

Gives Lecture on Christian Science

Editor's note: Appended is an excerpt from a lecture on Christian Science given January 16 in First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Wilmette, by Robert Stanley Ross of New York City. His subject was: "Christian Science: A Satisfying Religion." Mr. Ross is a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

Why is it that the Christian Science movement grows apace, notwithstanding the world's lagging interest in the things of Spirit? There is a reason for everything; there must be a reason for this. What is it? Is it not because Christian Science affords a healing refuge for those who are hopelessly afraid, sick, discouraged, and in want? Is it not because, after all material means have failed, Christian Science reveals the availability of God's all-protecting, all-providing goodness and love?

When John the Baptist wondered whether Christ Jesus was the looked-for Messiah, he sent two of his disciples to the Master with the question, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" Jesus replied by pointing to his works, saying, "Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me."

It is as if he had said: These people were sick and in trouble. Neither prevailing systems of religion nor medicine were capable of healing them. But look at them now! They're well and happy! Could I send to John more convincing proof? Could I offer him clearer evidence of what constitutes true, practical, satisfying religion?

Impressive Incident

Recently a young man applied for membership in a local Christian Science church. During the customary examination, he told the membership committee that he had gone from one denomination to another in what seemed to him to be a fruitless search for God. Finally he had turned to Christian Science and there found that for which he had longed, namely, a satisfying religion.

When the committee asked the applicant why he felt so sure, he answered that it was because he had found in Christian Science a religion whose teaching was based upon a changeless, ever-available, divine Principle. Already, with only a meager understanding of the sub-

ject, he said that he had overcome a number of physical difficulties. He had even been led to steady employment in the midst of world-wide unemployment. Having proved this divine Principle to be demonstrable in some ways, he said he was convinced that it was demonstrable in all ways.

To be sure, those who apply for membership in the Christian Science church are not required to express their convictions in the foregoing or any other fixed terms. Nevertheless, this applicant's conclusions were impressive. They showed that he had grasped early one of the basic, vital facts about this new-old religion; for truly the religion of Christian Science is based upon invariable divine Principle and demonstrated according to rule.

Writing on page 109 of the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, says, "I knew the Principle of all harmonious Mind-action to be God, and that cures were produced in primitive Christian healing by holy, uplifting faith; but I must know the Science of this healing, and I won my way to absolute conclusions through divine revelation, reason, and demonstration."

Two Generations of Sisters Guests at Party

Two generations of sisters, seven in each family, made an unusual list of guests present last Wednesday for the birthday luncheon party which Mrs. J. F. Steffens, 1525 Wilmette avenue, Wilmette, gave at her home in honor of her mother, Mrs. Joseph Engels of 1939 Birchwood avenue.

Mrs. Engels was 76 years old, and present were her six sisters ranging in age from 89 to 68. In the order of seniority they are Mrs. Mary Doetsch of Evanston, Mrs. Dennis Kloefer of Winnetka, Mrs. Marion Fehdt of Evanston, Mrs. John Schaefer of Winnetka, and Mrs. John Schindler and Mrs. Dora Steffens of Wilmette. All but Mrs. Doetsch, brought to this country from Germany by her parents, were born in the old New Trier district near Hill road in Winnetka.

The second generation of seven was the hostess, Mrs. J. F. Steffens, and her six sisters, daughters of Mrs. Engels, the guest of honor. Also present for the occasion were two sisters-in-law.

David Griffith of Memphis, Tenn., returned to his home last week, after having spent several days at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Perry, of 623 Central avenue.

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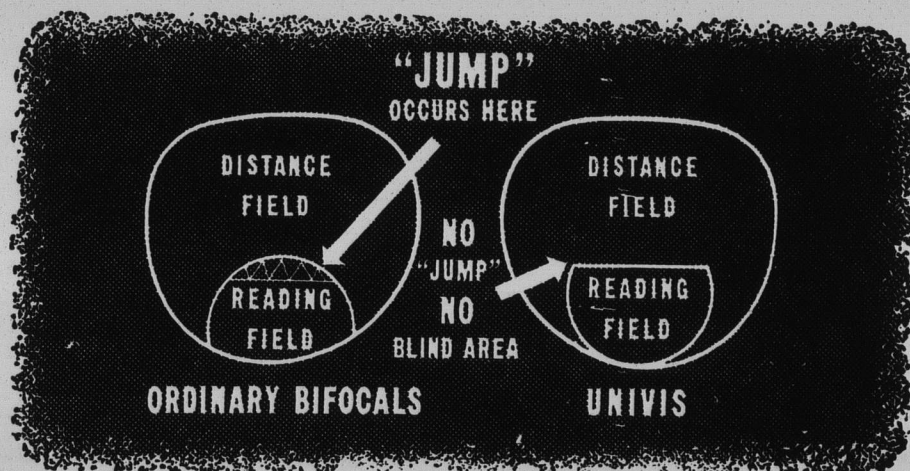
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