

us and thus lose His immutability, we shall never escape the bondage of fear nor realize our God given dominion and mastery over ourselves which Jesus taught us to be our birthright.

Christian Scientists have the right understanding of God. They know that sooner or later the continued scientific demonstration that are making over sin and disease will permeate all consciousness and mankind be lifted into the realization of righteous health.

In the past few years there has been a marked increase in longevity which the physicians are unable to account for, but which we know is the result of the world; he that followeth me shall not be fulfilled." "I am the light of the growing faith in Scientific Christianity wherein we know that Life is eternal.

You will be fully convinced of the absolute work Christian Science is doing in this direction, if you will attend a Wednesday night testimonial meeting in a Church of Christ, Scientist, and hear from the lips of the people themselves what this word of God has raised them from and the added-years of life it has given them.

The Christian Scientist text book, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," has broken the seals of mystery that have made the Bible a misunderstood and unread book, has made the mission of Jesus of daily practical benefit and has taught the ascendancy of the law of Life and its dominion over the so-called law of sin and death. Christian Science teaches that works, not words, deeds, not promises, are necessary to the working out of the problem of salvation, and that this salvation is from all that is mutable and imperfect, no matter whether you call it sin or sickness.

Jesus never did a thing we cannot do, if we are willing to take up the same cross He did and undergo the same mortification of the flesh. This fact is clearly indicated in His statement, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do."

The whole requirement of this promise is expressed in five words, "He that believeth on me." Mrs. Eddy stands pre-eminent as the greatest benefactor the world has ever known since Jesus was on earth, because she has made clear the way in which to do not only the works He did, but the "greater works" of His promise. The "greater works" than those which Jesus did are those works which so reveal the Principle which worked through Him, that its individual application is possible. Mrs. Eddy's spiritual apprehension of the Scriptures has made this possible and man thereby made free to know this Principle as his own and bring out its realization now.

If God created drugs for the destruction of disease and put them on earth to save and preserve the life of mankind, is it not reasonable to ask why, as He is "no respecter of persons," a certain drug appears to save one patient and is ineffectual with another?

If it is God's will that we should use drugs to be healed from disease why did Jesus, who came doing the will of the Father, fail to use them in the healing which he accomplished?

He never used anything for the healing of mankind from disease other than the Word of God and that never failed.

Ah! I hear some one say, but he did use material remedies when he mixed clay and spittle and put it on the blind man's eyes. This was a common remedy among the poor in those days, and I assume Jesus used it because of its simplicity and it would best serve His purpose in what He was about to show them. Let me ask you a question. Did the blind man see when the clay was on his eyes? Did the clay restore his sight? No! Not until he had gone and washed it off did the man see. In this manner Jesus left us a sign that, as we cast aside all material remedies, no matter how simple, and go in the way He has

sent us, blindly it may be at first, our obedience shall open the "eyes that see not," and we shall behold the glory of God and His Son, the living Christ.

When it comes to the parting of the ways between Spirit and matter, the statement "God is no respecter of persons" must be either accepted or rejected literally.

If you accept it you must admit the only true and acceptable things of the Lord are those which manifest Life, Truth and Love to all.

If you reject it and in spite of the fact that it teaches what is one man's food is another man's poison, accept Materia Medica as God's institution for healing sickness, you admit His failure to uphold the law of Eternal Life when even drugs fail to cure and mankind dies, and utterly shatter any possible reliance on Paul's statement "in Christ shall all be made alive."

It is neither illogical nor ill-advised on the part of the Christian Scientists in insisting that this is "the day of the Lord" and the time when we should seek the undivided garment of Christ and put on "the whole armor of God."

We believe in absolute obedience to Jesus' command "And as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give."

This command was certainly not meant to apply solely to his twelve disciples, for he afterwards gave the same power to seventy other students. Jesus made obedience to all his commands possible at all times and to all students of His works and words, in His statement on which our hope of salvation rests "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

The Christian Scientists are not antagonistic to physicians. We have demonstrated to our entire satisfaction that we have found a better way for the treatment of disease than theirs, but have neither right nor desire to condemn any who adhere to any other way so long as it seems best to them. Our religion teaches "Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you."

We know that we are not our brother's keeper except in so far as we shall "seek our own in another's good," and are able lovingly to wish all God speed in their every endeavor to find Truth, no matter whether the endeavor seems to correspond with ours or not. We know that "what is of God shall stand and what is of man shall fall" and that in due time "all shall know me (God) from the least to the greatest."

The contrasting results of the material and spiritual method for the treatment of disease are vividly portrayed in the Bible, as the following quotations will prove. For the material method we have the following from Chronicles, "And Asa was diseased in his feet * * * yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers and died."

For the spiritual method we have the following from the New Testament and Psalms: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." "And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, came behind him, and touched the border of His garment, and immediately her issue of blood stanchied." "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all

walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

There is no mistaking the "Way!" The time has come for us to stop following Asa's example and in sweet submission to the Master's will turn to God for our health, realizing that the Word is as mighty to heal to-day, two thousand years after Jesus demonstrated its eternal efficiency as it was when He was on earth.

The material method for the treatment of disease has been in existence for more than four thousand years, how much more we don't know. The so-called laws of Materia Medica, which had their birth in the dark ages of prehistoric mythology and superstition, have become stronger than the law of God in the minds of people, indeed, idols of clay that are universally bowed down to, in pagan idolatry, just as bad as the Greeks ever practiced.

Drugs of their selves have no power and only seem to have by reason of our belief in their potency and the confidence one has in the physician administering them.

I know of an instance demonstrating the truth of this statement. A lady, taken very ill while the family physician was on of town, sent for one close at hand who was also a noted man in his profession. He called and prescribed for her. She grew rapidly worse, until great alarm was felt as to the ultimate result of her illness.

Just at this time her old physician returned and was immediately sent for. When he called he ordered the medicine the other physician had left thrown out leaving fresh drugs in place of it. The lady immediately began to recover and in a short time was well. Her husband, rejoicing at her quick recovery, remarked to the old physician that the other one evidently had not understood his wife's constitution.

The doctor said he was glad his patient was well, but the strange thing about it was that she had recovered under his care and was failing under the care of his colleague when they both had used the same remedy.

The drug, apparently, was of no avail under one, and cured her under the other, showing that the drug had nothing at all to do with it, but that in one instance the patient's mind was full of fear and in the other of confidence. Her fear was killing her, and when that was allayed she was well.

Since knowing of Christian Science I have seen almost every known disease destroyed by it; the cases usually being those considered hopeless from a medical standpoint, for man seldom if ever thinks of turning to God until everything else fails.

I have seen malignant cancer, consumption, tumors, locomotor ataxia, blindness, deafness, drunkenness, insanity and immorality destroyed, and men and women made well morally and physically just by the touch of divine Love as understood and demonstrated in Christian Science.

Mortal mind is still loath to give up its thought about itself and struggles against the pure, spiritual teachings of Christian Science as it did in the past ages, when it fought every one of the prophets and crucified Jesus.

We wonder why the Jews, did not accept Jesus when they saw the many wonderful cases of healing He performed, but there are still those who turn their backs on the self-same works and say that Christian Science is opposed to all ideas either of religion or science.

There are still eyes that see not, and ears that hear not, still those who are looking for the appearance of the Messiah after death, and refusing to acknowledge the Comforter that is in our midst binding up the broken-hearted and bringing out the spiritual unity between God and man.

But "the morning light is breaking," and every day sees a more general ac-

ceptance of Christian Science as the Word of God—the Light that He commanded to "Shine out of darkness" that shineth "in our hearts," giving us the "light of the knowledge of the glory of God" whereby we have proved that the "excellency of the power," whereby the sick are healed is "of God and not of us."

God's word manifested as Christian Science reverses evil always, for His word is Truth! We now the truth and the Truth has made us free. We are proving by our works that we are coming into our heritage and finding the Kingdom, having a gleam in human consciousness of that peace which passeth understanding.

Before closing my lecture let me say this to those desirous of knowing God as Spirit, Principle, Mind. Do not be satisfied with any one's else ideas as to what Christian Science teaches about it, but go to the fountain head and get knowledge, pure and unadulterated, by a careful, prayerful study of the Bible with the aid of the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," every line of which carries healing to its readers because it is the result of Mrs. Eddy's having demonstrated that God "healeth all our diseases" and is "Love."

Mrs. Eddy is the Exemplar of the life work of all Christian Scientists. She has beautifully outlined this work in the following words, quoted from one of her poems:

"My prayer, some daily good to do
To Thine, for Thee;
An offering pure of Love, whereto
God leadeth me."

Every knee shall bow, and every promise shall be fulfilled, and the grand work of Christ as exemplified in Christian Science become universally accepted. Then shall His "will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Then shall we realize that His "is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever," seeing the full fruition of Love, having no other gods than "Our Father, which art in heaven," who is Life, Truth and Love everlasting.

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