

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE IN RAVINIA

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In an arid country, nothing is so much appreciated as a spring of good clear water. An ancient Arabian legend tells of such a spring, which if it could be found, would transform the sandy desert into a garden, and make it green and glad and fruitful, capable of supporting in plenty untold numbers of people. The legend tells of an angel stopping to quench his thirst at one of these rare desert springs. Finding the water sweet and refreshing, he blessed it. For long afterward from every spot where a drop of that spring water fell, a new spring gushed forth to refresh and bless the weary traveler. And then, that wonderful spring was lost. Though many searched no one seemed able to find it.

Jesus of Nazareth, sitting by the well at Sychar, said to the woman of Samaria, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water"; and then he added, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Friends, it is to drink of this living water, so often spoken of in the

Bible, that we are assembled here tonight. Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, speaks in the Preface of her little book, "No and Yes," (p. 5) of "those who are athirst for the life-giving waters of a true divinity," and invites them to "'Come and drink'; and if you are babes in Christ, leave the meat and take the unadulterated milk of the World, until you grow to apprehend the pure spirituality of Truth." Like the water from the legendary well, these "life-giving waters of a true divinity" will cause another living spring to leap forth in every receptive heart, until at last the desert of human experience, parched by fear and sin and ignorance of God, shall be transformed and shall "blossom as the rose."

Jesus said, "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." More than eighteen hundred years later Mrs. Eddy wrote, "The restoration of pure Christianity rests solely on spiritual understanding, spiritual worship, spiritual power" (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 152). First mentioned and of primary importance of these three is, of course, spiritual understanding. Without spiritual understanding, there could be no real spiritual worship, nor any conscious exercise of spiritual power among men; for spiritual worship and spiritual power are the outgrowth of spiritual understanding.

God Understood

Perhaps the greatest thing that Christian Science has done for the world, then, is that it has given to mankind a spiritual understanding of God. The cause or Principle of the

universe, including man, Christian Science shows to be Mind, infinite, incorporeal, supreme, divine Mind. The Christian world believes that God is omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent. Indeed, pure monotheism demands that God be nothing less than all-knowing, ever-present, and all-powerful. Infinite divine Mind, only, can fulfill these requirements. All monotheists believe that God is self-existent. In fact, He would not be the first great cause if this were not true. God, then, can properly be considered as Principle or Life, that eternal self-existent Life from which all life is derived. The apostle John tells us that God is Love. God could not be self-existent Life, if He were not also divine Love, for even the slightest element of hate would, if it had any place in the Mind which is God, prevent Him from being self-existent Life, for hate is destructive. The Mind which is God is therefore divine Love, containing within Himself, no element of evil. God, being self-existent divine Mind, which includes all reality, can also rightly be called Truth. Right here it seems helpful to note that Christian Science recognizes but one Truth, one God, divine Mind. There is no so-called relative truth. We may see Truth at first dimly and perhaps relatively, but that does not alter the absolute nature of Truth. Whatever is not true to Truth, itself, is not true at all. There is no more reality in the so-called relative truth than there is in any other misconception. Christian Science teaches, also, that God is Soul or Spirit, and that therefore there is but one Soul, one spiritual, divine sense of reality. Every term used to

define God is exalted and glorified in the light of these four adjectives—incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite (Science and Health, p. 465).

We have outlined Mrs. Eddy's wonderfully satisfying and scientific definition of God, which is found on page 465 of her book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," the textbook of Christian Science. This definition is not only reasonable, but practical, and Christian Scientists use at least some part of it as a basis for thinking out every problem which comes up in their daily lives.

God, the Only Cause

Speaking of her discovery of Christian Science, Mrs. Eddy says in "Retrospection and Introspection" (p. 24), "During twenty years prior to my discovery I had been trying to trace all physical effects to a mental cause; and in the latter part of 1866 I gained the scientific certainty that all causation was Mind, and every effect a mental phenomenon."

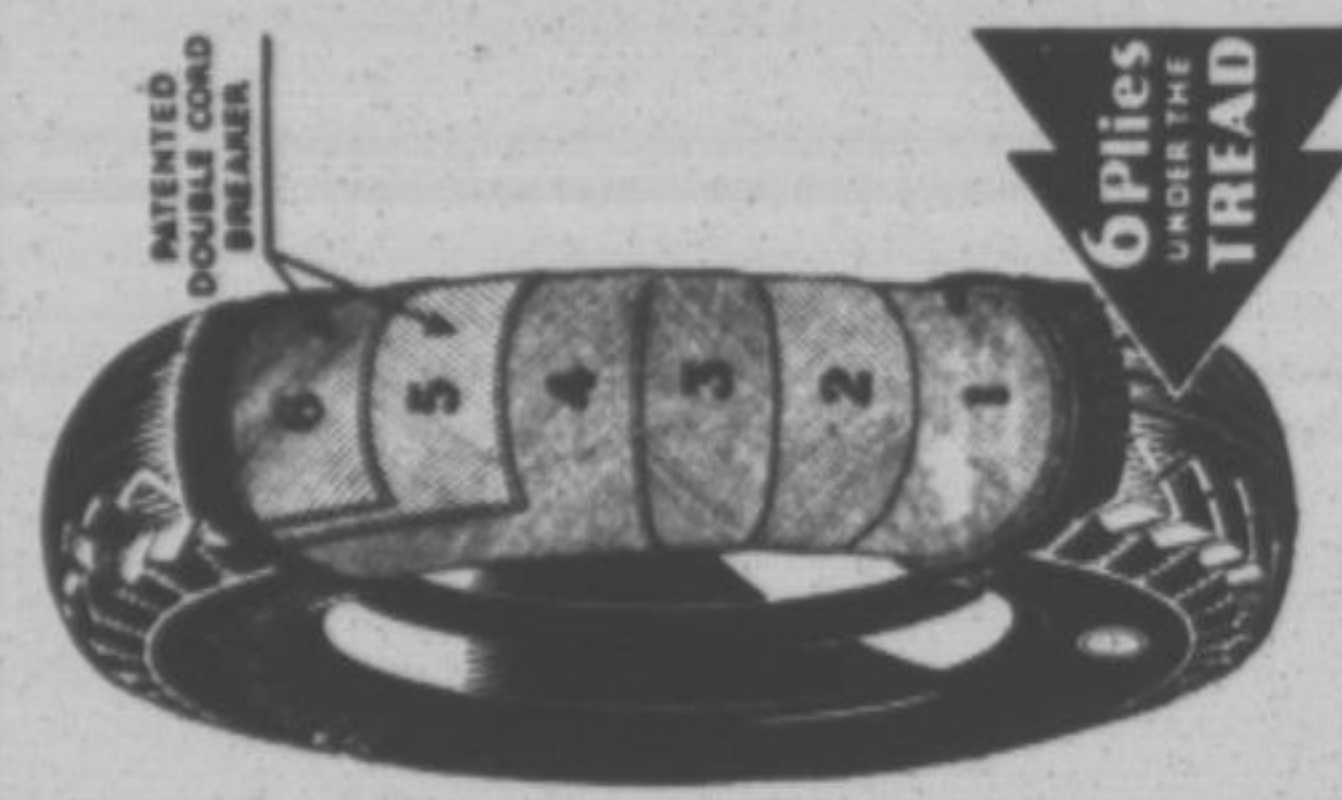
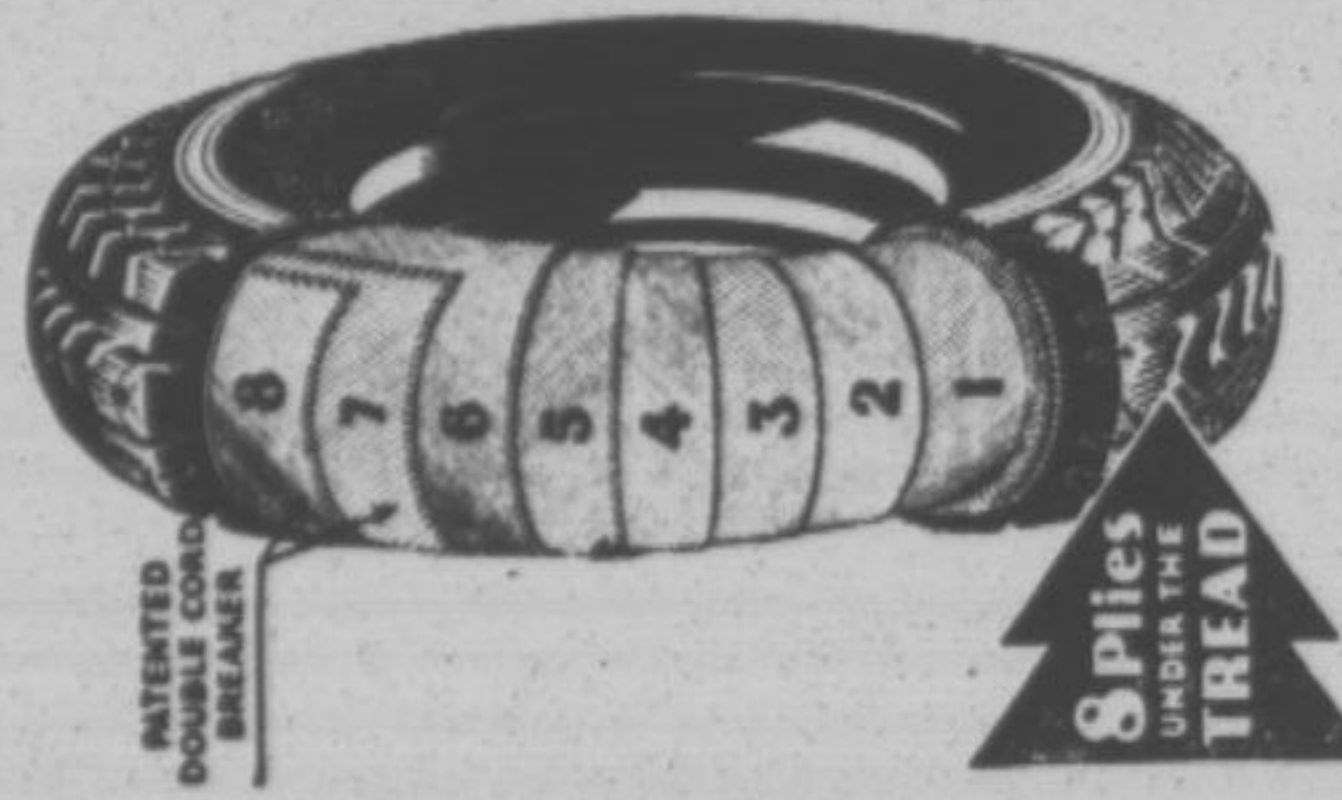
Mrs. Eddy's discovery was her awakening to the use of her spiritual senses, the letting of "this mind" be in her, "which was also in Christ Jesus." To her newly aroused spiritual senses, cause and effect were discerned as wholly mental. Mrs. Eddy's discovery carried her much farther than to "trace all physical effects to a mental cause." She could not escape the logical deduction that every effect reflects the nature of its cause. Beginning with a first cause or God, which is Spirit, Mind, she rightly deduced a universe or effect which is like its creator, spiritually mental. A new sense of reality dawned upon her quickened consciousness. She realized that God, being Spirit, His uni-

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