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CHRISTIAN CCIENCE: THE ETERNAL SCIENCE OF GOD AND HIS CHRIST

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The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, was raised from what seemed likely to be her deathbed through her study of the Scriptures. She had grasped from them somewhat of the true nature of God, and had also perceived that Christ Jesus was not using some specially bestowed power when he performed his marvelous and convincing works, but that through his exact and comprehensive knowledge of God he was simply utilizing the everpresent divine law, which might be unknown to those who were ignorant of the Father's true nature, but which was ever available to all who understood God aright. This divine law had formerly been utilized to some extent by Abraham, by Moses, by the prophets, and later by Christ Jesus and his followers, and it is this law that Paul describes as the "law of the Spirit of life of Christ Jesus," which he declared had made him "free from the law of sin and death."

Christian Science teaches us to think of God as Principle, and uses this word Principle to show that God is the fundamental and invariable source or cause; that He is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. Christian Science also uses the name Principle for God to show that God's nature, His divine presence and power can be demonstrated. It has sometimes been objected that this word Principle makes God seem distant or cold, but Christian Scientists have found that the knowledge of God as infinite divine Principle, who changeth not, is the rock upon which the waves of error dash themselves in vain. Many Christian Scientists under great stress of sin and disease have gratefully recognized the nearness and dearness of God as ever-available Principle, who cannot fail to heal and to save, and whose divine law is ever operating on behalf of those who will understand and use it.

Both Christian Science and the Scriptures teach that Christ expresses God's nature, and to be this perfect expression Christ must manifest all true qualities.

fest all true qualities. When humanity understands that God is infinite Mind or intelligence, it will naturally perceive that it was his spiritual understanding, or the Mind which was in Christ Jesus, that made him the true likeness of God, and it will then be willing to go a step farther and see that spiritual understanding always manifests the the likeness of God, that is, of infinite divine Mind, and therefore manifests the presence and power of the Christ to every human condition. Such understanding is, however, as we have seen, really the consciousness of God and of His creation. This appearing to human consciousness of true being is the forever coming of Christ, revealing the truth about God and about man, the Immanuel, with power to heal the sick, reform the

In the presence of spiritual understanding—that is, the consciousness of true being, or of Christ—sin, disease, death, and discord of every kind lose their reality and disappear, because they are seen as falsities, having no reality, although claiming to be real according to the testimony of the five physical senses. In fact, they lose their reality in the only place

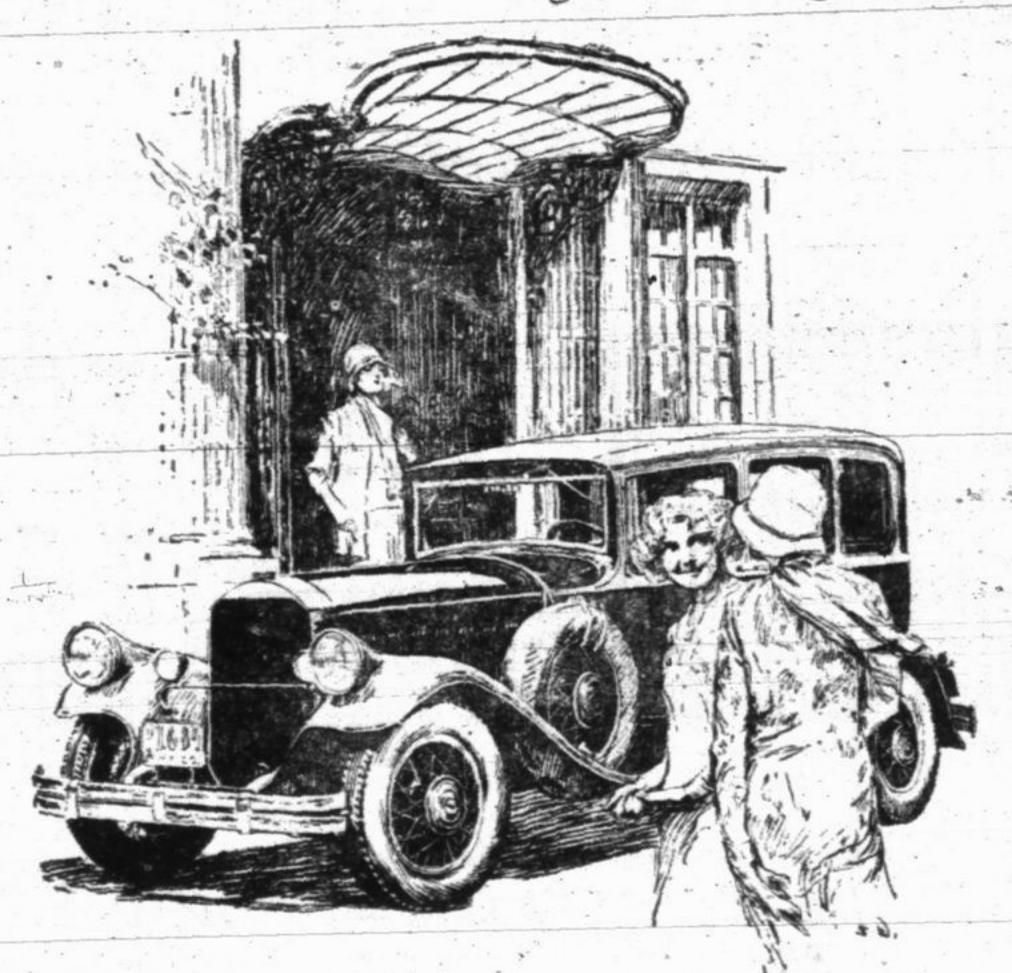
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