

SAYS ALL CAN PROVE TRUTH OF 'SCIENCE'

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From the inception of Christianity only a few have accepted fully our Master's teachings, caught their spirit and manifested this Christ spirit in healing works, notably the early Christians who, during the first three centuries of the Christian era, did such marvelous healing, and led such self-sacrificing and consecrated lives.

It is evident that Christ Jesus considered this healing work an indispensable factor of his ministry; indeed he made it a test of Christian discipleship, for he said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also"; a statement which clearly means that he who is a Christian will be able to heal spiritually. Moreover, he made no distinction between the healing of sin and of disease. He said, for example, to the impotent man whom he had healed of a serious physical condition, "Go and sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you," unmistakably implying that the disease had been due to sin, and definitely stating that continued indulgence in sin will result in a worse form of disease.

When a man seems to be "down and out" he is as though he were in a deep, dark hole. If we speak to him and tell him how beautiful it is above we may catch his ear but unless we appeal to him in a way that reaches his human sense he is likely to remain in a hopeless state of mind, not believing that he can ever get out. What that man needs is a ladder which will reach down to his grasp, that is, something which he can get hold of and by means of which he can climb out. This saving power is the Christ, the divine Truth coming to the human consciousness through Christian Science, with which anyone can begin to work out his salvation, his deliverance from evil.

Mrs. Eddy writes:
"... sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to

light and sin to reformation. Now, as then, these mighty works are not supernatural, but supremely natural. They are the sign of Immanuel, or 'God with us,'—a divine influence ever present in human consciousness . . ." (Science and Health, page xi).

Think of it! A divine influence always present, which makes it possible to be healed and saved, by the appearing of the Christ. Truth, in consciousness, there developing spiritual understanding, through right knowing and right living. Thus it is the Christ which awakens us from the Adam-dream in this present state of existence.

Christian Scientists recognize Mrs. Eddy as the discoverer and founder of Christian Science because of her preparedness and because they have been able to demonstrate the truth of her teachings. This latter fact is a very important point, because anyone can prove its truth for himself. When a schoolboy proves that ten times ten is one hundred he virtually proves that a thousand times a thousand is a million, although this latter quantity may be beyond his mental grasp. So Christian Scientists in demonstrating simple fundamentals prove the truth of Mrs. Eddy's entire revelation. In what an unfortunate position then is a person who declares that the teachings of Christian Science are not true, when he himself could prove that they are true, if he only would.

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