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are translated back into the spiritual, where in fact they have always been, by merely taking off the material eye-glasses through which we have looked at them. If it is conceivable that one could now rid himself of every material element in his mentality, and of every sin and false belief, so that nothing remained in his consciousness except the spiritualized thought, he would not then see his fellow man as material, but would see him for what he really is, namely, the perfect spiritual child of God.

MATTER

From the foregoing consideration of the subject of man, and of the difference between spiritual man and the material man, it is obvious that there are certain questions concerning the nature and character of matter that may be examined with much profit.

Since the material man is only the carnal mind's mis-concept of man, it follows that matter has no entity, and is in every case nothing but material thought objectified. Christian Science shows that "there is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter," Science and Health, page 468, lines 9 and 10, and that, "Matter has no sensation," ibid., 485, 3. Everything in the objective world, which appears to human sense as matter, is merely the visible manifestation of material thought, formed in the material or carnal mind, and cognized by the physical senses as a material thing. If these statements concerning matter be true it will be seen at a glance that they will explain many phenomena in human experience which hitherto have been unexplainable. That they are true is now settled absolutely and conclusively, will be seen.

When Mrs. Eddy first made the discovery that matter in every form has no intelligence, life, sensation, or substance, but is merely the false mental concept of the material or carnal mind, her statements were not accepted as true by physical scientists. They declared that matter was real substance. They asserted that every object, whether it be a star, a flower, a rock, or the human body, was composed of atoms brought together and held together under varying conditions, and that the atom was material. Hence, they said that since the starting point of matter was the material atom, matter must of necessity be substance.

Mrs. Eddy took no pains to defend her statements upon the subject. She had seen the truth about it, and knowing that it was the truth, she was quite content to let the statement of her discovery go into consciousness, well knowing that in the end the truth would prevail. It is most interesting, therefore, to observe what has taken place since then. Within recent years a physical scientist discovered that the atom is not the starting point of matter, and that the atom is itself composed of electrons. When asked to state the nature and character of the electron, he said that it was energy, which is not material substance. Since then the physicists have come out frankly and fairly and now say that any inquiry concerning the nature and character of the electron should be referred to the metaphysician, and that the whole subject belongs to the domain of metaphysics and not physics.

The far-reaching effect of this is at once apparent, for it frankly admits that the starting point of matter is not material, but mental. It is asserted that every object in the material world starts with the electron, and they frankly admit that the electron belongs to the metaphysical and not to the physical realm. In commenting upon this matter the New York Times has called attention, in a leading editorial, to the fact that the physical scientists have now confirmed the statements of Christian Science concerning matter, and it is true that physical scientists no longer attack Christian Science in this point.

CAUSE AND CURE OF DISEASE

The importance of this cannot be over-estimated. All sin, disease, and death come from the belief of life, intelligence, sensation, and substance in matter. If it be true, and it now seems to be settled, that there is no life in matter, that it has no sensation or intelligence, and is mere substance, then it follows that all material theories concerning disease, and the method of solving all human problems, will have to be changed from a material to a spiritual basis. If matter is itself merely a thing of thought objectified, it follows that disease in whatever form, is also merely the objectification of diseased beliefs upon the human body, and that such beliefs originate in the carnal mind, and not in the body, but are manifested on the body only after they are formulated in the material or carnal mind. If this be true, and it is true beyond all possible question, it then follows that the correct way to treat disease is not through matter nor by giving material remedies and drugs to the body, but by destroying the images of disease out of the human mind.

Everyone must see at a glance that disease is not itself an entity. It has no mind, intelligence, volition, nor presence. Disease is neither self-created nor was it created by God. It originates in the first instance in the carnal human mind in the form of diseased thoughts, and is then objectified on the body by the material beliefs of that same carnal mind. The true way to cure it, therefore, is to give to the human mind something that will neutralize and destroy the disease-producing qualities and the disease-producing thought which is the cause of the disease. The Christian Science brings to the human mind, and to this way Christian Science has healed very many people from all kinds of diseases.

JESUS KNEW THERE WAS NO SUBSTANCE IN MATTER

Jesus knew that there was no substance in matter, and he knew it perfectly that he walked through solid doors and walls. He knew what was true about the matter, namely, that it is only the manifested belief that it is only the carnal mind, and

since he did not have that material mind, matter did not appear to him as substance. His consciousness was spiritualized. He knew that the only substance is Spirit, but because of the material element in their consciousness the people were unable to see or comprehend Spirit as substance. They could only think of matter as substance, and, therefore, to them, matter appeared as substance.

Knowing that there was no substance in matter, he knew that man was not material. Mrs. Eddy pointed out many years ago in Science and Health that Jesus saw the mortal man, and that his true view healed the sick. The more one ponders over this statement the more it becomes apparent that it is necessarily true. When there came to Jesus the man who had been born blind, and who had grown from infancy to mature years without the perfect organs of sight, Jesus healed him instantly. He looked through the material veil and saw the real man, who, in every case, is perfect. Jesus knew that God had never created one of his children without sight. God never made an imperfect man. Man being perfect has perfect spiritual senses, and by seeing the perfect man, Jesus pulled away the mask, and allowed the perfect condition to appear. When the paralytic was brought to him, Jesus, by seeing the real man, pulled away the mask created by the material beliefs of the carnal mind, thus allowing the real condition of harmony and perfect being to appear and the man was instantly healed. Since the real man is perfect in every case, when the imperfect material beliefs are destroyed by the operation of the Christ Truth human beings cannot fail to manifest improved conditions.

Jesus also knew that since man was not material and did not live in matter, he could not die in matter. He knew this so clearly that he was able to call Lazarus back after his body had been in the tomb four days. Jesus knew that the real man, being spiritual, can never die. If God is his life, so that when he stood before the tomb of Lazarus he knew that the only thing that had taken place was that certain human beings, who were governed by the carnal mind, had accepted a changed belief concerning Lazarus. They believed that he had lived in matter and was material, and hence that he had died in matter. Jesus looked through the mask and saw the real man who was alive all of the time, and by seeing the real man, Jesus destroyed the false concept, and thus made it possible for the real condition of life to appear. Having seen the real man, who was alive every instant, all that Jesus needed to do was to say, "Lazarus, come forth," and he came forth alive.

MAN IS GOVERNED BY SPIRITUAL LAW

Jesus also knew what was true about law. He knew that the only law that has any legitimate authority over man is the law of Spirit. He likewise knew that the carnal human mind believes that matter possesses power and intelligence apart from God, and, therefore, that matter has power to make laws to govern human beings. He desired to teach mankind the truth about this, and, for his purpose, he selected what is called the present day, the law of gravitation. He walked on the water in strict opposition to the law of gravitation. He knew that the carnal human mind, because of its materiality, was incapable of comprehending spiritual law, and could only conceive of law as created by matter. He knew that the so-called law of gravitation was the carnal mind's false concept of law, and that this counterfeit mind believes that law is material for precisely the same reason that it believes that God is a material person, sitting upon a material throne, and that Heaven is a material place. All of the works of Jesus were done in opposition to material laws. He proved that the law of Spirit is supreme and has power to annul every material law, and it was this knowledge that gave him power to walk on the water, to heal the sick, and raise the dead, contrary to material laws.

Christian Science asks those who believe in the reality and power of material laws, from what source does matter derive its power to make laws? Since matter has neither life, intelligence, nor volition how can it make laws? Has God abdicated from His high position as the governor of the universe, and turned over to insensible matter the power to make laws that shall govern and destroy His own children? Manifestly not. This theory is neither rational nor probable. Yet the human carnal mind is so material that people go right on blindly believing that material laws have more power to save them than God has to save them. In spite of wide difference of belief as to what are material laws, when once a person believes something to be a material law it becomes so important in his estimation as to cause him to think that God Himself must act in obedience to it.

What, then, is the truth about these so-called material laws? Christian Science shows that God's universe is governed entirely by spiritual law, and that there are no other laws in reality. Material laws are nothing more nor less than material beliefs emanating from the material or carnal mind, which is opposed to God and is "enmity against God." They are not laws at all, for when they are examined under the light of Science, they are found to be only laws of material belief, and when the belief is corrected, to that truth that which appeared to be material law disappears. Whenever a person believes a thing to be a material law it will bind him as long as his belief lasts just the same as if it were a real law, while others who do not believe or fear it are not governed by it. The only power possessed by material laws is the power that comes from error human belief in them. If every person in the world should cease believing in the power of material laws, through an understanding of their falsity and the supremacy of the law of spirit, as Jesus understood, all material laws would disappear, and humanity

would instantly be emancipated from the suffering and death which they produce. Sooner or later this understanding must come to every man. Christian Science is teaching and helping people to rise above their fears and material beliefs by giving to them an understanding of the omnipotence of Spirit, and, as they learn, their human conditions improve.

MAN IS NOW IMMORTAL

The belief that man is now material, but that his immortality will appear after the death of his physical body, is rapidly giving place to a better understanding. It is beginning to become tolerably clear to many people that death is not the doorway through which human beings pass from a material state of existence into the kingdom of Heaven.

St. Paul taught and declared that death is an enemy that can and will be destroyed. Enoch got rid of his physical body without dying. Elijah did the same. Obviously they destroyed and got rid of every material and erroneous mental quality. This evangelization went on until there was nothing left in their consciousness but the spiritualized thought. They brought every material thought into obedience to Christ, and when the last mortal thought had thus been conquered and destroyed there was nothing of the carnal mind left in their consciousness to throw a material concept over them. People were then no longer able to see them as material men. They literally walked with God, as the Bible states, for material beliefs of the carnal mind no longer intervened to separate them from Him.

Jesus submitted to the death of his body on the cross in order that he might be the Wayshower. He had already raised from the dead, Lazarus, and the daughter of Jairus, and the son of the widow of Nain, but he wanted to go further and prove for the benefit of mankind that death is not a divine necessity and that it is possible for one to conquer it for himself through his own understanding of the law of Life. He wanted to prove that man is now immortal and that his immortality is brought to light not by the death of the physical body but by demonstrating the power of Spirit. He, therefore, resuscitated his own body, after it had been in the tomb until the third day. He brought it back and exhibited it to hundreds of people, so that there might not be any question or dispute about it. Thereafter he got rid of his body precisely as Enoch and Elijah had done. He thus proved the omnipotence of Spirit and its availability to meet the last and final human need. He proved that God is Life, and that man is immortal and can never die, and that even the belief in death, that exists nowhere except in the carnal mind, can be destroyed by the Christ Truth which he taught.

MAN IS NOW THE SON OF GOD

Do you think it is arrogant too much for us to claim that we are now the children of God? If so, then read what St. John says in I. John III, 2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." In making this statement it was as though John had said, "Jesus has now taught me the truth about myself. I now know that we are spiritual and not material. I cannot tell you what my spiritual self looks like, for I cannot see the spiritual man through material eyes, but I know that when he shall appear we shall be like him."

St. Paul has said substantially the same thing in Romans VIII 16 and 17, where we read, "We are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ."

Everyone knows that when an estate is left to heirs, jointly, they take it share and share alike. If we are joint heirs with Christ, we are inheriting the same spiritual being, the same life, the same immortality. It is through the understanding and apprehension of our real being that we rise above the fears and material beliefs of the carnal mind. In this way Christian Science heals the sick, regenerates the sinner, destroys fear and brings peace in place of discord.

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and Christian Science is teaching the human race that the true way to come unto him is to live the life that he lived, to manifest the love that he manifested, and to demonstrate the truth that he taught. In this way it has helped many people to find rest and peace, and health.

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- Magdalena Snyder to F. A. Snyder, et al, part lot 2, blk. 2, Deerfield, W. D. \$1.00. H. C. Tills and wf to Paul Blauert, part lot 10, Price's sub Highwood, W. D. \$1.00. Maria J. Housel to Fannie J. Housel, lot 21 and 22, blk. 5, Lake Bluff, W. D. \$1.00. Matthew Pester and wf to August Radloff and wf lot on N side Austin Ave, 260 ft W of Milwaukee Ave. Libertyville, W. D. \$600.00. J. M. Hansen to O. L. Olsen, lot 1 (Ex. E 400 ft) blk. 39 Highland Park, Q. C. \$720.00. O. L. Olsen and wf to F. Perriman, E 60 ft W 175 ft lot 1 blk 39 Highland Park, W. D. \$785.00. Emmeline C. Street and hus to E. F. Street, lot 15 and 16 blk 27, Highland Park, Q. C. \$10.00. Matilda Duggitt, Guardian to H. A. Hubbard 13 acres on Sheridan-Rd South & Mt. Ravinia, Deed \$24175.00. F. L. Condit et al to Bessie S. Case, lot 10 and E 15 ft, lot 9 blk 21 Lake Bluff, W. D. \$1.00.

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