

SYNOPSIS OF LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

By Miss M. Ethel Whitcomb of Boston; Given Friday Evening at Elm Place School

The lecture given by First Church of Christ, Scientist, last Friday evening at Elm Place Auditorium was well attended. The lecturer was Miss M. Ethel Whitcomb of Boston, member of The Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. She spoke on the subject of "Christian Science: The Angelic Message," and was introduced by John S. Sammons. Miss Whitcomb spoke in part as follows:

In Luke's Gospel it is written, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." This wondrous chorus of angels is still singing, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Do any of you question, What are the good tidings that the angels are singing to-day? Christian Science answers that these tidings of great joy, these angelic messages, are nothing less than a revelation of the demonstrable fact that the same spiritual Truth which healed through Jesus of Nazareth is here to-day, bidding the dumb to speak, the lame to walk, the blind to see. Christian Science has already healed its unnumbered thousands and sent them on their way singing with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest."

What is an angel? To a Christian Scientist an angel is not a celestial personality with feathered wings, but an exalted idea from divine Mind, an inspirational thought-visitant.

Actually to expect to hear the angels, — impartations from divine good, — and to be guided, inspired, and guarded by them as were the prophets of old, we must know God as He is. Christian Science satisfies the heart with its glorious views of God as Mind, incorporeal Mind, the all-knowing, the all-present, divine, infinite intelligence, and this Mind,

Love, tender, living, available Love in whom man lives and breathes as individual consciousness, for this Mind is the very life of all, the sole governor of the universe and man. From this Mind proceeds the only law, — the divine edict of good, forever operating for, not against humanity, a law of renewal, invigoration, and eternal unfoldment to man.

All Christians accept the basic statement of Scripture that God created man in His own likeness. Like the infinite Father, is the real man, or spiritual idea, in quality, nature, and essence. Christian Science teaches us to look away from the hateful, sinning, and warped deflection, or mortal, to become acquainted with the reflection of God, — the man who reflects the qualities of divine Mind in the radiance of right thinking.

We can never obey Scripture and put off "the old man with his deeds," the old human concept of man with his stubborn disposition; nervous temperament, and weak character and constitution, — all unloveliness, — until we catch glorious glimpses of our identity in the likeness of divine Love, and maintain it, thereby refusing to express a thought, motive, or desire that springs not from the heart of God.

Christian Science was discovered and founded by a woman, made spiritually ready for such a holy trust by lessons learned from every event of her life, by human struggles, desperate privations, heroic overcomings, and deepest longings to know and take the things of God and give them to mankind. Through spiritual inspiration Mrs. Eddy received and recorded the revelation of scientific Christianity as it unfolded to her consecrated, Love-inspired consciousness.

Of herself she has said that she was a "scribe under orders" (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 311). The spiritual, undeviating, indestructible facts of Truth that appeared to her God-prepared heart at that time, she elucidated in words known as the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," — a book that is waking men of every nation from the midnight of despair to behold the morning light of hope and holier living.

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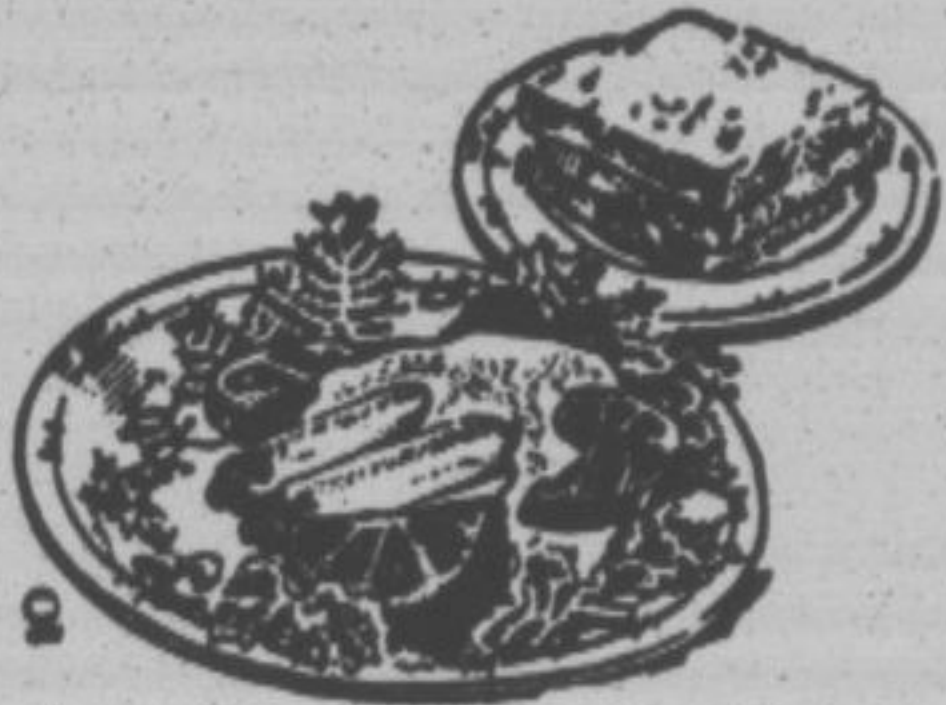
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