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goodness, life, love; why he's

really is, man as God's likeness,-let of that fear. us go back to our definition of God. Let us see. When you were children and you wanted some advice given member, his disease is not perspira- Jesus knew this,-knew that man is you, or some favor shown you, did you choose the friend to whom you went for such counsel or kindness, by size or weight? Or did you select him because he was wise or kind, loving or generous? In other words, you recognized him as a mental being and chose him for his mental qualities.

And you, Mr. Business-man, how do you choose your employes for promotion to more responsible positions? It is not because of honesty, courtesy, intelligence, etc., - mental qualities all? You recognize your employes as

mental beings. We defined God as Spirit. Man, His likeness, is therefore a spiritual being, and as such expresses what Paul has called the fruits of the spirit,-love,

John defined God as Love, and Jesus not only taught by narrative and parable God's loving care for His children, that they would be more surely fed than the birds, and clothed than the lilies, but in the doing of God's will, in manifesting the Father, he proved by his deeds that God is Love. He proved that God could not send sickness, because in the doing of God's will he oversame sickness. He proved that God could not and did not cause sin and death, because in the doing of God's will he destroyed them both. If man, then, is the likeness of God, of Love, he is loving, lovable, and lovely. He is Love's child, enfolded in and protected by divine Love. Is not this what the Psalmist meant when he sang: "Because thou hast made

the most High, thy habitation" (in other words, because thou art conscious of Love's ever-presence), "there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plagit come nigh thy dwelling."

Much as we should like to continue the discussion of this subject, we must leave it for a moment to consider its opposite-fear.

Have you ever been afraid? Most people have. What have they feared Everything, anything, very frequently nothing. They have feared the weather in all its moods. They have been afraid to go out, and afraid to stay in; afraid of the dark, and afraid of the light. They have feared their bodies every day in the year, and every hour of the day. They have things they have seen, and would not recognize should they see They have been afraid of evil and afraid of good; afraid of God, or

Now the Bible contains many an afraid," etc. In fact, in the very language of the Commandments it de clares, "Thou shalt not be afraid," but John gave us the remedy when he "God is love; . . . there is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth

out fear.' The first great message of Christian Science to mankind is the reiteration of the message of Jesus, "Be not afraid," and it is showing us, just as Jesus did, the needlessness of fear.

To illustrate: If you had a parent who was with you all the time, who loved you, and could conquer any or all enemies, would you be afraid of anything you would meet? Has not Jesus taught us that we have a Parent who is ever with us, who loves us more than we love ourselves, and who is not only mighty, or almighty, but omnipotent, the only power? Why should we fear? Just here let me quote a verse or two from one of the hymns in the Christian Science Hymnal (No. 81):

"In atmosphere of love divine, We live, and move, and breathe; Though mortal eyes may see it not;

'Tis sense that would deceive. "The Principle of being, God, Is with us everywhere; He holds us perfect in His love,

And we His image bear.'

In the healing of the sick this is the first and great step-the overcoming, the destruction of fear; and this is done through understanding,knowledge of the facts,-understanding the truth about God's infinite Love for us, His power, His presence, His Fatherhood, and our sonship. John tells us in his first epistle, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God,"-sons of God, with all that term implies of God's provision, God's protection, and

God's perfection. We see, then, that fear, which is ofttimes the foundation of sickness, could never be overcome by any such strange methods as mesmerism, hypnotism, or suggestion, but only through knowledge of the truth, as Jesus himself declared, "The truth shall make you free."

Evil's Inception Let us turn our attention now to a question which many of you have no doubt asked yourselves: If God made all, and His creation is good, like Himself, whence comes the evil?

Permit me to use another illustration. Suppose a friend rushed into your house some night and besought your protection and help. You saw that he was flushed and perspiring, was not in sight, and upon inquiry for a stroll with a group of children shown the way out of the bondage of and evidently fearing a pursuer who as to what was his trouble he told you and came to a pond out of which sin and sickness. There is only one that he was chased by a ghost up in slanted a straight stick, partly in and way out. "Neither is there salvation the park or woods. Now, what was partly out of the water, and the chil- in any other: for there is none other his trouble? What will set it right? dren cried: "Oh, look at the stick! Do name under heaven given among men, If you know that there is no such you see the stick? See how it is whereby we must be saved." The systhing as a ghost, you will be in a posi- bent." "Appears to be," say they, tem or Science of healing Jesus tion not only to detect his trouble but to help him. You will see that his bent." "Appears to be," say they, plight arose from a supposition. True, "don't you see that it is bent?" "Yes," practiced. he may have seen some reflected been studying a science that deals practitioners; those who are willing to know he does not fear either of these. He supposed it to be something else, know that the apparent bend is not doing for others what Christian Sci-

ed, and had some of fear's effects, science, and you could stand before manner of sickness and all manner of which might have developed into sick- that stick with all its apparent disease among the people."

ception and development: (1) A sup- not in the appearance but in the nat- her self-effacing, ceaseless effort to position that there is something be- ural science that related to the situa- bless mankind, indicated in one of side God and His good creation. (2) tion.

A belief that this something, called Now you and I are going to judge matter and evil, has life and intelli- man in either of these two ways;

Is this altogether new to you? means to adjust the beating of his them. heart? Would that heal him? Rewill not heal. But if, through your righeous knowing, that his healing knowledge of the truth about ghosts, work was done? Hear this illumnat-your desire to help him and his wil-lingness to be helped, you assist him 476): "Jesus beheld in Science the

> accepts the truth about the event he sick.' I have known it to occur. I know a ages the healing of the sick would number of people who have been heal- be one of the signs that would follow, Christian Scientists in almost every lieve. city on this continent, doubtless here These signs are apparent today in about man as God's child, expression

Christian Science Treatment or Prayer

In the illustration we used a mo- Christ. ment 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 knowledge of the truth of the situa-

tion, 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 allness; 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. knows that the principle of mathematics is unchangeable, the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. knows that it is available to him 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 illustraknow 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. 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 cor-rect solution of his problem.

that it not only desires, but includes self-abnegation, righteousness, under- usually regarded him as an enemy. standing, and acceptance.

tition is never lost, because God is recwe 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

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.

is did nineteen centuries ago.

of affirmation as well as petition, and unto a perfect man, unto the measures am not at all well? You do not ex- tentional, or willful, therefore any your question. Permit me to do it overcoming of sin.

by means of a story or illustration.

crookedness, and say, "I know you Thus doing, and thus only, can we Here we have an illustration of the are a straight stick." In other words, approximate the heights attained and whole process of evil's supposed in- you saw the straightness of the stick, maintained by our beloved Leader in

In order that we may the better gence. (3) A fear that this matter either from appearance, whereby we define man to ourselves,—man as he or evil can harm us. (4) The effects might be satisfied to define him as f that fear.

Now, before we go any further, I standpoint of the Science which re-CITIZENSHIP NIGHT Christian Science teaches that God is Mind. Mind's likeness is mental. Mind's children are ideas. Man is therefore a mental being, an idea of the science which results and the science which results and selected which results and standpoint of the science which results are standpoint of are maintained by the Territorial Gov-

Is there any doubt whatever that tion or palpitation; it is belief in, and the very image of God? Was it not fear of, ghosts. No, that treatment through just such knowing, such to see and accept that which is true, perfect man, who appeared to him he will not only be freed from the where sinning mortal man appears to false belief, but from the effects also. mortals. In this perfect man the How long will it take to heal him? Saviour saw God's own likeness, and The very moment your friend really this correct view of man healed the

will be healed. Just so it is with the Jesus attached great importance to healing of disease. It can disappear the healing of the sick. To the disas readily as darkness before light. ciples of John he pointed to instances When under the light of truth one of healing as a proof of his Messiahsees the folly and unreality of his ship. He taught his disciples to heal false belief, turns from it, and whole- commanded them to heal, and comheartedly accepts in its place that mended their healing work. Not only which is eternally true, he can be free. so, but he stated that throughout the ed within a few minutes. There are and thus designate, "them that be-

in your own town, who could tell you the fruits of Christian Science. To of instances of almost instantaneous be denominated a Christian Scientist year to the Province reporting the healing which have occurred within means that the individual so desig- lergest reduction in illiteracy. their personal observation. You will nated is an earnest student of the have seen, by means of these illustra- Science of healing; that he has voluntions, that disease is not of the body, tarily entered the army of those who primarily, but of the human mind, are waging ceaseless warfare against and because of this the remedy must evil, sin and disease included; that he be mental, even the eternal truth to seeking to establish the reign of righteousness, the reign of right, in every department or activity of his Lake and State of Illinois, has filed in life, and that he is endeavoring, as the County Court of Lake County, Illirapidly as he can, to leave all for | nois, a certificate that the following

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One of the essential qualifications of the practitioner of this Science of us, "The effectual fervent prayer of wit: Paving Lakewood Drive, Higha righteous man availeth much." Let land Park Special Assessment of said me read it again, "The effectual fer- Court Docket No. 291, and that apvent prayer of a rigteous man avail- plication has been made to said Court eth much." With any other system to consider and determine whether of treating the sick, save this Chris- or not the facts stated in said certitian system, the operator may em- ficate are true. That a hearing will ploy his material, or humanly menrighteousness on his own part; he day, the 25th day of October, A. D. may even claim that moral obliquity 1926, at the hour of nine (9) o'clock on his part will in no way effect the in the forenoon of said day, at the success of his system, but in Chris- County Court Room of said Court, in tian Science it is imperative that the the County Court House, at Waukesuccessful practitioner be Christian, gan, in said Lake County. 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 my- said day. self." Sanctify means "to keep holy, spiritually pure," and he who would today practice this Christ system of healing the sick must first forsake 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 October 7th, 1926. and strictest sense of that term

A still further qualification is af fection,-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 tion, the Christian Scientist should them unto the truth of their spiritual 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 successful 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 Here are indicated some of the es- Samaritan, the story of the stranger sential features of prayer,-prayer or outcast who so compassionately assisted a member of a race which How compassionate should we be with In such a prayer the element of pe- those who are in distress. How patient should we ever be with their ognized as the one upon whom we are doubts and fears, and how conscienabsolutely dependent, and from whom tiously 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 danly. 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 Such prayer heals the sick today as in the Christian Science periodicals. This healing work must go on "till we You will notice in this definition of all come in the unity of the faith, and prayer we have included the feature of the knowledge of the Son of God, this may arouse an inquiry in the of the stature of the fulness of mind of some one: Do you affirm that Christ." Sickness which is rooted in you are well when you are sick? How ignorance is usually more easily healcan say I am well when I know I ed than sin which is voluntary, inpect me to do anything so impossible system which cannot cope successfully as that, do you? Well. I shall answer with disease is not equipped for the

Today, as never before, humanity Let us suppose that you were out is appealing for help, yearning to be

Then he believed it had life to chase in the stick." That is to say, you ence teaches can be done, and what reach your conclusion not from apour Leader, Mrs. Eddy, has proved malice to harm him. Then he fear-pearance but from the standpoint of can be done, namely, the "healing all

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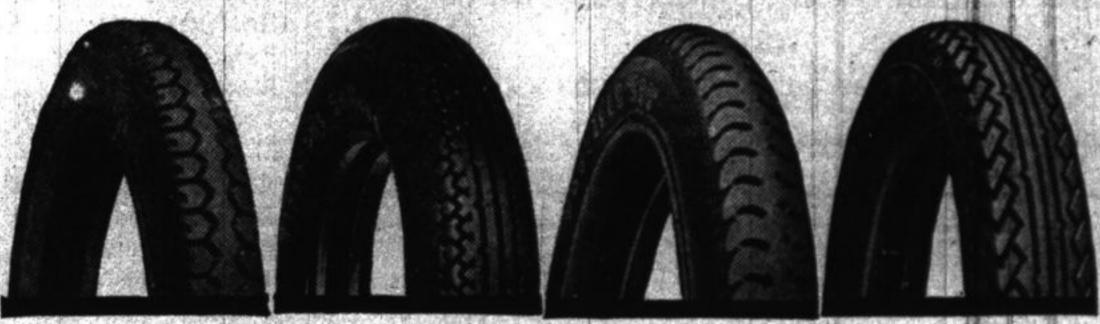
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