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LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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of so-called incurable diseases. The human mind has been taxed to discover new luxuries, and new modes of amusement, to keep pace with the materialistic and ever-changing demands. But can it be said that his accomplishment along these lines has brought to the famished affections anything that truly satisfies anything that brings abiding peace and happiness? Jesus said, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Breaking of Greater Spiritual Light

It should not seem unreasonable to anticipate that an age which has brought forth such material marvels should also witness the breaking of greater spiritual light. To this thought, however, the average man comes with more or less caution. He willingly complais his grandfather's candle with a modern incandescent lamp, unobtrusively prefers an automobile to an ox-cart, and yet hesitates to accept the thought that he should expect advancement along the line of spiritual unfoldment as well as advancement in the realm material.

The Discoverer of a Woman

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The Path Marked by Jesus

Have you ever seen in the mountains a "blazed" trail? A large piece of bark is cleft from a tree, and this operation is repeated on other trees at frequent intervals throughout the length of the trail. No matter how the trees may grow, the "blaze" remains, and so the trail is marked out for generations to come. When the world seemed immersed in the materialism of Jewish theology and Roman paganism, there appeared one whose mission was to point the way to spiritual truth, to deliverance and healing, and he "blazed" a trail to the Father's house so plain, so simple, that a child could follow it. But in after centuries fast-growing weeds of ritual and human doctrines, of political power and ecclesiastical worldliness, obscured the trail, and mortals seemed content to follow the devious paths of creeds until in our time a woman-pilgrim came upon it and gave to her discovery the name of Christian Science, or the Science of Christianity, and she rested not until she had written a book showing you and me how to find it. This guide-book is called "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and is the text-book which Christian Scientists use in connection with their manual of life, the Bible.

The Manner of Truth's Appearing

A Christian Scientist loves to tell the story of the discovery of Christian Science, for the manner of Truth's appearing to Mary Baker Eddy is the way of its appearing to every hungry and receptive heart. There is nothing of the spectacular or the emotional in this coming of Truth. It is the natural, orderly unfolding in the receptive human consciousness of the facts of being, and it comes to us, as angels have ever come to troubled humanity, when "in the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings" (Science and Health, p. 15) we silence self and listen to the "still small voice" of spiritual sense.

Mrs. Eddy's Healing

From her childhood Mrs. Eddy possessed a deeply religious nature. She was also a keen, analytical thinker, and long before the light of Christian Science dawned upon her thought she was an earnest seeker after truth. She sought it in medicine and in every theory advanced by the human mind at that time, but from no human source could she find help when, in the year 1820, she seemed near the door of death. Then it was she called for the Bible. Many another sufferer has done this, especially when the last enemy appears not far distant from the bed of pain. But Mary Baker Eddy did not open her Bible to find therein comforting passages relating to the after-life. She sought in its sacred pages the promise of healing, the promise of deliverance through reliance on divine power, and she turned to this verse in the ninth chapter of Matthew: "And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy: Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." Speaking of this experience in one of her writings, Mrs. Eddy says in one place, "she read the healing Truth dawned upon her sense, and she was enabled to rise from her supposed death-bed with a realization of health and strength." (See Miscellaneous Writings, p. 243)

The Healing of the Sick of the Palsy

How many times has the Christian world read this simple story of the healing of the sick of the palsy, yet missed the vital import of its message? Let us consider the verses following that to which Mrs. Eddy turned: "And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house." In the light of Mrs. Eddy's teachings we can discern plainly that the healing of sin and the healing of sickness were one and the same to the Master. Do you not believe that it is possible for a man to be instantaneously awakened from the nightmare of sin, if through the crust of his seared mentality can break a gleam of the sweetness of a more spiritual sense? Then you must concede that the sick man can be as speedily restored, and by the same method,—that is, if you accept Jesus' statement in the passage from Matthew, "For whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?"

thought to the realization that a loving Father has already done all things well.

Atonement and Eucharist

The second chapter of the text-book is entitled Atonement and Eucharist, and in clear, forceful statement deals with the great life-purpose of the Master. It has been said that this chapter may be likened with the choicest of English prose classics. It breathes a spirit of deepest reverence, and only he who clings to a material viewpoint and avoids the author's uplifted spiritual sense will quarrel with its statements.

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How to Read Science and Health

On the first page of the Preface of Science and Health we are told that the time for thinkers has come. And it is only those who can understand that slightly revelation who think rightly or are willing to be taught so to do, it is not infrequently follows that one hears this remark: "I have read Science and Health; in fact I have read it many times, but can get nothing from it." Yes, one might go to the country brush deserts of our western country and sow seed and then sow more seed, and never have a harvest. If one is to measure he has prepared the soil. There is irrigating to be done and the obstructive weeds must be rooted out. It is not possible, you who may have read and can find nothing, that your mental areas are cumbered with the stubborn growths of bias and criticism and self-satisfaction, or parched with the unlovely alkali of a purely material viewpoint?

Christianity is Exact Science

Mrs. Eddy discovered that the religion taught by Jesus is as exact a science as is the science of numbers; that a Christian should be enabled to overcome sickness, fear, discouragement, poverty, or any other discord, with the same readiness and certainty of correct result that he takes to his problem in mathematics. Thus she has defined Christian Science as "the law of God, the law of good, interpreting and demonstrating the divine Principle and rule of universal harmony" (Fundamental Divine Science, p. 1). And the application of this rule to the problems of every-day life immediately becomes the privilege and duty of the consistent follower of Jesus.

The Mission of the Saviour

The story is told of a shipwrecked sailor who was cast upon a far-off island inhabited by cannibalistic tribes. One day he came upon a group of wandering natives, and inquiring the cause of the commotion, learned that there was a certain supply of coconuts brought to the island to be equally distributed among these men, and no one could decide as to the number that each should have. The sailor counted the coconuts. He found one hundred. He counted the men. There were twenty-five of them. Without hesitation he said, "Each will have four as his share." Imagine his surprise when the natives straightaway flung themselves at his feet, called him a god, and proceeded to worship him! Try as he might, he could not persuade the simple folk that his instantaneous calculation was the result of an understanding of the principle of mathematics and was in no sense miraculous. To the bewildered and heartless children of men came a Saviour. Understanding the great Principle of being, he solved their problems, bringing instantaneous answers in health and regeneration and reformation. He plainly said that of himself he did not work, and that if they would but understand his mission and his Principle, they too could solve the problems as did he. But they called him a wonder-worker, worshipped him personally, and crucified him! Mrs. Eddy writes of the world's misunderstanding thus: "Not the spear nor the material cross wrong from his faithful lips the miniature cry, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? [My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?] It was the possible loss of something more important than human life which moved him,—the possible misapprehension of the sublimest influence of his career." (Science and Health, p. 50)

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