabled her to see her friend, as well as herself, as this true likeness. She was comforted, and her thoughts were no longer in evil as real or belonging to God's idea, man. Some time afterwards she met this friend again, who joyfully told her that she had experienced a very remarkable healing, remarkable because she was no longer believing in evil as real or belonging to God's idea, man. Some time afterwards she met this friend again, who joyfully told her that she had experienced a very remarkable healing, remarkable because she was no longer believing in evil as real or belonging to God's idea, man.

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ness, given in the Glossary of Science and Health (p. 897) reads as follows: "The vestibule in which a material sense in things disappears, and spiritual sense unfolds the great facts of existence." Thus we find that Jesus proved his unbroken unity with God. He revealed the Christ, as the spiritual manifestation of divine Love. The human Jesus vanished from sight after he ascended, but the Christ is present today, as then, and dwells with man to reveal his God-bestowed heritage of completeness and perfection. Christian Science makes it plain that mortal man is no part of this real, this spiritual man.

The belief that Jesus was the only one upon whom this Christ-spirit is bestowed has certainly not been based upon anything that he has said regarding it. During his ministry and teachings he emphatically pointed out that everything he said or did was to enable us to follow his example, to prove our divine sonship as he did. "That where I am, there ye may be," describes in his own words the import of his mission, and the thing he suffered to give to us. Perhaps his greatest sorrow was caused by the thought that mankind might misinterpret his mission.

The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science
A number of years ago, in our own time, a little girl enjoyed the close companionship of her grandmother, who was a spiritually-minded woman. One day the grandmother was telling her of an early ancestor, a soldier, the desired freedom of religion. "What is religion?" Mary Baker asked, and little did she know that one day she would give to the world the final revelation of the Scriptures, by which the Bible, in the light of spiritual illumination, "health all thy diseases!"

During her girlhood she glimpsed some of the truths of the Bible, of which she was an absorbed student, and experienced the healing power of God, proving His loving care and protection. For instance, once, when she suffered from a fever, she was encouraged by her mother to ask God to make her well. She asked, believing, and was healed. So she, too, early began her search for spiritual truths, and began more about God. It was her persistence in this that led to her discovery of Christian Science, and the ever-present healing power of God, as taught and demonstrated by Jesus. She spent many years as an invalid, but was restored to health through the realization of the truth of Mind, and was able to refute the fatality of a serious accident, which neither surgery nor materia medica could reach. At first she could not explain what had happened, but she was determined to show the way to her with all mankind--with all who were willing and ready to receive it. She knew that she had found the truth, the law of life, the unfailing law of God, that is ever present and operative for all which governs the universe and man in perfect harmony.

One may ask, "How can I know that I have found the truth in Christian Science?" Obviously, by its fruits. One has but to look about him today to see the results of Christian Science. It cannot be denied that the fruits it is willing to look, and wants to see. Thousands of testimonies, both verbal and printed, every day pour forth from grateful hearts, for there is no part of the Christian Science that is not today showing the light of this truth does not shine. The Bible has been illumined, and has become the textbook it rightly should be. It has been brought into active use in thousands of homes. Mrs. Eddy declares (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 10) that "the Bible is the leader of man's masterpiece, the ignorant man's dictionary, the wise man's directory." No one can honestly say today that the Bible is a closed book to him, for we have been given the key to its meaning, and the way to all who may choose to look for them.

One of the familiar stories of the Old Testament is the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem, by Nehemiah. In order to complete the wall of defense which he and his helpers had undertaken to rebuild, it was necessary for them to maintain courage, perseverance, steadfastness to purpose, and a determination that the work would go forward in spite of any obstacle that might present itself. Had they listened to one moment to the suggestions of the enemy, or yielded to his influence, they, and the wall, too, would have been destroyed. We may safely say that Nehemiah felt that obedience to God's law was even more important than the accuracy of the construction of the material wall of protection. It is true that what one builds of a material structure is of little account unless character is being built at the same time.

At a period when the average person seriously considers retirement from business activity, Mary Baker Eddy began her remarkable work of rebuilding the wall of Christianity, which had been impaired by the storms of the ages. Under divine guidance and inspiration she wrote the textbook of Christian Science, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," which was given to her through spiritual revelation, step by step, during three years of consecrated devotion to this purpose, to the exclusion of all else. Still turning to God to direct her every activity, she founded the church that would bring this truth within reach of all mankind; established a Publishing Society for the printing and distribution of a weekly, and a monthly magazine; taught metaphysical classes; and, at a time when most people lose all interest in activity of any kind, and focus their expectation upon a future reward, she was led to establish an international daily newspaper, *The Christian Science Monitor*. This gives you some idea of what kind of thinker she was, and to what kind of thinking she referred when she said, "The time for thinkers has come."

The same suggestions of evil tried to stop the work she was doing that tried to make Nehemiah cease building the wall of Jerusalem, and come down. She carried the needed weapons for protection in one hand and built with the other, even as the workers did then. She knew that her weapons were not "carnal," but the Word of God, which is "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." We can be grateful for these examples of steadfastness to purpose that have been given us.

Who Is My Neighbor?
I think Jesus' favorite method of painting a picture, and pointing a lesson, must have been the parable, for he began to teach by these steps they had taken, which, at the time, had seemed to them to be progress. But conditions only grew worse, and their supply was cut off in other directions. Now these earnest people began to wish to manifest. What some adjustment in their thinking about supply. As they worked over the problem they recognized that curtailment, although sometimes humanly necessary, was an element of lack, and that they had been practicing lack while praying for a right understanding of abundance. When they had reversed this false reasoning, the husband's salary was restored, with the deduction refunded. And when they were again established in the new home, an additional and unexpected source of income opened up.

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A man and his wife, students of Christian Science, decided that their business and financial success justified their moving into a larger and better home. Shortly after they had moved, the husband's salary was cut, and they concluded they had made a mistake in their decision. They began to regret the steps they had taken, which, at the time, had seemed to them to be progress. But conditions only grew worse, and their supply was cut off in other directions. Now these earnest people began to wish to manifest. What some adjustment in their thinking about supply. As they worked over the problem they recognized that curtailment, although sometimes humanly necessary, was an element of lack, and that they had been practicing lack while praying for a right understanding of abundance. When they had reversed this false reasoning, the husband's salary was restored, with the deduction refunded. And when they were again established in the new home, an additional and unexpected source of income opened up.

We can begin right where we are to practice prayer by refusing to voice error or claim for ourselves the things we do not wish to manifest. What a cheerful round of conversation this old world would enjoy if this were universally observed! Just check up on yourself for one day, and see how many declarations concerning your business, your home, and so on, you make that are not expressions of eliminating, rather than manifesting in your experience. And then see how many times you can resist the temptation to voice evil, and deny false suggestions by declaring good.

Why does it seem so difficult to detect the fraudulent nature of that which we call a mortal? Is it not because we have not learned to recognize the real man? I recently read an interesting article explaining the method of counterfeiting money, and how it might be detected. The author said that he had proved that the counterfeit bill has only a very slight knowledge of genuine money, and when asked to describe it, for instance, as to distinguishing marks for different denominations, will fall nine times out of ten. That is why, he explains, one is so easily deceived by a counterfeit, and you want to protect yourself against bad money, study good money," he advises. Thus the best way to protect oneself from the deception of the counterfeit man is to learn more about the real man.

What are some of the wrong theories of life that need to be exchanged for true ideas? Christian Science teaches that "the procuring cause and foundation of all sickness is fear, ignorance, or sin" (Science and Health, p. 411). Most of us know well the harmful results of sinful habits of thinking, and we know, too, that ignorance must be replaced by understanding, but we may yet need to eliminate fear before a healing is accomplished. Over and over again Mrs. Eddy reminds us that when fear is banished the case is healed, and that Love, divine Love, is the supreme and lasting remedy for all fear and its discordant effects. And so, again, in order to recognize the fraudulent nature and powerlessness of fear we need to learn more about Love, its all-powerful presence.

Sometimes the convenient excuse that one is understanding is too small to make these truths practical is only a postponement of that which one must eventually prove. The smallest grain of truth has more power than all the arguments of evil put together for all time. We can do our part, and leave the increase to God. It is our willingness to use what we do understand that makes us receptive to larger unfoldment.

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