

FREE LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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The remedy was simple. It was the mental correction of that erroneous conclusion that five times nothing equals five, and substituting the fact that five times nothing equals nothing.

An intelligent reading of the gospels mentioned previously, will disclose the irrefutable fact that nineteen centuries ago, Christ Jesus and his disciples healed the sick, forgave sin, and raised the dead.

It is well to remember that, often, ignorantly and unconsciously, the human mind assigns to "nothing" a value. It believes that there is some reality in sin, sickness and death.

There may be many who have been earnestly striving for many months or years to experience healing. Doubt and discouragement may assail such ones; and failure may seem impending.

The immutable law of healing is being intelligently applied when the student of Christian Science is heeding the advice of the Discoverer and Founder:—"Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionately to their occupancy of your thoughts."

There has long been a common and an accepted belief that God is a magnified man. He is sometimes represented as an ancient patriarch; and His kingdom is regarded as a material place or habitation protected by massive walls and golden gates, signifying that it is necessary to pass through the experience of death before entering His presence or His kingdom.

It is not our purpose to enter into a lengthy discussion of the nature and character of God. An honest reading and study of the Christian Science textbook before mentioned will prove illuminating and inspiring to any one seeking a clearer vision of God. Let us briefly consider God from the viewpoint of Mind.

When it is understood that God is infinite, divine Mind, it will become plainly apparent that, as such, He is the author and the source of intelligence, law, and order. Therefore His creation must express His attributes. He must be sought and found through the avenue of Mind and not in matter.

The Scriptural account of man's creation is that he was brought forth in the image and likeness of God. As God is Mind, and man His image and likeness, the real man, of necessity must be a mental, a thinking or a spiritual man; and not a material, structural man of bones and tissue.

As there is a growing tendency toward the conclusion that the human mind is an expression or evidence of God, so it is quite necessary that the student of Christian Science should clearly distinguish between the carnal mind, and the infinite, divine Mind.—God. Paul has made the distinction quite clear. In his epistle to the Romans he says: "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject unto the law of God neither indeed can be."

There are many persons who believe that the entire activity of the Christian Science movement is to heal a sick or a deformed human body. Such a belief is farthest from the fact. The real mission of Christian Science is to bring about the transformation of the carnal mind. And Christian Science practitioners and students can be successful in promoting Christian healing only as they adhere strictly to St. Paul's injunction. As they are successful in this transformation, healing of bodily infirmities follows in the natural order of events. It must be plainly apparent that the kingdom of heaven is the kingdom of Mind; and that we enter and enjoy this kingdom through transforming and healing the erroneous beliefs of the carnal mind.

In our premise, we assumed that it is natural and normal for mankind to enjoy life, liberty and happiness. We have just observed that there is

much yet to do before the full and complete redemption of mankind will become a vital reality. There must, therefore, be some rational and available means whereby this full and complete redemption shall be experienced. Sincere prayer is the way.

It is needful and helpful to understand that Christian Scientists pray. The old belief that they are a "prayerless" class of people is not founded upon facts. They pray earnestly, continually and understandingly; and their prayers are rich blessings and advantages to suffering humanity. Their understanding of the nature and function of prayer may differ from the opinions entertained by other Christian people. They do not believe that prayer is a pronouncement of words, nor the repetition of a formula; neither do they believe that it is necessary to petition God to change His plan or purpose. They know that God is the author of perfection and completeness; that His work is done and is perfect and complete. They understand that it is the function of mankind to know and to understand this perfection, hence, to the Christian Scientist prayer is not a saying, it is a knowing and a doing. A very simple and helpful definition of prayer is thus stated: "The habitual struggle to be always good is unceasing prayer." (Science and Health, p. 4.)

The question may arise, "How does this understanding of prayer bring healing to a sick individual?" The answer is simple. At the "habitual struggle to be always good" is born in human consciousness, and as that individual struggles to know, to be and to do only that which is his highest understanding of good, there comes the time, when, as Paul says, the carnal mind is "transformed." And as this transformation progresses step by step, it is expressed in a reformed, a healed condition of the human body; for the human body is the creature, the product of the carnal mind. The diseased conditions expressed on the human body are the evidences of the diseased beliefs of the carnal mind. These diseased conditions are healed through the transformation of these carnal beliefs. And these healings are the evidence that Mind, Spirit, is supreme over matter.

The facts, the logic and the arguments advanced may not be accepted by all. Some may ask: "Do you believe that erroneous thinking produces disease, and that right thinking heals?" There is no room for doubt nor argument. The fact remains as stated. Through the process of right thinking, hundreds, thousands, and hundreds of thousands of reputable people from every country of the civilized world are gladly testifying to the healing of the body through the transformation and regeneration as taught and applied in Christian Science.

The real purpose of this lecture is to emphasize the fact that God is; and that man lives and has his being through the intelligent operation of law and order.

In concluding I leave with you this absolute fact; the sum total of all that I have said: "Obedience to law is liberty." Its application is simple. In proportion as every individual habitually struggles to know and to understand God and to be obedient to His laws, that struggle and that obedience will bring into human experience the highest degree of human liberty. It will heal the sick and will reform the sinner. It will promote a full understanding of man's inalienable rights and enable every one who will follow obediently to enjoy the highest degree of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It will bring into human consciousness, as a vital living reality, the kingdom of heaven, so profoundly expressed in the following poem:

City of God
"There came to me once as I pondered,
A vision of beauty and light;
I saw with the eye of the spirit
The city that has no night.
"Then sorrow and sin do not enter,
But only reflections of love;
All darkness and shadows are banished,
For God is the light thereof.
"Is not a place in the distance
One must pass through death to win,
But a state of harmonious being—
The Kingdom of heaven within.
"Then earth with its cares and confusions
Is seen to have passed away;
While Spirit omnipotent reigneth,
In everlasting day."
(Sentinel, Vol. 22, p. 809.)

"The Ramblers" At The Shubert Garrick Theater
Clark and McCullough in "The Ramblers," a musical hit of huge laughing proportions, has girls and glitter at the Shubert Garrick theater. The two stars, last in Chicago with the Music Box Revue, are now seen in the role of vagabond fortune tellers and seers par excellence. In "The Ramblers," Bobby Clark comes with his painted spectacles, trick cane and bouncing cigar. The moon-faced, vacant-staring Paul McCullough swells the laughs with his year-round fur-coat and straw hat. "The Ramblers" is scoring as a success at the Garrick. The success of the production, however, does not rest entirely on the shoulders of the two stars. Marie Saxon comes into feature billing with the stage charm and dancing that carried her as a Broadway star in "Merry Merry" and "My Girl." Georgia O'Raney is also conspicuous on the distaff side of the funmaking. Among the players are Billy Taylor, Ruff Tester, Harry Miller, Norma Gallo, Sam Critcherson, Wm. E. Browning, Nita Jacques, Horton Spurr, Elaine Lank, John Klendon, Gertrude Edwards, Lloyd Pedrick and Harry Fermales.

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