# COMPLETE LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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Large Crowd Attends Lecture at First Church of Christ, Seientist, Last Saturday Evening

world is battling to preserve for future generations is but the least part of that Liberty which Christian tures, by Mary Baker, G. Eddyvine right!"

do for us-we have come here this as in its myriad forms of sin. Evil time that the evil thoughts which S. D.—member of the Board of Lec- appeared as sickness or as sin, de- must always be wrong thinking, evil ates only health, harmony, holiness, you assimilate and use them. They many have found it the way to per-Christian Scientist in Boston, Mass." he could use, as a foul conspiracy contrary, must be true or right think-

"FRIENDS: hearts desire a keener, clearer good. knowledge of how to attain these de- | What we admit as power is, at the we may learn.

### Christian Science Based on God as

God, who is all-good, is a fact that today should need no ratification, since in the more than fifty years of its place among men the name and nature of God have been thus clearly defined, and the effects from such precept and practice have been evidenced in untold ways, as resulting blessing to mankind. Christian Science has reformed its thousands and healed its tens of thousands. It has instructed the ignorant and has strengthened the weak in faith. has established its hundreds churches and societies, and its reading rooms are oases in the desert of a mammon-fed universe. Its periodicals, blessing and enlightening all who are so fortunate as to read them, are distributed in unlimited number. All this has been done and is continuing to be done by the Christian Science movement, because of its entire reliance on and faith in a God who is absolutely good.

In these days of enlightened thinking, no one can be satisfied to accept any concept of God which does not present him as infinitely perfect, as altogether lovely, as being fundamentally all that is eternal, unchangeable, reliable, including every possible attribute of all that can be really desirable. To completely deomnipotence, has all-power; it fills ly authority and power. for evil."

### God Not Responsible for Evil

has been attached to Him the res- tire falsity and powerlessness. tor in or of good?

pose to be true to good, and this in- God, good.

volves the willingness to renounce all that is unlike good. Christian Science comes to show men how to

Keeler Burke who spoke as follows: fect conclusion can ever be gained ful thinking in regard to the sup- deed, it is the obedient, childlike tion refuted this, since he insisted that he could do nothing Liberty which so large a part of the the opposite of good, namely, evil.

Science is proclaiming today, even ence exalts good, honors good, acsin and death! Jesus marked out the has seen the true nature of evil, unway. Citizens of the world, accept til it has seen evil as evil,—until it blessing in its train. the glorious liberty of the children has seen it as a suppositional oppoof God and be free-This is your di- site of God, good, therefore, as be- Entire Teaching of Jesus a Protest ing unlike good and as being direct-"That we may learn more of this by defiant of good in every form of liberating Truth and of what it can ignorance, poverty, sickness, as well Jesus told his disciples at one

We are here this evening to see sickness or sin for a wise purpose, as which constantly called attention to taken a step in a larger under- When we are dwelling with God's if we cannot find something more of a necessary discipline, or as a factor all the mistakes which might be good, something that will help us for good in any direction; he never made in its name? Then why imagine in our everyday life among men; said that it was the outcome of God, that one can teach holiness and comething that will show us how to good, in any least way; but on the con- health by contemplation of the sins be kinder, better, happier, healthier trary he uncovered evil in all its de- and sicknesses which deny the prestoday and tomorrow and all the testableness and falsity, showing it to days; something that will enable us be a direct opposite of God, and that portance of keeping sinful concepts p. 1.) to become more useful-citizens, more indulgence, even in a belief in it, on- ence and power of God, good. considerate neighbors, more agree- ly brings evil as a result. In his prace able companions. It is safe to say tice he never failed to prove its powthat in all the world there is no erlessness by overcoming it with his one who does not in his heart of understanding of the all-power. of

sirable things, and there is no one moment, the god to whom we bow here who does not feel a need along down. If we believe that evil is powthese lines. Were we completely sat- er, then we fear it and become its isfied we would not have come to see slave, its devotee. Just so long as if there is yet something new which power is accredited to evil, in that degree will good be unrecognized by the consciousness thus governed; but ian Science is based on an infinite the forces of the one God at hand to lead us constantly forward to victories over evil.

### Jesus' Definition of Evil

At one time Jesus defined all evil truth and the truth shall make you free." And what could free from the lie but Truth. The only possible way a lie can deceive is by presenting itself in a garment of Truth,-by insisting on itself as true and real. It's most potent method of deception is to call itself an agent for good, claiming to have the name and nature of good: Now what but the understanding of with sickness, honoring it, bowing good, and therefore it is the way out Truth can strip off this disguise, Indeed, it is only the knowing of Truth which can show a lie to be a lie and in any way has anything to do with evil. Jesus said, "This is life eterso divest it of its supposed power. The moment a lie is seen as a lie it has lost all power to deceive in any way.

And how is this to be brought about? Would one ever go into a dark room expecting by the blindness the darkness occasions to find the things which needed to be cleaned out The light must alweys be let in before the accumulated dust or dirt can be removed. So we should not study darkness or evil to get rid of evil. his hand upon, in the vain belief that son whereby he proved that to think The light of Truth must be let in, and thereby he has been gaining some- with God, good, is to understand the fine God to the human consciousness then one can see clearly the false to see that there is no satisfaction powerlessness of evil. Jesus never as the alone and all-satisfying, will nature of evil and its undesirability. in dishonesty and determines to encouraged anyone to search into take more words than any language So when we learn to know God, good, change his course and be an honest evil beliefs or practices in any direccan furnish. Mrs. Eddy, the Discov- we have the light which shows us man, Does he think at all of his tion in order thereby to understand erer and Founder of Christian Sci- all the claims of evil and is able to hand? Does he not understand per- evil or to learn thus to avoid evil ence, has simplified such definition give us the necessary understanding feetly that having an honest mind On the contrary, he always taught in a very remarkable way in her and power to rebuke and to over- he must perforce have an honest that evil can only be overcome by book, "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. come with good all that is unlike hand? That his hand is absolutely the understanding and practice of 13), where she says, "Define good as good, because thus only can we ac- powerless to steal unless he firs' good. He lifted faith into absolute. God, and you will find that good is knowledge and honor God as the on- thinks stealing? That his hand is, in reliance on God, good.

all space, being omnipresent; hence It has often been said of Christ- but express his thinking or his there is neither place nor power left ian Science that when it teaches thought? that evil is not real (because it does | Then what about the thought of | Christian Science is here proclaim- tainly be to learn to know good. To not belong to the creation of God, sickness? Cannot true thinking, that ing again the glad gospel of peace think of good must be to think of faith that all things are possible to who, as recorded in Genesis, "saw ev- is, the thinking of good, which has on earth, good will to men. It is here God, to think with good, must be to So long as people have believed erything that he had made, and, be- the power of God back of it, con- calling upon men to awaken to know think with God, to think with God in God they have believed that the hold it was very good"), that Christ- trol as surely in the one case as in one infinite, perfect God, who is all must be to express the power of God elements of good have belonged to ian Science covers evil,—but just the the other? Can the hand say, "I will good, that they may prove each his in the destruction of the evil beliefs precious of bequests from Christ Him but they have for the most opposite is true, for it lets in the be a sick hand," any more than it own God-given dominion over every which would seem to oppose Him. Jesus. All that true prayer means part failed to see that evil can have sunshine of Truth and thus reveals can say, "I will be a sinful hand and least lie of evil. People rarely come | Mortal man may fancy he can get may be revealed to the student of no place in Him, since He is infin- the truth about evil just as clearly express sin"? Will not reason inform to Christian Science until they have along without God. He may fancy ite good. Instead, down through the as it does the truth about good, show- us that it cannot? The action is as so suffered from their beliefs in ev- that he can be an independent Does not the fact that the prayer of ages has come also the belief that ing evil to be evil, exposing its very certainly due to a mental cause in the il and their consequences that they author, and thinker, and actor, but Christian Science receives its ans-

ponsibility, in a more or less direct Therefore when one begins to be as free from thoughts of sickness as is all-good; and through Christian has only landed him in a dilemma, ing of prayer which it teaches reway, for all the many forms of evil conscious that he walks in the pres- from thoughts of sin? Are not both Science they do find Him, who is Every evil thought he has indulged ceives the scal of God's approval? which appear manifested to the hu- ence of infinite good,-when the light thoughts of evil, and so contrary to alone able through His infinite good- will finally betray its paltry ignor- Study it for yourselves, dear friends, man consciousness. Many Christian of good first streams into the heart God, good? Surely, yes! If one is wise ness to show them how they have ance, and every good thought he has and see. people would be shocked were they of man, the first effect inevitably he will not finist as positively that been deceived by the lie and how to ever had, every thought of intelliasked to assent to this, but are they produced is the uncovering of that his though s be kept unsuffied from come to know the truth that makes gence, wisdom, originality, beauty, not accepting just this teaching which is unlike good. The second ef- contaminating influence of thoughts them free. when they attempt to give evil a fect is that the evil thus revealed is of sickness as from those of sin, in When understood in the light of been God working in him. power by attaching it to God, by rebuked through its own undesirabil- order that all his thoughts may be Christian Science, the teaching and . In other words, men must waken of the Bible; since Science and calling it "good in the making," or ity, and the third effect must neces- true to our perfect God, who is all life of Christ Jesus are seen as an to give God all the glory; to give Health acknowledges only one God when they in any way admit that evil sarily be the elminiation of all such good? when they in any way admit that evil sarily be the elminiation of all such good?

Has ever been, or can become, a fac- evil. Then behold a better man! This Shall we not therefore look on that good is and always will be the standing of good they may express, shows Christ Jesus as a Way-shower. All men desire good, but in order Science is effecting in the heart of lack, ignorance, as enemies which heard the sick, cleansed the leper, live, and have our be- since it wakens every student of its to have good govern their lives, they the one who is endeavoring to live should be repulsed and overcome as raised the dead, cast out devils, by ing." Learning thus to stay with pages to the undesirable and decepmust understand the nature of good. according to its teaching. Judge for positively as should all thoughts of his understanding of the supremacy Him in all our thoughts and affairs, tive nature of sin and all evil; since To understand the nature of good, yourselves whether you think such sin? How can evil thoughts be ov- of good over evil. Because he saw we shall find our every act ennobled, in addition to all this it heals its they must understand God, the source effect can be less than a blessing ercome except by thoughts of good? evil as the false claim to a power our every endeavor purified and per thousands, comforts the sorrowing. of all good. Learning to understand to the entire human family, whether Paul said, "Let this mind be in you, and presence, defying and resisting fected, and we shall thereby radiate strengthens the weak, instructs the

take both of these important steps. a denial of God, good. Paul said, It defines God and opens the mes- "Be ye not deceived; God is not sage of the Bible that the entire pur- mocked; for whatsoever a man sowpose of God good, may be revealed. eth, that he also reap, but he that Jesus taught that the same fountain soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh cannot send forth both sweet waters reap corruption, but he that and bitter. Therefore, since God is soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spi- tent; evil thoughts are impotent, infinite good it is impossible for Him rit reap life everlasting." Then, if and they should appear thus." to countenance or to use an opposite one think good he will inevitably to good in any way. Then how can reap good. If he think holiness and he be responsible for such an oppo- health, he will win the heavenly nature of such thinking, because it Good and evil must ever be con- is under God's law of righteousness traries, and no intelligent method of and must bring forth fruit after its

therefore cannot contain within itself from disobediance of that the disaster which comes God with us for as Paul has said, Science proclaims the universality of the tree of life? from disobediance of that law. Con- "It is God which worketh in you of the Christ. Christian Science raises the stand-ard of liberty and cries, Follow me! God in any particular. The world all good thinking is of God immed-ard of liberty and cries, Follow me!

# Against Evil Thinking

evening—at the invitation of the must be seen as the belief in an ev- come out of the heart of man are Men have already recognized the im-

she not try to surround him with tion to admit or to acknowledge when we know that good alone has tion from evil influence? In all this we too are thus governed by God, evpower, because it alone belongs to the world has acknowledged the wis- en in a small degree, through think-That the entire teaching of Christ- one God, then we begin to find all, dom of protecting consciousness from ing His good thoughts, will we not see that sinful acts result from sin- like to good?

But is it as clearly seen that the Christian Science a Whole Salvation make use of these revelations? ful thinking.

the conclusion that since thinking of His entire life work was a protest other words, powerless to do anything

all forms of sickness as well as of ing the same works that he did. All evil thinking is unquestionably sin? And did he not say that the works he did we should do also, it (p. 252), that "good thoughts are po-

and Health with Key to the Scrip- character, must be like to God. It sult in the disaster which will re- ness, health, we have the power of the set of the

time changed our entire aspect of and demonstration of the Christ. ence as "the law of God, the law of to infinite good. good" (Rudimental Divine Science,

Jesus always worked, from this standpoint. He said positively, "I can out of thought. What tender, loving of mine own self do nothing," "the mother does not send up a heart- Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth felt prayer to God that her child the works." So all the power he exshall be kept unspotted from the pressed was the power of good, which world? That as he grows toward was God manifest. His work was abmanhood he shall ever increase in solutely in obedience to God's law the understanding of all that is true and in fulfillment of that law, which and wise and pure and noble and is always good. Are we not to folgood, in order that he may be a low in his footsteps by clinging blessing to all with whom he may steadfastly to good under all circumassociate. As the years move on does stances, refusing every least temptaevery safeguard against contamina- power in aught unlike to good? When association with what it has called begin to find the same God-given sinful thinking, since it has come to authority to banish that which is un-

went on to say, "Ye shall know the their forms are as false and op-salvation. The Christian world has posed to God, and so should be as looked to God, Spirit, and His Christ zealously guarded against. That to save it individually and collectif one is to be kept true wely from sin, but it has turned to to God, good, in all his ways, material methods to save it from one's prayer should be as earnest sickness. Christian Science shows that he may be untouched, not only that all the difficulties of the world by sin, but by every sort of evil, are the result of ignorance of God. rid of sickness by dwelling mentally ledge of Him must be the way to find down to it as a power; and certain- of every evil; conversely, ignorance ly not so long as one believes that it of Him must be responsible for all God, good, or has His authority back nal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Thinking of Sickness Evil Thinking whom thou hast sent:" and he proved We are now inevitably forced to it by healing both sickness and sin. sickness is contrary to God and His against all belief in evil as a powlaw, such thinking is evil thinking er, presence or law. He always apulland should be repudiated. Suppose a ed evil's every claim. He taught that man has indulged in dishonest think- good alone belongs to God and that ing all his life and as a consequence the understanding and practice of has expressed dishonesty in his acts, good is the complete savior from all has stolen whatever he could lay evil. His every act was an object, lesthing. Suppose one day he awakens power of good and the futility and

### Christian Science the Gospel of

God, good, there must follow the pur- it can be other than the effect of which was also in Christ Jesus," and God, he proved its claim to be false good to all with whom we come in ignorant,—is it not a book to be was it not this Christ-mind which and powerless. Christian Science, contact.

Evil Thinking the Denial of God, proved Jesus' complete dominion over following in Jesus' footsteps, is

The Healing Ministry of Christian time. One cannot have his conscious ness filled with good and express ev-All the world desires healing from il; it is impossible to understand its sins and from its sickness as health and express sickness, just as ever magnify evil into a power, but

S. D., was introduced by Mrs. Grace alone can be its vanquisher. No per-keeler Burke who spoke as follows: feet conclusion can ever be gained world, remarked Napoleon after the it is only as we learn to start with Russian campaign, "is the powerless- a perfect God who is all good, that "'What I admire most in the except from a perfect premise, and posed causes and forms of sickness, thought that always grasps most constantly that he could do nothing orld, remarked Napoleon after the it is only as we learn to start with Russian campaign, "is the powerless- a perfect God who is all good, that filled with all that is awful and ter- which shows how to think with God, ponsible for his righteous acts. In the grant to discorn with clear idea, No display of physical force has a correct understanding of what God as a man "thinketh in his heart, so truth that a thing must be thought sonal ability, although he himself as a man "thinketh in his heart, so truth that a thing must be thought sonal ability, although he himself as a man "thinketh in his heart, so truth that a thing must be thought sonal ability, although he himself as a man "thinketh in his heart, so truth that a thing must be thought sonal ability. berty in the minds of men. But this to understand the false nature of to and admitting that evil is a pow- God, good, is the infinite Thinker of wonders of his work. He said positiberty which so large a part of the opposite of good namely evil From the beginning Christian Sci- like belief, so long as with omnipotence, that is, with the God." He endeavored to lift everythe belief is held in the conscious- power and law of good. Therefore, one's thoughts to see the Christness thus entertaining it, when we think good thoughts, hood, the divinity by which he al-Then, because evil thinking is a thoughts of purity, holiness, intelli- ways proved by overcoming the hudenial of God, good, it is contrary to gence, wisdom, harmony, unselfish- man through the divine. In accord-

ard of liberty and cries, Follow me! God in any particular. The world all good thinking is of God immed-pleasure."

Escape from the bondage of sickness, will never get rid of evil until it lately invests such good thinking. It is well to remember that neither that neither than the son of God, and the lately invests such good thinking. It is well to remember that neither than the son of God, and the lately invests such good thinking. with the power of God and brings er sickness nor sin has any intelli- Bible tells us that all men are the gence to attach itself to us, or to sons of God of whom he is the elder make laws for itself or us. It is our brother. When men follow him suf-God-given right to stick to the truth ficiently to reject all that is unlike which makes free and to thus reject to good and prove their unity with lieves in a general way, as Paul said. every eyil belief. Our own exper- good in the same way which he that "all scripture is given by inspirience has shown us that a change of taught and demonstrated, they will ation of God, and is profitable for thought from fear to hope, and from realize how Christ Jesus is their doctrine, for reproof, for correction, hate to loving-kindness, has many a Wav-shower to the understanding for instruction in righteousness, that

we will certainly find that we have shall not return unto Him void? over all evil, The psalmist wrote, and they are His law operating in "The law of the Lord is perfect," our consciousness to the expulsion

Abraham, the Friend of God who walked this earth as we walk it follow in the footsteps of Christ today. This man was called "The Jesus through understanding his life Friend of God." Is there anyone here work more fully. Then God gave to who would not be delighted to merit the world through Mary Baker Eddy, such distinction? May we not each the one whom he had been graciousone strive for it? Christian Science ly preparing to receive it, a "Key to Then he who always stands for this book of Science and Health. This good, works for its establishment book has so illunined the pages of among men, clings to it in spite of the Bible that it has come to be the all the opposition of evil beliefs and inseparable companion of the Bible practices, lives in obedience to its to every Christian Scientist. he is the friend of God? Every ents of Truth, we take the inspired thought of absolute good is God re- word of the Bible as our sufficient vealing Himself to men and it has guide to eternal Life." This shows the power of God for good as an es- conclusively that all Christian Scition from evil appear to us as we and no one in the world loves its

## thoughts of fear and disease in all Christian Science brings a whole Love of God, Good, a Necessity For Health affords is accepted, the Bible

God, good, to refuse to be deceived by deed as the psalmist said. "A lamp evil and its lies. To love God su- unto my feet, and a light unto my premely means much; but He de- path." mands our whole heart, and we can The Bible contains a history of only come into our true inheritance God's people, the people who remainas we give it to Him. Man will cer- ed true to Him in spite of the sursickness included? One can never get Since God is infinite good, a know- tainly learn to trust God when he rounding idolatrous beliefs in all learns to know Him as all-good. The sorts of other gods, other powers. ordinary teaching of the schools Viewed from this standpoint, all had presented God to be so far from their varied experiences depicted in trustworthy that it is scarcely the Bible may be seen as mental strange that the world feels it wants struggles between good and evil, beto avoid His will rather than to seek tween right and wrong in the human it. On the other hand Paul tells us consciousness, and not one of them that the will of God is "good, and but contains its valuable lesson for acceptable, and perfect," and Jesus the seeker after good. As we awaken

reiterates that, as John says, "God ing of good, we turn to this blessed is love," and we see that he cannot book as an illuminating guide, and it long to know this wonderful God,- velous victories of good over evil. this God who is all-good, who is the only giver, and who has only good to Science and Health the Exponent of give. Then it becomes a joy to obey quaint now thyself with him and be at peace." As we let all the wonders through His spiritual, mental revelations of good as Christian Science unfolds them, we see that communion with Him is to dwell in the conclous presence of all that is grand and mighty, and intelligent ,and glor-

All good must be possible to God and to learn to know God must cergrandeur, along any line, has really the Scriptures" are turned to a more

endeavor to help all men to know Him the glory for every least under- and that the "All-goods is the constant process that Christian thoughts of disease, sickness, fear available remedy for all evil. Jesus They must learn that "in him we to be followed in every act of life;

One of our poets has said Where God is known all men ar For truth is sown where God

Where God is known all men are

tible Teaching in Regard to Good

well. Christian Science from the be-ginning has been and is healing in ness, and at the same time manifest must be detected and rejected. il in the premise, we must inevitably evil. he will reap evil. If sin is holy, healthful thinking it lifts con-A large crowd listened to a lecture find it in the conclusion. The world thought, there will be a harvest of sciousness away from evil to the conclusion of good and evil. His condemnation of condemnation is crying out to be delivered from on Christian Science Saturday evening in the Church Edifice.

on the concentration of sciousness away from evil to the concentration of sciousness The lecturer, Mrs. Ella W. Hoag, C.

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D., was introduced by Mrs. Grace eeler Burke who spoke as follows:

The lecturer of such practice runs all through the same proportion. The practice of educating lits method is so simple that a child lits method lits method lits method is so simple that a child lits method li we can begin to discern with clear"We have witnessed in this age the owerlessness of material force, and owerlessness of material force, powerlessness of material force, and the imperishable moght of the right they are untrue to this premise. Then the imperishable moght of the right idea. No display of physical force has been able to destroy the idea of Liberty in the minds of men. But this to understand the false nature of er and reality, that a lie is true, and good, it is readily seen that to think tively, "Why callest thou me good? death, which God predicted in the Christian Science Honors God, Good so it will apparantly have the power with God, good, is to ally one's self there is none good but one, that is, of such indulgence, are still so

The entire Christian world accepts the Bible as the word of God and be extend to you a welcome—and have that it is of the power and presence thinking along every line, and he life. Then why not refuse a thought The Bible is full of marvelous thoroughly furnished unto all good the power and presence thinking along every line, and he life. Then why not refuse a thought the power and presence thinking along every line, and he life. Then why not refuse a thought the great of the power and presence thinking along every line, and he life. Then why not refuse a thought the great of introducing to you of God, good was always turning the thoughts of of disease just as earnestly because statements of Truth which are all works." But the question is, how one who has been my friend for Jesus never covered evil. He call- those to whom he preached to the we know it is wrong and contrary good. Dwell with these statements much of the teaching has the world many years—Mrs. Ella W. Hoag, C. ed it by its own name, whether it value of right thinking. Now a lie to God and His laws, since He cre-

> themselves to every honest Christian satisfactory answers and the longing and Mrs. Eddy defines Christian Sci- of all that is unlike to Him,—unlike to see the way out of sin and sickthe day came when a continual cry went out from the human consciou-A man once lived named Abraham, ness for more light, for more light to tel's us plainly that he who loves the Scriptures" in the form of the understands good, loves God textbook of Christian Science, the

behests,-surely he is the friend of The first tenet of the Christian Scigood, and does not that mean that ence faith is as follows: "As adhersential element. Then will not salva- entists are earnest Bible Students, sacred pages more devotedly. When the illumination which Science and can be studied from a standpoint of It takes courage and much love of understanding which makes it in-

to the fact that the only way out of Therefore, when Christian Science any evil is through the understandtherefore send any evil or sin of becomes precious beyond words to any kind upon man, we begin to tell, portraying as it does the mar-

After all that has been said it state that Christian Science attaches the utmost importance to prayer. The first Chapter in Science and Health is given to this subject. This chapter unfolds the absolute necessity of seeking all good through most earnest prayer and emphasizes Paul's instruction to pray without ceasing. It's first sentence is as follows (p. 1): "The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute God,-a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love," And it closes with the Lord's Prayer, that most evil is a part of His plan, until there subtle claim and thus proving its en- one case as in the other. Then should look longingly for release. Then they some day be will wake up to the fact wer in the healing of both sickness not the mental atmosphere be kept reach up and out to find the God who that all his fancied independence and sin prove that the understand-

> Since those who love the book appreciative and consecrated study

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