

**A LECTURE
ON
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
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Mr. Charles I. Ohrenstein, C. S. B. of Syracuse, New York, member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass., delivered a lecture on Christian Science Thursday evening, June 3rd, under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Wilmette, Ill., in the Church edifice, Central Avenue and Tenth Street.

The lecturer was introduced by Mr. George M. Spangler. A synopsis of the lecture follows:

The greatest English writer, Shakespeare, said, "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." For ages this has been recognized, and one of the Hebrew proverbs is to the effect that as one thinks, so is he.

One Mind Or Principle

If we turn to the textbook of our inspired religions, the Bible, we find its first teaching to be that in the very beginning God made all that was made, and that all that He made was not only good, but very good. If we take this teaching together with what has been said, it would certainly mean that, everything being the product of thinking, everything good must be the product of God's thinking, and what is called God must be and is that which alone is able to think.—Mind.—with everything that is good due to His, Mind's, thinking.

In Christian Science, then, we have one Mind, one Principle or cause of all that made all, and of necessity Mind, or intelligence, made all good; for to have made aught otherwise, this great and only cause would not have been Mind, or intelligence.

But here it may be asked, Do prevalent theories—theology, the natural sciences—teach this? And if not, are these conclusions warranted? Frankly, it must be said that, as yet, they do not. It should be noted, however, that Christian Science has already caused marked changes in the thought of mankind, in the teachings of theology and the sciences. In fairness to the more advanced theologians of our day and to the most advanced natural scientists, it must be said that their teachings no longer oppose those of Christian Science as they formerly did. The

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more advanced theologians no longer teach that God is corporeal, nor do some of the most advanced natural scientists any longer teach some uncreated, hypothetical "Urstoff," protyle, or atom to be the ultimate of all. They recognize that in the ultimate everything must and does resolve itself not "into a dew," but into states of consciousness; that the ultimate of everything must be thought stuff, not matter-stuff, in order to be capable of translation into thought; that everything must have its beginning in intelligence in order to be intelligible. To deny that consciousness, or Mind, was in the beginning would be to deny a source for the intelligence which we express, the intelligence which everything in nature manifests.

But granted that the unity of Mind, or Principle, and so of cause, is still denied, are we to bid revelation, reason, demonstration, halt until the schools approve them? Go to the thousands who have been restored by the simple truth that has been stated,—the truth that God is the only Principle, or Mind,—and in proof of it they need but paraphrase the statement of the man healed of blindness by the Master: Why, herein is a marvelous thing, that ye say ye know not whether this be Christianity, whether this be Science, and yet, whereas we were carnally minded, sorrowful, suspicious, fearful, discouraged, unfortunate, degraded, sick, now we are spiritually minded, happy, trustful, confident, encouraged, uplifted, successful, well. Mere coincidences these, as the legalized schools would have us believe? If so, how many coincidences does it take to establish the operation of a law or a scientific fact? For there are thousands of just such coincidences, and I stand here as the result of one of them.

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