

**"Christian Science: a Religion of Healing" Lecture on Tuesday**

Christian Science: A lecture on Christian Science, entitled "Christian Science: A Religion of Healing," was given at the Elm Place School auditorium Tuesday evening of this week. The lecturer was A. Hervey Bathurst, C.S.B., of London, England, a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass. The lecture was under the auspices of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Highland Park. The lecturer was introduced by Arthur Perrow. A report of the lecture follows:

May I ask you to visualize for a moment that momentous scene, that epoch-making occasion, when Paul, standing before King Agrippa, asked, "Why should it be considered a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead?" What an indication of understanding of the power, the omnipotence and omnipresence of God. Has God changed? Then what Paul indicated is as true now as it was then. This, Christian Science not only teaches, but demonstrates or proves.

The present is frequently and accurately described as a progressive age. During recent years much progress has been made, and this is especially evident in the numerous inventions which are combining to annihilate time and space. Is it, however, only in the realm of mechanics that progress is to be expected? Why should we not equally expect further unfoldment in the realm of religion? In spite of the fact that, generally speaking, people do not devote much thought to the question of development along religious lines, wonderful changes are taking place. It may well be said that the greatest change since the appearance of Christ Jesus occurred when in 1866 Christian Science was discovered.

It is not necessary for me to tell you that Christian Science heals. That fact is now recognized throughout the world, for men, women and children in every civilized country are being healed through the knowledge of the truth, taught and practiced by the Founder of Christianity, and again revealed to this age by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science and author of its textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. While the revelation of Christian Science is certainly proof of the remarkable development in the realm of religion, Christian Science is not new, for it is primitive Christianity again revealed to mankind in a way which all can understand and practise scientifically.

Why should it be considered a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead? Christian Science to-day is perpetually voicing that same thought and is again asking mankind why it should be doubted that the healing of sin, sickness and death should still be possible through the recognition and the demonstration of the ever-present God and His irresistible power.

**THE DISCOVERY**  
The way in which Christian Science was discovered is so interesting by reason of its wonderful simplicity. Mrs. Eddy was suffering from the effects of an accident from which the physicians expected she would not recover. One day she begged to be left alone. Mrs. Eddy had always been a most earnest student of the Bible, and as was her custom she turned to that sacred volume and read the familiar passage in the ninth chapter of Matthew's Gospel which records the Master's healing of the man suffering from the palsy. Jesus said to him, "Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." You will note the prompt obedience of that man, who did as he was told with the result we all know so well.

How many sick people, I wonder, have read that passage, but no one that we know of in all the centuries that have elapsed since that occurrence has had spiritual discernment enough to understand and accept the healing offered in that command—at least no such case is recorded. Mrs. Eddy, however, evidently discerned on that occasion the deep spiritual meaning of what the Master said. In other words, she recognized the divine fact that man has dominion, or she discerned man's God-given heritage of freedom and dominion over all the earth, with the result that she rose at once from her sick-bed. Having made this wonderful discovery, Mrs. Eddy retired from the world for three years in order to work out or demonstrate the truth which had been revealed to her and which she realized it was her privilege and duty to share with mankind. This she did by healing innumerable diseases of all kinds and doing other wonderful works.

Mrs. Eddy's discovery established the fact that the sick can still be healed in the way Jesus and his disciples taught and practised. I am sure that in the time at our disposal we shall see how this healing is not only a reasonable, but a natural result of the understanding of the teaching of him of whom it was said, "Never man spake like this man."

Christian Science shows that the high standard of living and healing taught by Jesus must eventually be attained by all, in fact that it is

possible now. "Ye shall know the truth," the Master declared, "and the truth shall make you free." Christian Science has revealed that truth. And what is truth?

**IMPORTANCE OF RIGHT THINKING**  
Let us see what Jesus teaches on this point. Did he not say, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33). And how can we seek the kingdom of God except in thought? So then Jesus stated definitely that the only way to success, the only way to find what is good, real and true, is to find the "kingdom of God," i.e., the place not only where God is, but where God reigns—is supreme.

God, we all declare, is in heaven. We admit also that God is infinite. Therefore God, Spirit, is everywhere; and here is included in everywhere. Consequently that place where God is, or the kingdom of God is at hand; it is not afar off. It is exactly where we are, and where we are is just where we are thinking. The Master said, "The kingdom of God is within you."

How many people believe that they can find or recognize the kingdom of heaven here and now, without going to some other place or passing through the experience called death? Yet, did not the Master say, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"? He obviously meant that we were to seek and find it here, where we are. He did not tell us we have to go somewhere else in order to find it. May I remind you that we pray, or most of us pray, daily and some of us many times a day, "Thy kingdom come," the spiritual sense of which Mrs. Eddy gives us in Science and Health, p. 16, as "Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present." Heaven is not a locality; it is mental or spiritual.

At this point one might feel inclined to ask, "Then where is 'on earth'?" That equally is just where we are thinking. The earth of God's creating is not the earth which our physical senses present to us, and in order that we may see the answer to that simple prayer, "Thy kingdom come," we must, through the understanding of Truth, get rid of our erroneous concept of earth. In her definition of earth in Science and Health Mrs. Eddy writes in part, "To material sense, earth is matter; to spiritual sense it is a compound idea."

In Revelation 21 John writes, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away." How did John, who was still on earth, see the new heaven and the new earth? How was he able to hear that "great voice out of heaven saying, Behold,

the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God?" How was he able to see what the physical senses certainly could not discern? Was not John still human? He certainly was, but his ability to think correctly, or his spiritual discernment, was beyond that of the ordinary man of his day.

**THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN**  
And here the question will arise, "What is man?" As the Bible states, in language which are all so familiar, man is the image and likeness of God. In order therefore to understand man, it is well to have some correct concept of God, the only creator, who is quoted in the first chapter of Genesis, verse 26, as saying, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." But one might ask, what makes it possible for men to have a true concept of God? The answer to this question is, — the fact that man really is spiritual — the image and likeness of God. On page 465 of Science and Health Mrs. Eddy gives us the following definition of God: "God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love." This God is the only creator and He created all that was made, as the Bible states. Must it not follow then that, since God's creation is the only creation and it is good, we have a very erroneous concept of that creation, including man, so long as we believe that the creation of God includes evil, sickness, destruction, fear, vice or death? Can man, the image and likeness or reflection of God, be subject to what God does not include? The answer is emphatically—No, he is not and never was. This may be considered a bold statement to make, but it is nevertheless true, because what is true about the nature of God must be equally true about the nature of His reflection, man.

**LIFE**  
How wonderful, how interesting and encouraging to begin to realize that man is now actually the image and likeness or reflection of God. Then since Life is a synonym of God, man is the image and likeness or exact reflection of Life, which is infinite. This infinite Life, which man expresses or reflects, can therefore never be interfered with or affected by the belief in sickness. Then we come to the point where we see that not only sin and sickness but also death must be overcome, if we are going to accept the teaching of the Master in its entirety.

Christian Science lifts the veil of mystery from all these questions over which mankind has so long pondered. Christian Science reveals

the fact that the future, or, as it is sometimes defined, the "hereafter" is not shrouded in mystery. In fact there is no "hereafter." There is but the eternal now. Think for a moment what is the future and when is it going to come? Does it ever come? Is it not always now? God is Life, and in Life there is no death. Just as darkness is expelled by the light, so is the belief in death healed or destroyed by the understanding of Life. Look for a moment at the Old Testament and you will see in Enoch's experience how he knew enough of God, of Life, to enable him so to improve his concept of man, or the reflection of Life, that he "walked with God." Also did not the Master himself first demonstrate the unreality of the belief in death for others and then finally in his own experience?

Let us dwell in thought for a moment on that simple scene described so vividly in John 11, when the brother of Mary had died. You will recall with what authority Jesus summoned forth Lazarus from that dream of death and said to those standing by that they were to "loose him and let him go." To-day there are thousands who are being loosed from the grave-clothes of material beliefs; yes, and from the belief that Life is subordinate to or in matter. We need to be logical, scientific, active thinkers. We need to be willing to accept the whole of the Master's teaching, even if we have not yet demonstrated it fully. That same Christ, which Jesus declared he had come to reveal, is just as much with us and available now as when the Master called forth Lazarus from that cave upon which the stone lay. To-day the stones of a belief in a life apart from God are continually becoming lighter and sometimes they are being removed altogether.

As Christians we accept the teaching of the Master without questioning it, and through Christian Science mankind is being shown in this age how to practise it. Whatever you or I may believe with regard to Truth makes no difference to Truth itself, since it is immutable and unchangeable. Whether we accept it or reject it, Truth remains as it has been all through the ages, and the day must surely come and is coming when the divine fact that Life is infinite will not only be understood but demonstrated.

**Spring Vacations at the Schools This Week**

Spring vacations at the Deerfield-Shields high school and the local grammar schools in Highland Park, Ravinia, Highwood, and Deerfield began Monday and will last for a week.

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2. The Boat of Longing, b Rolvaag. On the far coast way a phantom boat is see death of danger is near. "N seen it, and in the strange n of America he found a fello who had seen it too. But th haunts only the colder, bleak cen shores where parents wa aching hearts for the son of they are so proud, whose come no more, because no do cannot write while busy an the great fortune that he pr to bring back from America.  
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