

serve had always been spiritual and must remain forever unchanged throughout eternity. Her thought about it was all that was being changed. She was becoming adjusted to the facts of Spirit. No other conclusion could be reached than that her former inharmonious material, sense of things had been a mistaken one, and she set about correcting her thinking in every particular.

Through reason and revelation, Mrs Eddy had arrived at the conclusion that divine Mind is the one omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient God; that divine Mind's infinite ideas, perfect, eternal, spiritual, and mental (like their creator) constitute the one and only creation, the spiritual universe, including spiritual man.

Divine Mind Available to All

Even the little children may understand in some degree and use this truth that God is the only real Mind. A little eight-year-old Christian Scientist had an examination in arithmetic which lasted for one period of each of two days. Talking to her mother about it later, she said, "The first day the problems looked so hard when teacher put them on the board that I thought I couldn't do them. But I tried and tried, and finally I thought of something. I said to myself, 'Well, this is fine, trying to solve problems without God.' And then I thought, 'God is Mind, and He gives me intelligence to do what I have to do,' and I solved every problem, mother, and teacher gave me one hundred. The next day, I had finished all the problems and then I thought, 'I just wish God would tell me whether these problems are right.' Something led me to look over the seventh, and I

found a mistake in it and corrected it, and that's how I got two one hundreds in arithmetic."

The same fact of being which enabled this little girl to solve her problems in arithmetic is available to all of us. This truth that God is the only Mind, is intimate enough to enter into our smallest personal problems and big enough to solve the clashing questions of the nations. Can one afford to be apathetic to this great revelation that Christian Science has brought to human consciousness, namely, that God is divine Mind, the one and only Mind, and therefore of necessity his Mind? For the Mind which is God—the only Mind—is all that exists by way of mind; it constitutes all there is in reality to your intelligence and to mine.

Evil or Mortal Mind

In human experience, we are compelled to take cognizance of another so-called mind, a limited, evil, human mind. Mrs. Eddy arrived at the conclusion that the human so-called mind with all its beliefs in materiality—ease and pleasure in matter, chance and change, sorrow and suffering, disease and death—is not really mind at all, but only a false, deceived, and deceiving sense of mind. This dream-mind, which seems to ape the activity and dominion of God, she named mortal mind. Christian Science reveals that the carnal or mortal mind's sense of existence is a compound of misconceptions, a perverted or inverted sense of the real. These misconceptions, objectified, comprise all there is to what mortals term matter, and constitute the material world, including mortals, with all that is erroneous or fleeting. Unlike divine Mind,

mortal mind is ignorant of itself and of its own creations. Misunderstanding the origin of matter, mortal mind fastens upon matter its own false belief in substance as an object for worship. It endows matter, in belief, with the power and ability of Deity, to create, to sustain, to enjoy, and even to destroy. Matter is believed to be able to enforce laws of its own creating, through intelligence, force, and energy supposedly existent in itself.

Christian Science shows that the so-called human mind is not an instrumentality which records and believes in what it sees, hears, smells, tastes, and feels, as is commonly and ignorantly thought. The reverse of this statement is found to be more exact, that is, that the human, mortal mind sees, hears, smells, tastes, and feels that only which it believes. Thus through Christian Science, all material objects are found to be merely the falsely mental creatures of mortal mind itself. Outside of mortal mind or error, there is not a single finite object or concept.

Salvation through Christ

Now Christian Science teaches the scientific way of changing or correcting mortal mind with immortal Truth—of spiritualizing and purifying thought. This Christianly scientific process of instructing or educating mortal mind with Truth is the way of salvation through Christ. Through Christian Science, the human or mortal mind is not exalted or inflated with belief in its own greatness, nor is it taught to contemplate with satisfaction its manifestation as matter or finite creation. Quite to the contrary, through Christian Science, mortal mind is educated to discern its own perverted false sense of the real, the spiritual universe, and having gained a realization of its own depravity and nothingness, to give up its deluded sense for a better belief, a more nearly true estimate of the real, the eternal. Christian Science is not educating mortal mind to be something, but to recognize its own falsity and to correct its misconceptions. Finally, all erroneous concepts will disappear, having given place to the infinite, spiritual expression of divine Mind.

As mortal mind, through the ceaseless application of spiritual understanding, continually changes from one apparent false belief to one a little better, until it eventually vanishes, its objectified physical forms will express less and less disease and more and more harmony; less fear and more dominion; less materiality and more mentality, until perfection in creation appears and is found tangible, not as matter, but as divine Mind's spiritual ideas.

Divine Metaphysics

Just as reason and demonstration in physical science have enabled us to discard belief in a flat earth for the more scientifically correct one of a round earth; belief in a stationary earth for the more nearly correct belief in a quickly moving one; one center of movement of the stellar universe for another, in the same way, revelation, reason, and demonstration have enabled us to give up a false, material sense of God and creation and to behold them both in their eternal, unchanging, mental, spiritual nature.

Every lie has to be a lie about something. Therefore what the material senses behold counterfeits a better original to be found in some divine, eternal, spiritual fact. It is the part of spiritual worship to translate every material concept back into its better original. Enough has been said to show that Christian Science is divine metaphysics. Our Leader tells us that "metaphysics resolves things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul" (Science and Health, p. 269). This is

the definitely scientific way to think and to live, a way out of the mazes of materiality into the spiritual facts of being. It is plain that the ideas of Soul must replace the objects of sense when one considers the unstable, fleeting nature of material sense and the real, eternal nature of Soul. The ideas of Soul and the objects of sense do not constitute two different and distinct creations, for there is but one creation, the spiritual. (Neither are they two actual (Continued on page 26)



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