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dom, goodness, life, love; why he's God's likeness."

In order that we may the better define man to ourselves, man as he really is, man as God's likeness...

And you, Mr. Business-man, how do you choose your employes for promotion to more responsible positions?

We defined God as Spirit. Man, His likeness, is therefore a spiritual being...

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ed, and had some of fear's effects, which might have developed into sickness and even death.

Here we have an illustration of the whole process of evil's supposed inception and development: (1) A supposition that there is something beside God and His good creation.

A belief that this something, called matter and evil, has life and intelligence. (3) A fear that this matter or evil can harm us. (4) The effects of that fear.

Now, before we go any further, I want to ask you how you would heal this man. Would you wipe away his perspiration, paint his face a normal color, use some mechanical or surgical means to adjust the beating of his heart?

Remember, his disease is not perspiration or palpitation; it is belief in, and fear of, ghosts. No, that treatment will not heal. But if, through your knowledge of the truth about ghosts, your desire to help him and his willingness to be helped, you assist him to see and accept that which is true, he will not only be freed from the false belief, but from the effects also.

How long will it take to heal him? The very moment your friend really accepts the truth about the event he will be healed. Just so it is with the healing of disease. It can disappear as readily as darkness before light.

When under the light of truth one sees the folly and unreality of his false belief, turns from it, and wholeheartedly accepts in its place that which is eternally true, he can be free. I have known it to occur. I know a number of people who have been healed within a few minutes.

There are Christian Scientists in almost every city on this continent, doubtless here in your own town, who could tell you of instances of almost instantaneous healing which have occurred within their personal observation. You will have seen, by means of these illustrations, that disease is not of the body, primarily, but of the human mind, and because of this the remedy must be mental, even the eternal truth about man as God's child, expression or reflection.

Christian Science Treatment or Prayer In the illustration we used a moment ago of your effort to heal your friend of the ghost belief, you have been given a hint of some of the needful steps in the healing of sickness.

We said, you will remember, that through your friend's desire and willingness to be helped, through your affection for your friend, your unselfed desire to help him, and your knowledge of the truth of the situation, he was healed of that belief.

A Christian Science treatment or prayer must then include an understanding of the truth about God, and about man as His likeness. His perfect child; an affection so unselfed as to desire another's good only; a confidence in God's almightiness; and an understanding of the absolute nothingness of any supposed opposite.

It is just possible that an illustration from the realm of mathematics might assist us to understand some essential phases of prayer. Suppose that a boy in working out a problem in mathematics has allowed one or more errors to creep into his work and the answer is consequently wrong.

Beginning again to work it out, what should be his attitude? This, he knows that the principle of mathematics is unchangeable, the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He knows that it is available to him to the solution of his problem. He knows also that if from the beginning to the end of his work he conforms his thinking to that principle and rule, step by step, his answer will be right, and he wants his problem solved, not this way, nor that way, nor even his own way, but according to the principle of mathematics.

Now, to make use of this illustration, the Christian Scientist should know that God is unchanging Love, the same yesterday, today, and forever. He should know that God, the divine Principle of the universe, is available to him wherever he is, to the solution of any problem in his life. He should want his problem solved, not his way, nor this one's way, nor that one's way, but God's way. And he should know that if he conforms his thinking about it to that which is absolutely true, step by step, rejecting what is false and accepting what is true, he will reach the correct solution of his problem.

Here are indicated some of the essential features of prayer—prayer that it not only desires, but includes self-abnegation, righteousness, understanding, and acceptance.

In such a prayer the element of petition is never lost, because God is recognized as the one upon whom we are absolutely dependent, and from whom we expect to receive.

Such a prayer accords with the statement of the first chapter of Genesis that everything God made was good, therefore evil has no part in His creation.

Such a prayer conforms to the first Commandment, which implies that there is no life, mind, nor power in aught that is unlike God.

Such prayer carries out the command of Jesus to love God and man. Such prayer follows Jesus' instruction how to pray.

Such prayer heals the sick today as it did nineteen centuries ago.

You will notice in this definition of prayer we have included the feature of affirmation as well as petition, and this may arouse an inquiry in the mind of some one: Do you affirm that you are well when you are sick? How can you say I am well when I know I am not at all well? You do not expect me to do anything so impossible as that, do you? Well, I shall answer your question. Permit me to do it by means of a story or illustration.

Let us suppose that you were out for a stroll with a group of children and came to a pond out of which slanted a straight stick, partly in and partly out of the water, and the children cried: "Oh, look at the stick! Do you see the stick? See how it is bent." "Appears to be," say they. And you say, "It does appear to be bent." "Appears to be," say they. "don't you see that it is bent?" "Yes," you say, "it appears to be, but I have been studying a science that deals with just such an occurrence and I know that the apparent bend is not in the stick." That is to say, you reach your conclusion not from appearance but from the standpoint of

science, and you could stand before that stick with all its apparent crookedness, and say, "I know you are a straight stick." In other words, you saw the straightness of the stick, not in the appearance but in the natural science that related to the situation.

Now you and I are going to judge man in either of these two ways; either from appearance, whereby we might be satisfied to define him as "a featherless biped," or from the standpoint of the Science which relates to him, the first statement of which is "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Is there any doubt whatever that Jesus knew this—knew that man is the very image of God? Was it not through just such knowing, such righteous knowing, that his healing work was done? Hear this illuminating statement from our textbook (p. 476): "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man—the behaviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick."

Jesus attached great importance to the healing of the sick. To the disciples of John he pointed to instances of healing as a proof of his Messiahship. He taught his disciples to heal, commanded them to heal, and commended their healing work. Not only so, but he stated that throughout the ages the healing of the sick would be one of the signs that would follow, and thus designate, "them that believe."

These signs are apparent today in the fruits of Christian Science. To be denominated a Christian Scientist means that the individual so designated is an earnest student of the Science of healing; that he has voluntarily entered the army of those who are waging ceaseless warfare against evil, sin and disease; that he is seeking to establish the reign of righteousness, the reign of right, in every department or activity of his life, and that he is endeavoring, as rapidly as he can, to leave all for Christ.

Practitioner's Qualifications One of the essential qualifications of the practitioner of this Science of healing is righteousness. James tells us, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Let me read it again, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." With any other system of treating the sick, save this Christian system, the operator may employ his material, or humanly mental, method entirely regardless of righteousness on his own part; he may even claim that moral obliquity on his part will in no way effect the success of his system, but in Christian Science it is imperative that the successful practitioner be Christian, a disciple or follower of Christ Jesus, not only in name or in outward acts, but in his inmost thinking.

Our Master said regarding his practice, "For their sakes I sanctify myself." Sanctify means "to keep holy, spiritually pure," and he who would today practice this Christ system of healing the sick must first forsake moral evils. By this we do not mean that morality alone fits one to be a Christian Science practitioner—far from it; but he who would practice Christian Science for the benefit of others must be moral in the highest and strictest sense of that term.

A still further qualification is affection,—that kindly feeling which is characterized by the giving out of unselfish love toward an object. What an affection Jesus had for mankind! How he yearned to bless his fellows! He had the strength to be tender. His affection went out to all to gather them up, the truth of their spiritual manhood. To quote but one instance: you will remember that toward the end of his ministry it is recorded he said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathered her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" And all who would today minister successfully to the sick must have this Christly affection.

Jesus indicated another necessary qualification of the would-be helper or another in his story of the good Samaritan, the story of the stranger or outcast who so compassionately assisted a member of a race which usually regarded him as an enemy. How compassionate should we be with those who are in distress. How patient should we ever be with their doubts and fears, and how conscientiously should we endeavor to equip ourselves to remove them.

Need of the Hour

Mankind must be saved from sickness and sin. Through the Science of healing which Jesus taught and demonstrated, and which has been again discovered in this age sin and sickness are being healed daily. Multitudes are testifying to this fact. Witness the testimonies of healing voluntarily given every Wednesday evening in every Christian Science church throughout the world, as well as those which are published weekly in the Christian Science periodicals. This healing work must go on "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Sickness which is rooted in ignorance is usually more easily healed than sin which is voluntary, intentional, or willful, therefore any system which cannot cope successfully with disease is not equipped for the overcoming of sin.

Today, as never before, humanity is appealing for help, yearning to be shown the way out of the bondage of sin and sickness. There is only one way out. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The system or Science of healing, Jesus taught and demonstrated for us needs no amendment. It needs only to be practiced.

The call is loud today for such practitioners; those who are willing to consecrate their lives to the task of doing for others what Christian Science teaches can be done, and what our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, has proved can be done, namely, the "healing all

manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."

Thus doing, and thus only, can we approximate the heights attained and maintained by our beloved Leader in her self-effacing, ceaseless effort to bless mankind, indicated in one of her poems (Poems, p. 13):—"My prayer, some daily good to do To Thee, for Thee; An offering pure of Love, whereto God leadeth me."

CITIZENSHIP NIGHT SCHOOLS IN ALASKA

Citizenship night schools in Alaska are maintained by the Territorial Government, and will be established in any community in which 12 persons signify their desire to enroll. In addition to reading, writing, spelling, grammar, and arithmetic, history of the United States is taught and the fundamentals of good citizenship are inculcated. Pupils enrolled this year include 99 citizens, 104 aliens, and 103 persons who have declared their intention of becoming citizens.

A campaign to wipe out illiteracy in five years is in progress in the Philippines. Provincial and municipal literacy boards have been organized in all parts of the island; 250,000 persons, it is said, have pledged their services as teachers; and a small textbook has been prepared which will be translated into Tagalog, Visayan, Iloano, Bicol, and Pampango dialects to facilitate teaching. It is part of the plan to offer a prize of 1,000 pesos each year to the Province reporting the largest reduction in illiteracy.

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, has filed in the County Court of Lake County, Illinois, a certificate that the following improvement has been completed, and that it conforms substantially to the requirements of the original ordinance for the construction of the same, to-wit: Paving Lakewood Drive, Highland Park Special Assessment of said County Docket No. 291, and that application has been made to said Court to consider and determine whether or not the facts stated in said certificate are true. That a hearing will be had upon said application on Monday, the 25th day of October, A. D. 1926, at the hour of nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House, at Waukegan, in said Lake County.

Objections may be filed to said application on or before the hour of nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

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