

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE DELIVERED AT DICKE'S HALL

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Christian Science: "The Resurrection and the Life."

The presentation of a subject involving the vastness of infinity is destined to encounter a wide range of human belief, theory and opinion; and the question naturally suggests itself, Why is it that Christian people, actuated by the same lofty aims and ambitions, working side by side in their daily vocations, and having the same definite goal before them, should differ so radically in their thought of the infinite?

Centuries have passed since these assuring words of the prophet Jeremiah: "They shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord;" and the positive promise of the Master, "There shall be one fold, and one shepherd," and still there is a deplorable lack of unity among professing Christians throughout the civilized world, and still we find "an altar with this inscription, To The Unknown God." Why is it? The answer is plain; humanity have been trying to know God, to see good, through the human mind or material senses. Almost unconsciously they have drifted farther and farther away from the Mind that was with Christ Jesus, and "the commandments of men" have taken the place of sound doctrine. If all in this audience could at once adopt the one essential viewpoint of Christian Science they would immediately be enabled to prove the verity of its teachings. It is not the purpose of this lecture, however, to force conclusions upon so important a subject, but to speak from that viewpoint of the Science which has enabled its adherents to find in it a satisfying explanation of the phenomenon of human existence.

Point of Agreement. There is perhaps one basic thought upon which all religionists agree at the very outset—namely, Consciousness is. We all assert to the fact that we are in a conscious state of being or existence, and that without such consciousness we would cease to exist. So far, so good. But when we attempt to call this consciousness good, we immediately plunge into an abyss of darkness from which the Christian world for centuries has been struggling to extricate itself, that of mingling good and evil, calling evil good and good evil. This dualistic concept of consciousness has been the seeming cause of untold suffering and torment to the human race. It is evident then that from it humanity must escape if they would ever reach what is called heaven. Hence their need of a Saviour.

Consciousness Defined. Here Christian Science steps forth into the arena of mental activity and gives a definition of consciousness which enables us to differentiate between what is real and eternal and what is unreal and temporal. It defines consciousness as the one infinite intelligence or Mind, which is God, Life, Love, Spirit. It makes clear to the receptive thought that the so-called consciousness of both good and evil is but the forbidden fruit of the tree of knowledge, and "is enmity against God." Real consciousness being God, it is infinite, all comprehensive and ever-present. The moment this supersensible fact is admitted we are divinely empowered to begin the all-important work of purifying that consciousness which claims the capacity and privilege to cognize evil as well as good.

Transformation of Human Consciousness.

This one statement on page 276 of Science and Health by Mrs. Eddy, "Real consciousness is cognizant only of the things of God," has already aroused a slumbering world from its dream of life in matter to the great need of mental transformation, for it is the abnormal human consciousness that is referred to in the scriptural passages: "No man hath seen God at any time," and "There shall no man see me and live." Is it any wonder that the apostle admonished, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind?" This renewing of the mind involves the separation of good and evil in consciousness, of right thought and wrong thought, a mental process which every human being must undergo before he can fully awaken to the perfection of being. Heaven is, always has been, and always will be a divine harmonious state of consciousness into which no erroneous or evil thought ever entered or ever can enter. It therefore follows conclusively that all wrong thought must be purged from consciousness, and that our heaven will be found here and now just to the extent that we reject the evil and lay hold of the good. How to distinguish between right and wrong thought will be our main concern. Right thoughts or ideas in Christian Science emanate from the one divine Mind or intelligence. They are the only avenues or channels through which the one Mind finds expression. We could not conceive of an expressionless Mind or intelligence. Wrong thoughts are beliefs only, therefore finite, mutable and mortal. They are not real, intelligence or real, and therefore have neither privilege nor capacity to sustain themselves.

ness. In no way does God sanction or uphold them. But how shall we detect and cast out such counterfeit realities? Obviously by gaining an understanding of genuine or right thoughts. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The right idea of intelligence or Mind and of what constitutes its expression or manifestation will free us from any mistaken sense of Mind. It is always a knowledge of the truth which corrects and does away with mistakes. So long as we believe in both good and evil we fail to understand the true nature of either. The moment we accept good as supreme and as the only reality of being, that very moment do we acknowledge a divine Principle or law which operates mentally through the idea of infinite good to destroy all belief in evil. Here, then, is the way out of our dilemma.

Right Mental Activity. If two men are in a frenzied state of thought, and almost upon the point of inflicting bodily injury upon each other, we all know that a certain degree of right mental activity on their part will soon restore harmony, in fact we cannot think of any other possible means of bringing about such a result. If a pupil in mathematics becomes confused in thought and cannot work out his problem, we know that the influence of right thought will soon adjust the difficulty and enable him to solve his problem. We all acknowledge that his state of consciousness must change before he can complete his work.

If a friend is prostrated with grief and thinking that life is drear and away the application of rightly directed thought will very soon act as oil upon the troubled waters, and mourning will be turned into joy. If fear overwhelms one we admit that a thought of God's power and presence very soon banishes the fear. Then why should not the poor sick man, suffering from some ailment which has no possible existence outside of the realm of mortal consciousness, be healed through the operation of God's thoughts? The activity of right thought is no finite or limited capacity. Neither is it any respecter of persons, troubles or diseases. It is as natural for right thought to heal as it is for the sun to shine. All of the mental disorders which we know yield to the exercise of right thinking are capable of producing what are termed physical or bodily diseases. To say then that such diseases, which are only a different form of error, cannot be reached by mental means, is to dispute the application of spiritually enlightened thought.

When the right idea of God as being the one infinite all-good consciousness enters the area of our thinking and reasoning capacity, the activity of righteousness is allowed to assert itself, and just as darkness is displaced by the light, so are wrong thoughts displaced by scientific or God-like thoughts. The moment the true idea of Mind enters individual consciousness, work begins therein. This idea, operating through law and as law, demands the perfect readjustment of finite human consciousness. The indisputable mission or purpose of a right or divine idea is primarily to proclaim the true nature of its source or Principle, and incidentally to disclose the unreal nature of any other source or origin. The divine idea is Mind's true and lawful representative and Mind has no other. It is the only agent that is clothed with power and authority to carry out the purposes of its Principle, God. Let us never forget that the only power in the universe is mental and is expressed or reflected through the divine idea, never through human beliefs. In all directions, far and near, we hear of the continuous unfolding of this universal idea of Mind, of the wonderful healing and transformation of human thought, of the peace and joy and happiness that have entered into the world through its loving ministrations, and we are led to exclaim: "Is not this the Christ?"

The Christ Within. The world is fast losing its limited personal sense of the Savior of men and is looking more to the Christ within. It is a present resurrection and spiritual life that Christians are mostly deeply interested in. Christian Science urges upon all mankind the necessity of opening the door of consciousness to receive this ever-present saving Christ idea which comes as of old "with healing in his wings." David cried, "Who is this king of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." This certainly conveys an impersonal concept of the Christ, Truth, a divine activity or influence which is indeed mighty to heal all our diseases. Every human failure to prove the power of good is a failure to yield to the divine Christ within. Whenever human will surrenders to the divine idea there is a victory won on the side of Truth, but not before. The great Teacher of mankind, whose consciousness was ever dominated by the Christ idea, said, "I can of mine own self do nothing." What a rebuke to pride and human will power! If all who profess to love the Truth could grasp the metaphysical viewpoint of the great apostle when he said, "Through Christ which strengtheneth me, I can do all things," they would be in touch with the only healing and redeeming activity known to the world. This Christ idea speaking through Jesus said: "Without me (severed from me) ye can do nothing." This statement is a rebuke to the whole world.

out healing or salvation. As we stop to ponder the thought that good can find expression only through goodness, Love only through that which loves, Truth only through that which is truthful, we can begin to see the intimate relationship between God and His idea. They are indissolubly connected, so that they never have existed and never can exist separate and apart from each other; they are one in essence or being, as indicated by Jesus' own words: "I and my Father are one." The Christ idea, therefore, was never for one moment separated from the Father, but through the pure humanity of Jesus it found its normal and harmonious manifestation in those wonderful words and works which are today as never before attracting worldwide attention.

Our Saviour. A right idea is a saving idea. When it is seen that an erroneous concept of God is really responsible for all the evil in the world, it will naturally follow that a right concept of Deity will be the only means of correcting such evil. And this correction will take place in human consciousness, where all belief in evil must obtain. Thus we find in Christian Science that the right idea of good frees us from everything that is unlike good; the right idea of health enables us to overcome disease, as well as a mistaken sense of health; the right idea of Love destroys all sense of hate; the right idea of power enables us to prove the dominion of good; the right idea of supply makes it possible to conquer all belief in poverty or lack; the right idea of success leads to the overcoming of all worldly aims and ambitions; the right idea of Spirit turns the light of spiritual understanding on matter and robs it of all life, substance and intelligence, thus enabling us to overcome its discordant conditions and so-called laws; the right idea of causation does away with belief in secondary or evil causes; the right idea of activity leads to the subjection of the self-assertive human will; in other words, the right idea of God, man and the universe is our present means of escape from all that would separate us from God, good. Is not this "the resurrection and the life?"

As human consciousness becomes purged of the dross of materialism, it is resurrected from a false material sense to a higher or spiritual sense. Only through this thorough purification of thought can we come face to face mentally with things spiritual and eternal. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God," good. God is not revealed to humanity through a good and evil consciousness. Whoever insists upon owning such a consciousness has therefore not partaken of the resurrection. This fact is one that should receive more thoughtful consideration at the hands of all Christian people, for it most vitally concerns the welfare of all humanity. The most unnatural of all unnatural things is to believe that evil is any part of real consciousness. Such belief does not honor our Creator. The possibility of finally attaining a perfect state of consciousness is patent to all Christian Scientists, and there is untold joy and happiness, we know and acknowledge that its accomplishment, here and now. It pays daily dividends in a renewed sense of health, strength and happiness. Only through the coming of Christ, of the true idea of God, can this ever take place.

When Christ appears, the tares are bound in bundles to burn, while the wheat is gathered into the Father's storehouse. He who is first to acknowledge that the dual consciousness of good and evil is in absolute need of a Saviour is the first to acquaint himself with God and to be at peace.

Love for Christ Jesus. There are no people on earth who feel and express more genuine affection and love for Christ Jesus than do Christian Scientists. They not only believe but they understand why he is to them "the resurrection and the life." They reverently acknowledge him as the Saviour of the world, and they are striving to keep his commandments. They know only too well that something more than lip service is required to enable them to follow in his mental footsteps. They realize that the whole plan of salvation is nothing short of a mental and moral healing and regeneration, whereby the so-called human consciousness surrenders to the divine, which, as has already been stated, "is cognizant only of the things of God." This being the case we must begin now to think our way into the kingdom of heaven. No one of us will ever reach this harmonious state without being conscious of it. It is not an experience outside of or independent of consciousness. The apostle knew this when admonishing us to have in us the same Mind that was in Christ Jesus. He knew that there was a mental crucifixion and resurrection for us all to pass through before we can become conscious of good only. The Christ idea of purity, operating in human consciousness, offers to Christian Scientists, and to all others the only means of escape from wrong thinking and its attendant discordant effects. Jesus taught "as one having authority and not as the scribes." What gave him authority to speak as never man spoke and to do the works which the scribes and Pharisees did not and could not do? Was it not his transcendent sense of the naturalness of good? He recognized the sovereignty of good and yielded uncompromising obedience thereto. This obedience endowed him with power on high, and in the resurrection to this same day.

Legal Notices

(Official Publication.) Report of the Condition of ARMERS' & MERCHANTS' BANK.

Located at Downers Grove, State of Illinois, Before the Commencement of Business, on the 22d Day of October, 1913, as Made to the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Illinois, Pursuant to Law. Resources.

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name and Amount. Includes Loans, Overdrafts, Investments, Cash on hand, etc.

Total resources \$291,426.60. Liabilities: 1. Capital stock paid in \$25,000.00, 2. Surplus fund \$2,350.00, 3. Undivided profits \$5,229.93, etc.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. In the matter of the Estate of Henry Lloyd, Deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of Henry Lloyd, deceased, are hereby notified and requested to attend and present such claims to the County Court of DuPage County, Illinois, for the purpose of having the same adjusted, at a term of said court to be held in the County Court room at Wheaton, in said DuPage County, on the first Monday of January, 1914, being the 14th day thereof. Dated Downers Grove, Nov. 3, 1913. EMMA LLOYD, Administratrix. CARNAHAN, ELSDON & SLUSHER, Attorneys.

NOTICE OF GUARDIAN'S SALE. State of Illinois, County of DuPage, ss.—In the County Court of DuPage County, in the matter of the application of Nellie Erickson, guardian of the estate of Harold Robert Erickson, minor, for leave to sell real estate, To Harold Robert Erickson, Minor, and all persons whom it may concern: Public notice hereby given that by virtue of a decretal order made and entered of record by said court in the above entitled cause on the 3rd day of November, 1913, the said Nellie Erickson, guardian of the estate of Harold Robert Erickson, a minor, will, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. on Monday, the 15th day of October, 1914, at the west door of the court house in the city of Wheaton, in said DuPage County, Illinois, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the said Harold Robert Erickson, a minor, has in and to the following described real estate, situated in the village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, and State of Illinois, to-wit: Item 1.—An undivided one-fifth interest in Block sixteen (16), in E. H. Prince & Company's Addition to Downers Grove, subject to the right of dower therein of Nellie Erickson, as widow of Olaf Erickson, deceased.

Item 2.—An undivided one-fifth interest as tenant in common Lot eighteen (18), in Block sixteen (16), in E. H. Prince & Company's Addition to Downers Grove, subject to right of dower and homestead therein of Nellie Erickson, as widow of Olaf Erickson. Also subject to a mortgage in the principal sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500) Dollars, dated June 1, 1901, to Mrs. M. McNaught, mortgagee, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum. No deed or deeds to be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers until such sale has been reported to and approved by said County Court. Dated Downers Grove, Ill., Nov. 3, 1913. NELLIE ERICKSON, Minor. CARNAHAN, ELSDON & SLUSHER, Attorneys.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of ROSWELL O. CURTISS, Deceased. The undersigned having been appointed administrator de bonis non with the will annexed, of Roswell O. Curtiss, late of the County of DuPage and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will receive and pay all claims against the estate of said Roswell O. Curtiss, deceased, at the County Court of DuPage County, at the Court House in Wheaton, at the December term, on the first Monday in December next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 8th day of October, A. D. 1913. WILLIAM H. EDWARDS, Administrator de bonis non with the will annexed. BUNGE, HARBOUS & CHADWICK, Attorneys.

Old Custom Survives. The ancient custom "horn dancing" took place at Abbot Bromley, Burton-on-Trent, England, recently, when costumed dancers carrying reindeer horns which have been stored in the church for four centuries, and astride hobby-horses, went through the countryside to the strains of rag-time music.

Practical Girl. The Baltimore girl who recovered her health and used as a wedding gown she had made when told she could not get well, is a practical person who will be able to make the skeleton of yesterday's roast chicken into tomorrow's hash.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

One Part Was Easy. A commercial traveler who found trade very bad wrote home in a very melancholy mood, whereupon the head of the firm wired: "If you cannot get enough orders to make your expenses you had better return at once." "Orders are very scarce," replied the traveler in reply, "but I am getting a lot of them."

Motiograph Theatre SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

When Women Go on the Warpath (Special—2 parts)—After the great suffrage parade in Jonesville, Deacon Josiah Pitts goes for a walk along the river bank. Seeing some boys in swimming, he decides to do likewise, but has his clothes stolen. It is a very embarrassing position for him as he is leader of the "dry" party in the town, and if the other men ever heard of it he would be laughed to death. He is helped out of his trouble by Tom Arnold, who gets his clothes back for him. Tom is in love with Isobel Martin, who says that she will not marry him until Jonesville goes "dry." By way of helping on the good cause, Tom suggests that the women "corner" all the pants in town and that, on the night before election they shall "swipe" their husbands' nether garments. His plan is carried out successfully and the cellar of the suffrage club is filled with pants of all kinds before the dawn of the eventful day breaks.

Election morning, and not a man has a pair of pants, with the exception of the election officers. How on earth are they going to vote? It certainly is a puzzle. Phone calls to the stores reveal the fact that all the pants in town have been bought out. There are no trousers to be had for love nor money.

Some of the men go out without them, wearing petticoats, bath robes and such like, and succeed, not in voting, but in getting arrested. A few of them catch the deacon on his way to the polls, and take his pants. While trying to get away from sight the poor man falls into a horseshoe and gets soaked through. He goes to a drug store and asks for something to warm him. The druggist, who is serving behind the counter in his wife's kimono, giving him whisky and making him gloriously drunk. When at last, dressed in a petticoat, he gets to the voting booth he votes "wet." As far as the "dry" party is concerned the election is a success—the "wets" simply are not in it. Tom gets his heart's desire when Isobel promises to be his bride, while the men of the town have a busy time trying to get hold of suitable pants. The election over, there are "pants, pants, everywhere, but not a pant that fits."

ZIEGFELD THEATRE

Without doubt the most dramatic event in the history of the world was the destruction of Pompeii in 79 A. D. by a terrific eruption of the volcano of Mt. Vesuvius. Fifteen years previous this delightful city on the shore of the Bay of Naples was rudely shaken and partially destroyed by an earthquake and the inhabitants were just recovering from the effects of it and rebuilding their public buildings and beautiful homes when the rage of Vesuvius was vented upon them. The volcano for hours poured forth volumes of smoke, hot flames shot up to the heavens and a steady downpour of clouds of hot dust, stone and lava kept falling on the doomed city until it was buried under twenty-eight feet of cinders, stone and lava, and so completely obliterated that all traces of its location even were lost for nearly seventeen centuries. Many of the inhabitants escaped, but a larger percentage perished. The eruption was accompanied by frequent earthquakes; to add to the horrors a terrible storm raged for hours. Lord Bulwer-Lytton in his famous romantic novel, "The Last Days of Pompeii," immortalized the event and, using data obtainable from scientists and scientific research and investigation, peopled it with his imagination. Mr. George Kleine, with his photo dramatization of Lord Lytton's novel, will do even more to recall it to modern amusement lovers. His pictures of the eruption give a most impressive and vivid idea of the awful magnitude of this world-famed catastrophe. Mr. Kleine's photo drama, "The Last Days of Pompeii," will be presented at the Ziegfeld Theater, Chicago, beginning Sunday, October 26.

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