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Regeneration of the Body by the Resurrection of the Mind



FLESH

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."—Job 19:25-27.

The revised version garbles this text.
Instead of "in" they make it "without" my
flesh.

The common version is the correct translation.
He is emphatic on personal identity.

"I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall
behold."

Jesus called attention to his flesh and bones.
Flesh and bones were proof of personal identity.
He arose a man, not a ghost.

"Oh, that my words were now written!
Oh, that they were printed in a book!
That they were graven with an iron pen!
And lead in the rock forever!"

This is the way Job introduces his statement.
He wanted it everlastingly known
That he will see God in the flesh.

It may mean reincarnation or resurrection.
But it means in his own flesh.
I, I, and not another, I, I.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** Flesh!

*** What is it?

*** The garb of the mind.

*** The negative pole of being.

*** Spirit is the substance of being.

*** Flesh is the objective expression.

*** Mind is the movement, the activity of Spirit.

*** The activity called mind is expressed, is written in matter.

*** There is nothing wrong about the flesh any more than in writing paper.

*** Even the good Paul, who wobbles on this point, didn't say that flesh was enmity against God.

*** He said that the mind of the flesh, the carnal thought, was enmity against God, for God is the Mind of Spirit.

*** This false or moon mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God; neither indeed can it be.

*** How can the moonlight be subject to the law of the sun? It is a mere reflection, and when the sun appears it ceases to exist.

*** But the things on which moonlight rested are not only still in existence, but their identity is made clearer, their existence more pronounced, in the sunlight.

*** There can be nothing good nor bad in the flesh, "but thinking makes it so," for the flesh has no thought, feeling or sensations. It is mind that determines the character, not its environment.

*** The old thought that the flesh is unclean and opposed to God is still dominant in humanity. Like all foolish thought, it lingers long after it has been exploded. This idea would make God's garments unclean, his temple unholy.

*** Paul is very positive on this point and declares the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and threatens us with destruction if we defile this temple. His old Jewish desire to destroy does not weaken the main point that God's temple is flesh.

*** What is the nature of the flesh? What kind of substance is it? Is it nothing more than a hornet's nest? Yes, it is something more than a hornet's nest. It is a growth, and is identified with the mind that grows it. If the mind is mortal the growth is mortal. If the mind is immortal the growth is incorruptible. This is the reason why mortals must be born again before they can enter into the kingdom of Spirit.

*** Metchnikoff says that man is immortal in his seed, and that this seed was found alive and fertile in the body of a man who died at 102 years of age. Well, and good, but Spirit says that this seed is an idea, a thought. The good seed is the Word of God, and Jesus Christ said that his spoken words were spirit and life. This immortal body was said by the Jews to be in the spinal chord and would be raised in the resurrection. It is in the mind and abides forever, no matter about the process of preservation.

*** This is exactly what Job is talking about on the first page of this paper. He saw that he, the mind, was indestructible, no matter if the worms did destroy his present body. There was another body, many of them, but not another man. He was the man, he could not lose his identity, and in new flesh he would see God.

*** There is no other temple in the universe for the indwelling Spirit other than the body of flesh. It is the house of God eternal in the mind of the Spirit. It is absolutely indestructible. There is a body within the body that is incorruptible and immortal, no matter how many outward forms may pass away.

*** Does not the acorn identify itself with the oak, and the oak with the acorn? Is not the idea of the oak in the acorn, and does not the oak preserve the seed of this idea? The growth is temporary, but the thought is the thought of immortality. The body of man is the growth of a mind, and the temporary growth of a mortal body from a mortal mind is the beginning of an immortal growth from the eternal seed, the Word of God. It is all good.

*** Flesh, we know, can be transformed by the renewing of the mind. Flesh is clay in the hands of Mind, the potter. As we learn that flesh is subject to our mental orders we will be careful about giving orders. Our commands will be obeyed; therefore, they should be made in righteousness. The body of flesh is our home, our house, and it should be made in the image and likeness of our thought. It can be made in our image and likeness, and we are just learning the Science of this new creation.

*** If the seed of the kingdom is the Word of God, and spoken words of truth are spirit and life, then Christian Science is scientific in the statement that Mind is the basis of being. Instead of germs of matter in bioplastic mud we have ideas at work in the eternal Mind. I have read all the proofs for man's descent from the anthropoid apes, and it all goes to prove to my mind that the anthropoid ape is descended from man. This ape is the product of degenerate man. We all know that a wild man in the woods will lose reason and the power of speech. How far is the Hottentot and the Digger Indian from the anthropoid ape? Man may degenerate into an ape, but an ape never ascends to a man.

*** There is a mental evolution much more than a physical evolution. The physical man varies according to his mind, but he never ceases to be a man unless crossed with some other species. That cross leads downward in the scale of being, and never upward. There was a cross between the sons of God and the daughters of mortals, and the result was physical monstrosities called giants (Genesis vi), but no intellectual and spiritual advancement. The "daughters of men" may have been monkeys and this the first step in degeneration which caused the destruction of the world by water. There is one thing certain, and that is that we are redeemed by the evolution of mind, the new birth of thought. Man is a mind. Life is mind.

*** "Do you recommend Mrs. Eddy's 'Science and Health' as a text-book on the Science of Christ?"

I certainly do in connection with the New Testament, or rather, the sayings of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament. I have often said that Mrs. Eddy's book needed blue penciling. In publication offices a blue pencil is used to mark out extraneous, ambiguous and superfluous matter. There is much in "Science and Health" that ought to be marked out, but the science of it is science. When the words of Jesus are read as Science and understood in a scientific way, to the exclusion of religion, you will find them full of Spirit and life. Mrs. Eddy was the first to call our attention to the science of Christianity and her book is full of truth. But if you read it as a religion to the exclusion of other books you are in worse bondage than ever. As science it will set you free, but as a religion it will enslave.

*** "In your last letter you state that mental healing is an exact science. I may possibly not get your meaning. Do you mean it will heal any and all the ills that 'flesh is heir to?'"

I certainly do. This is exactly what Christian Science means, or it does not mean anything. The Science of Christ is as plain as the multiplication table. He promises health of body and mind. Not only that you shall be cured, but that you shall stay cured of all your pains, sufferings, and be master over your environment forever. There is no use in talking religion. There is no religion in science, and no science in religion. This is where we have been deceived in regard to Christianity. We thought it was a religion, and that our reward would be in another world. After death we were going to be given a white robe, a harp and a crown. There is nothing of that in the work or words of Jesus. He didn't tell the blind men to wait and receive their sight in the other world. He opened their eyes here and now. He said emphatically: "I AM the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." He is talking Science, the Science of Spirit, and it means regeneration of the body by a resurrection of the spiritual mind. It is as certain as mathematics, but the priests and preachers had to go on preaching a *postmortem* realization. A woman came along and whispered in their ears the words Christian Science, and they are not yet recovered from their astonishment. Jesus Christ said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." Is all this mere talk about immortality after death? Ah, no, the men who heard understood and took up stones to kill the prophet. They knew he was talking about this life. These are the words of a prophet, and, therefore, have an eternal meaning. The science of these sayings is now demanding the attention of the age. You can't build a structure like Christianity on the sand. There was a mighty Rock of Ages beneath the work of Jesus Christ.

*** There is a time coming and near at hand when the body beautiful will be clothed with the white light of its surplus electricity, but it will be a body of flesh all the same. Clairvoyance is proof positive that vision and hearing and being is subjective. The kingdom of Spirit is in the flesh, the objective world. There is no other world in which we can have dominion. The order of creation is for man, male and female, to have dominion over the whole of the objective creation. This includes the air as well as the earth. We must be masters of matter. All the elements of earth, water, electricity, light, heat, must be known and operated by us. It is our dominion. We must rule, not by a machine that may or may not work, but by the regeneration of the body, so that the mind is its own motor. Walking on water and in the air is the eternal privilege and commission of man. Why should we be hindered by an objective obstacle? "Let them have dominion" is the word ringing in the mind of man.

*** "I would like to know more about you and your method. Would it be presumption on my part to ask is it magnetism, or will power, or both?"

It is neither. The will power is the mind of the Spirit, and there is no magnetism in it. As you come into the truth of being, and understand that the basis of being is Mind, you will know that magnetism is mortal. The exercise of will power by the individual is foolish, for we can not make one hair white or black, or add one inch to our stature by willing it. It is the coming into the thought and recognizing the Will and Wisdom of Spirit. I speak the Word of healing in the Silence of Mind. It is not "hard" work. It is not violence. It is not my will, but the Will of God. Mortal mind can only understand power as push, as something ponderable, as force. The treatments are given in the still small voice of gentle stillness. There are no words to describe the mental movement. It is as far removed from material or magnetic movement as Spirit is from matter. There is no real power in matter, for it is neither feeling or sensation. All power in heaven and on earth is in mind. Mental movements are as silent as the sunshine, as gentle as light, as powerful as God. In speaking the Word of healing the thought forms in the mind and passes on to the patient, but it is not in any formula or set words. Sometimes, in fact, very often, there are no definite words remembered by the brain. If I gave the treatments in the physical presence of the patient I would not touch the person or speak an audible word. Just before writing this item I was giving treatments to a patient in England. I was in the very presence of the patient, and she received my Word as if spoken in the ear. Aye, much better than if spoken in the physical ear, for I reached the mind direct, and the effect will come up in her mind as part of her own thought. The mind knows no time or distance.

*** You can never have this dominion while despising the flesh. Why, man, the flesh is you, so far as objective being is concerned. The builder had as well despise his material or the mechanic his tools. Flesh is what the mind needs for action. The mind is mighty in health, in strength, in a good brain and buoyant body. The joy of living is in a flesh that is flexible, pliant, and responsive to the will of mind. It is a body vibrant with life, that the mind needs for full sovereignty over its environment. What a helpless being is mortal man! He walks on the earth with weary and sluggish feet. The sky looks down on this prisoner of sense. Only in his dreams is he free to move in the air and fly swiftly above all obstacles. Awake he is a weakling. His stomach, liver, lungs, eyes, ears, brain, are all out of order, and he moans in his misery. Still the sun shines and illimitable space spreads out above his aching head.

*** It is high time we were correcting this error of religion in crucifying the flesh. Crucifying the temple of the Living God, the sanctuary of the soul. This miserable mind has made morbid the loveliest souls on earth. What a dreadful mistake to think the soul can be elevated by despising its dwelling place! We are taught to glorify God in our bodies as well as our souls. There will never be a time when you will not have a house of flesh. God has made no mistakes. When he created an image and likeness of Himself it was formed out of the dust of the ground. This was not an accident or an afterthought, but is inherent in being. It is the natural and eternal state of being. We will learn to "have dominion" over all objective life, including our bodies, and will make living more beautiful than the dreams of the sculptors or the imagination of artists. Beautiful temples of vibrant flesh!

*** "I have been greatly troubled lately as to who and what God is. If there is no God save that within your own soul, what is the use of praying, and to whom do you pray?"

Are you troubled as to who and what Light is? Does the existence of Love bother you? Is your mind troubled about Life? You do not know the nature of Life, and yet you live and move and have your being in the Light of Life. There is no better definition of God than this: "God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all." Why should we seek to know the air? It is here, and we breathe and live. God is Mind, and we think and so live in the Eternal Mind. While God is not a person. He is the principle of Personality. For this reason we pray to Our Father. I AM here, else you would not be anywhere. God within you is also God without and everywhere. I pray in the Spirit and not to the Spirit. It is a joyous prayer of fellowship with my own Father. It is like the baby patting me on the back and saying, "My daddy! My daddy!" I do not go to God as a foreigner, but as a fellow of the royal household. There isn't anything too good for me. God is not too good for me. Am I not

a member of his household, an heir and joint heir with the First Born? Get rid of your fears and foolish superstition and approach God from within and you will be able to feel Him everywhere in the vast domain of the Eternal Light. In the stars and suns you will see God the governor as you see God the Father in your own soul. Sweetheart, the God within you is only your private telephone to "Central," where you are put into communication with the whole circuit. Call up "Central" and talk to Everybody.

*** "I believe you teach that immortality is to be gained by the conjunction of the male and female in regeneration."

That is only the symbol. The real conjunction is between your spirit and your body. The mind is the connecting link between your body and your spirit. Immortality is not something to be gained one way or the other. It is to be realized in consciousness. You have always been immortal, for you are the offspring of God. The unfoldment and experience of the shadow called mortality is for the mind. All of our personal knowledge is by experience. We are here for that purpose. This mortal shall put on immortality and this corruptible shall put on incorruption. Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. The marriage relation is a beautiful symbol of the union of body and mind in the truth, but if you were bound by the symbol you could never realize the substance. Spirit is free, and so you may form the conjunction of soul, spirit and body independent of the symbol. Modern marriage based upon material consideration is a positive hindrance to soul growth. Seek the real and leave pictures and symbols to children. The Bride is your own body, and the Bridegroom is your own Spirit. This union is so holy, so sacred, so sublime that it can only be expressed in symbols. In the depths of your own being there are revelations of love that can never be told in words or expressed to any other being. It is the trusting place of your soul with its Source. If you can meet one of the opposite sex in the same mind, happy are you; but if not, you need not be lonely for companionship. God is always two. In you there is a companion. Your own divinity is dual. Your other self is the joy of your being. If you are a man your subconscious self is a woman; if you are a woman your inner self is a man. It is called in science the alternate sex. All prophets and thinkers have known the Other Self. Dante named it Beatrice and if he had got hold of the fleshy woman, the physical Beatrice—well! there would have been no Dante, the poet! Cosmic consciousness is the alternate sex, and when it is once reduced to a science there will be no more disease, no more death, no more pain and suffering. The soul will be joined in wedlock to the body and the soul is never diseased or defiled. Your Spirit is health, wealth and happiness. The immaculate conception is cosmic consciousness awake and active.

*** "Does not the making of Christianity a science do away with prayer?"

Well, yes, in the commonly accepted sense. The prophet Jesus did not endorse the saying of prayers. He called it heathenish. He taught men to pray in the Silence, and told them if they asked in secret their reward should be in the open. He as good as said that public prayers were not heard and were only said for effect. In the only public prayer he ever made, at the tomb of Lazarus, he broke off in the midst of it and declared that it was useless, and that he was only saying it for the ears of his audience. He knew that God heard his every thought. When the disciples kept teasing him to teach them to pray he gave them the now classic Lord's Prayer, which is nothing more than a statement of truth. It is a teaching, a lesson, instead of a prayer. The first chapter in Mrs. Eddy's book is a clear and concise statement of Christianity on this subject. It is the very essence of Christ Science in regard to prayer and public worship. He who worships God in spirit and in truth will not worship in public or make oral prayers. Praying weakens your will and awakens your emotions. You go to God in a way you would not assume toward man. You would not beg or whine and humiliate yourself before man, and yet, you seem to think that such an attitude is pleasing to God. Let me tell you that before you can have time to recognize your thought God has heard it. You had as well be frank and think what you really want without hypocrisy.

*** "I can't see any sense in so much mental and physical suffering. Why were we not made right in the start?"

In the process of mental unfoldment pain and suffering are the great factors. All who have had real sorrow know, and the ones who have not had such experiences can not know. People write in here and tell their troubles as though no one but themselves ever had troubles. I have not found many who knew real sorrow. The most of them are mere grumblers. They are fretting over the little annoyances of life. They are anxious about a living, or there is domestic inharmony. Wait until you have had real troubles, and then you will not talk so much. Genuine sorrow will close your lips, and you will learn the wisdom of silence. I have known poverty of the kind where I was hungry and had nothing to eat. It didn't last long, but it gave me an idea of what people have to suffer. In mental suffering my Golgotha has been complete. Death I could bear with fortitude, but to have old wounds torn open regularly is worst of all. Just about the time you think you have them healed they are opened afresh, and each opening seems to make the wounds deeper. But, my friend, if mental anguish does not make you better and happier, you are not made out of the right kind of stuff. Sorrow is the refiner's fire. It will purify and ennoble the soul. You can never be exactly the same person you were before your hopes failed and your heart sank down in grief. You are in a new world, having gone through a new ex-

perience. It turns your thoughts inward and gives you courage. It is God's way of training your soul. And what are all the things in the universe compared to your own soul? What is poverty, disgrace, disappointment, in the sight of eternity and your own majestic being? These little souls who are joined to material things and whose hearts are wrung over the loss of a dollar! Who are they, anyway? Children playing in the sand. That is all. Lift your head and praise God for the capacity for suffering. It is the measure of your capacity for the sublimity of eternal joy. This world of suffering is to bring out your spiritual being. Do you want satisfaction and contentment in mortality? Do you want to enter into a place of rest in a world of fleeting shadows? Certainly not. You are on the march through the wilderness. The whole of being in the depths of your divinity is your destiny. Lift up your heart and rejoice in being. Praise God for pain!

*** "I like your method of teaching and healing by the Silent Word and the printed page. Why do people, claiming advanced thought, insist on giving us chin music?"

It is hard to change habits. There was a long time when communication between minds had to be kept up by signs and words made with the hands and the mouth. The orator and the herald made known the will and the wisdom of men. When writing came, the reader and reciter made known the thoughts that were written, for few could read, and writings were scarce. Then came the art, which is the conservator of all arts, the printing press. In spite of the multiplication of books and the increase of knowledge, oral utterance was looked up to as the most effective method of communicating between mind and mind. The orator and the spellbinder were in demand for the pulpit and in politics. But the newspaper and other periodicals have about shut off the hot air method of giving knowledge. Men prefer to read their politics and even their sermons from the printed page, and make up their mind in the privacy of their own homes. As between the word of mouth and the word of print, the latter is far in advance. There is really no place for the public assembly except the theatre, and that other meeting where women go to show their new hats and gowns. For the gaining of knowledge the public speaker is no longer needed. All the snap is taken out of his speech by the fact that his auditors have read every strong point in the public print before he has had time to deliver it. The great orators are dead, and there is no need of others being born. There is coming into use a higher form than the printed words, and that is telepathy, or the transference of thought. I use both methods. I talked for over twenty years to a small bunch (when it didn't rain), and labored with physical utterance, thinking that God had ordained that one method. I now reach more people in one day by the typewritten statements than I used to reach in a week by the oral method. And in one month I speak to more people than my voice could reach in a year. Then in the Silence I get

closer to you than any spoken or written word. The old method will linger along for many years, for people like to come together and have their emotions stirred by the public speaker. They will crowd one another just to see a notable and hear the tones of his voice. But for effective work, in teaching the truth and healing the mind and body, Spirit has chosen telepathy. The very Mind of God is open to telepathy. The highest thought may come to the receptive mind by transference from the Almighty.

*** "Don't give me any formal treatments. I want to go it alone."

This request is from one who is in the Circle of Christians. He pays his money right along at the rate of two dollars a month and sometimes more. I answer in full, for it gives me a chance to tell all of you a few things about treatments. I never give "formal treatments" to anybody for anything, and never did. At the very beginning of my work Spirit spoke in me and left my own mortal mind free from any kind of restraint. I did not keep any rules in regard to hours, and paid no attention to the clock. There never came into my mind any form of words or any set speech. I knew I could never treat like other healers with whom I had come in contact. There could be no dosing out thought to this one and that one, like giving drugs. I must speak the Word heard in the Silence and leave results to the Spirit. The success which came to me right at the start was a surprise. I did not expect it. I had an idea I must "do something" besides thinking in Silence. I now know that the corporal effort to "do something" would have hindered my work. Of course I now know by the Science how the Silent Word does its own work, and that I am only a mental medium for the transference of this thought. You may rest assured that the work is not formal or perfunctory. It is the constant Word of health spoken in the Silence of my divinity, not by my mortal mind. You are always "going it alone," for my treatments recognize but two elements in the work, your own subconscious mind of the Spirit and the Mind of the Spirit of Thought. I am only a helper, and do not in any way hinder the unfolding of your own individuality. It is a fellowship of wisdom and knowledge. I freely give as I freely receive from the Spirit. All of you are helping me, and we are all in the same Spirit. The only reason for maintaining this Center is to keep us in the same mind and thus impart strength to one and all. I rejoice in the progress that we are all making. It is wonderful when compared to what we were ten or fifteen years ago. In giving treatments there is often a quick flash of thought like a streak of lightning, but the general movement is gentle and steady. Each one of you stands out in the thought as if you were the only one, and each treatment is given as though it were the final word. Sufficient unto the hour is the Word, and there is no appointment to quit or continue. The Word is quick and powerful, sharper than a two edged sword.

*** "Words are cheap when we have not the power to stop the thief from taking one thing, the fire another, and death another. When we want to keep in our possession all of these things, and we want a youthful body. Who has got it? Old age shows everywhere, bald heads, gray hair, eye glasses and wrinkled skin. Now, if we could turn ourselves back to youth, so our own folks would not know us, we would *know* we were immortals and would *show* it, too. We would not have to talk it, but we would *be* it. Now, the great question that lies before us scientists (I am one and I write with no spirit of criticism), how much better off are we than the world if we have to send for a physician when we are sick, if we can't defy death and keep our body as long as we choose? If we can not keep the thief from taking what belongs to us, or the fire from destroying our possessions, or old age come creeping on with all its substitutes; if we can't have youth and beauty, all of these, yea more, what is the difference between the scientists and the world that don't believe in them at all? This is a question that is asked over and over again, and it is one we can not get around. We must face it and answer it."

Amen and amen, my beloved Flora Paris Howard. I answer your questions and face the music. For fifteen years I have been saying the same thing over and over. I called on Douglass, Dewey, Patterson, Burnell, Weltmer, Wilmans, Eddy and the whole gang of us to demonstrate the truth in our own bodies. It must be a resurrection from the dead and the environment of accident. Lay on, Macduff, and damned be the man who cries enough. When we understand the Science of Healing we will heal old age, sin, sickness and death. I am getting there just as fast as Spirit can teach me. I am in a knowledge of Science now, but the effects of wrong thinking are slow in leaving the body. The scar remains long after the wound has healed. I will grow a new body. Give me time. I have the mind now. You may forgive sin, but the effect of the sin will remain in your body long after the sin has gone out of your mind. I know you are ready to say that the paralytic, whose sins were forgiven, took up his bed and walked. That is true, but it was a long time before the effect passed out of his appearance.

*** "How can I follow such an intangible thing as Spirit? If I could see and hear as you do it would be different."

You can see and hear? Clairvoyance and clairaudience in one person is proof of its universality. One man, like Paderewski, is a proof that we are all masters of music. How else could exceptional genius have an audience if we could not hear genius? The mighty men are mighty because the race is mighty. As to following the Spirit, we are all led one way or the other. We are either led by our inner promptings or by outward suggestion. You either follow your own Spirit, or some other fellow's words and suggestions. The leadings of the Spirit are so gentle and still that you must be at all times willing to wait for directions. It is like the wireless telegraphy. There is no force used. Spirit is not forcing any one. In the very nature of Spirit violence is impossible. Little things make up the leadings of the Spirit. You are suddenly brought face to face with an open door which you did not suspect. Surprises are constantly coming if you are susceptible to

Spirit guidance. You don't have to hear an audible word or see visions. Intuition will bring the thought into your mind. The more you trust Spirit, the more Spirit will trust you. It is mutual. You have confidence in Spirit and go on your way, leaving results to your Guide, and soon there is confidence reposed in you. It is the only life that is sane and safe. Burden yourself with the future of yourself or your family, and you but weaken your power to grapple with the present hour. Your spirit is yourself. Trust yourself and leave the problems and conflicts out of your calculations. There is within you an Allseeing Eye, and that wisdom and watchfulness never sleeps. You are led or driven according to your own will. If you are unwilling to be led you will be driven into the wilderness. If you are willing to be led the leadings will come day by day as they are needed. Don't tease. Don't act with your divinity like a spoiled child. God, in that case, will let you cry it out. The louder you cry the farther away you will get from the Silence of Spirit. When you try to force God you are whistling against the wind. There is one principle in this universe which can not be coerced, and that principle is God. Spirit is free. You need not threaten, storm, stew and rail when you are dealing with God. You will not be heard.

*** "Let me know what you do in the line of mental healing, that is, teaching by telepathy or unfolding our powers. Would like to take treatments if terms are reasonable, and what time each day do you devote to each person?"

Such questions are asked by new people every week. I have tried to condense a statement of my work for the last page of CHRISTIAN, but it is not always understood. The important part of my work is in giving mental treatments for all kinds of sickness and troubles, including poverty. I treat for success in business on the same principle that I treat for health. In treating for health I do not treat the disease. I do not recognize the abnormal condition. I speak the Word for health. In treating poverty I give the opposite thought and declare for success and financial freedom. I do not keep any regular hours or measure my treatments by the clock. I do not ask you to keep any hour or repeat any form of words. Go on your way about your affairs and the treatments will come up into your mind as a part of your own thinking. In this way the thought in my mind becomes your own. I give it to you. I use telepathy, but can not teach it. The transference of thought is a part of your unfoldment and must come from within. By coming into the Circle of Christians your unfoldment is helped and hastened by the vibrations from this Center. All over the world people are sending their thoughts to this center and they radiate and reach all who are in this fellowship. It is a wonderful unfoldment. It is as much for me and mine as it is for you and yours. The directing influence is from the Spirit of Truth and we all get the benefit.

*** "Why can't I pray the prayer of faith and heal my own body without appealing to you or any other individual?"

You can if you know how to do it. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." Faith is a substance. It is the invisible substance

of all visible things. You must know that by faith the worlds were framed by the Word of God. If worlds and solar systems were made out of faith it must be the very essence of being. To exercise faith is to exercise the mind of Spirit. Don't you see that we have been fooling with something that is not faith when we talk so much about faith? When you pray the prayer of faith you are commanding the eternal forces of being. You are speaking the same Word that God spoke when He said, "Let there be light, and there was light." The faith of God is the Word of God, and the Word of God is God. You may take the definition of faith in the epistle to the Hebrews, and you will find that it runs through the whole Bible. What people call faith is often no more than prejudice. Democrats are prejudiced in favor of their party. Republicans have "faith" in their political creed. Catholics believe in their rites and prayers. Methodists and others have a prejudice in favor of their particular sect. It is not the faith of God by a long shot. Mrs. Eddy puts the matter in these words: 'Should we implore a corporeal God to heal the sick out of His personal volition? or should we understand the infinitely divine Principle which heals? If we rise no higher than blind faith, the Science of healing is not attained, and Soul existence in the place of sense-existence, is not comprehended.' There you have it. The so-called faith of religion is blind faith in a corporeal God. As there is no such a God in existence they are praying to a hole in the sky, an empty idol of the mortal mind. Jesus saw this phase of our unfoldment and so warned his disciples that objective authority was an idle dream of man. They were told to wait for the power from on high, to tarry in Jerusalem until they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. He promised that Spirit should guide them into all truth. That means that Spirit should teach the Science of Mind. For three hundred years Christians healed the sick, cast out devils and raised the dead. It was this faith of God in the Christians which revolutionized the thought of the world. Then came the institution with objective authority and the science of healing was lost. This also is part of the unfoldment for God is not mocked. He knows what we need. Now comes Christian Science reducing the Scriptures to a Science and doing away with public worship and perfunctory prayer. When we learn the Science we will know it like any other science. The depths of mathematics no finite mind will ever know, but we can and do get a practical knowledge of the Principle. The same is true of the Divine Mind. As we are sons of Spirit we gain a working knowledge of the Principle. I heal because I know how to heal. It is not a blind faith in a two-legged God in the skies, but a practical faith in the substance of Being. I know how to think healing thoughts and to speak the Word of God in the Silence. This knowledge must come to the whole world, for bondage to a mental healer is impossible. How impossible? Because the healing will bring with it a knowledge of the truth. I teach in my treatments. The Word of the Silence comes up in your mind as part of your thinking. It becomes your own thought. You need not fear bondage to a genuine healer. The truth that heals sets free.

THE SCIENCE AND THE SECT.

"I had a letter from a friend of mine asking me to come and see her. I found one of your old patients. She wanted me to write to you for her. She had been taken very sick and had called on a Scientist nearby to help her. She proved to be one of Mrs. Eddy's students, and would not treat her until she burned all reading matter but 'Science and Health.' That is the reason my friend stopped CHRISTIAN. She says for me to tell you to have mercy and pity and take her up again for treatment. She is in bad shape and in bed, but has given up the woman healer."

It is not often that such a thing as the above occurs in my practice.

It shows the difference between the Science and the sect.

Some people only learn the weak points in the system; they never grasp the spirit.

It is said of a great teacher and preacher that he only had one bad habit, and that was to spit while speaking. Nearly all of the young preachers who came from his college had the spitting habit.

There are in "Science and Health" twelve chapters of science. The rest is rubbish. The science is stated in the first twelve chapters, and then the writer undertakes to explain her statements and to teach others how to teach and practice the science.

There never has been a clearer exposition of Christianity than is found in the first twelve chapters of the revised edition of "Science and Health." Every sentence is full of truth. If those twelve chapters had been published separately, as a statement of the science, there would have been no sect.

After proving all is Good, the writer warns us against the bad. She introduces black magic (which is not science), and mental malpractice (which is not science), and many other unscientific statements, which contradict the mighty statements of Science and tangle her readers in a maze and mental muddle of false beliefs. The Science did not need explanations. It is self-illuminating. The offer of explanations is like lighting a candle to illumine the sun on a clear day at high noon. All of her explanations weaken the argument and are inclined to turn the mind away from the truth.

The mighty Rock is in the twelve chapters of Science. All is Good. There is no opposite to Good. There is no mind but God-mind, no being but God-being; in Him all things consist. There is no outside of evil and inside of good. All is Good. Such statements are self-evident. They stand as the Rock of Ages. Then why waver and equivocate about it? Why offer an explanation and apology for the Almighty? Why go to work, after such statements, and spend the other half of the book in warnings against evil? Warnings and explanations about that which does not exist.

There is no trouble about the mighty Science of Being. It is proved by the Scriptures and by the Science of Mind. God has declared by the prophet that He creates good and evil. Then they are one and the same, for what God creates is essentially good, although from our angle of vision it

may appear to be evil. It would have been glorious if Mrs. Eddy had stuck to her affirmation that All is Good. All the world must come to that affirmation before humanity is baptized in the truth of being. There is no other way. There can not be two elements of Being in the universe, else it would not be a universe. There is but one mind.

See the sect that was born of these explanations! Science can never be the basis of a sect. The sect is built on the side-stepping sayings of the author and not on the science. The creed of the Catholics was broad enough at the start; but the sect grew out of the addendum, the etceteras of the over-zealous officials. The result has been a serfdom, a mental slavery unparalleled in the annals of civilization. The Christian Science sect is walking in the footsteps of Rome. The very word Catholic (universal) should have kept its adherents from narrowness. The word Science (truth) should have saved us from another sect.

Here comes a practitioner of Christian Science burning all copies of CHRISTIAN, not in a mental fire, but in the furnace or the cook stove! Isn't it ridiculous? I AM also a practitioner of Christian Science, but as I do not belong to a sect my science is able to take care of itself. As for me and my Word, they are not afraid of anything or anybody, for fear is unscientific. If my Word can not overcome and come over every empty word of falsehood, then it is not the truth and I repudiate it. If any other book, paper or practitioner is speaking the truth, then that book, paper or practitioner is mine, and is helping in my work, no matter what the name may be.

Jesus Christ rebuked his disciples because they were jealous of some independent workers. "He that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad," said Jesus. Let 'em alone! If they scatter the seed of the kingdom it will grow, no matter whether they are in "our set" or not. Science is always broad, catholic and full of charity. Fill yourself full of science and empty yourself of sect.

As I have said, it is easy to see that the Christian Science sect is following in the footsteps of the Jesuits. You know the Catholics not only burned all condemned books, but also burned the men who wrote them. Mrs. Eddy does let us read the Bible (with her key), but all other literature is condemned. This is narrowness gone to seed. On this rock the sect will split and the Science will march on in freedom. God hasten the split!

Science is the only thing that can save us from sectarianism. It can not lead us into bondage. The curse of the earth is authority assumed. This thing of thinking for other people. Holding others in bondage will put you into the same position. The exercise of lordship over others is as bad on the ruler as it is on the ones who are ruled. In order to gain freedom for yourself you must set others free.

After stating the Science Mrs. Eddy undertakes to teach others how to teach it. This is a great mistake. It is unscientific and unchristian. How can you teach one how to teach when the very thing they are

to teach is itself the Teacher? Spirit is the Science and the Science is the Spirit. The message is also the messenger. The Lord Christ understood his own Science. Here are the instructions in regard to teaching: "Take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you." Why couldn't Mrs. Eddy make her statement of the Science and then let the Spirit take care of it? If she had not muzzled her students they would now be preaching and practicing the Science with variations and elaborations not found in her book. There were many mighty men and women developing among her students when she issued her edict against preaching and reduced these eloquent expounders to mere readers.

Why didn't she leave her Science to the Spirit of Truth and let it grow mightier every year, instead of being stifled and stereotyped in the mouth of the readers, who dare not go beyond the statements in one book? Because she fell into the old Roman trap. The time was not ripe for the individual and independent proclamation of the truth. But the time is coming, and when it comes the ones who proclaim the truth will be the truth. I'm ready to step into the pulpit and on the rostrum when I bear in my own body the full witness of the truth. I will not have to ask for authority to speak. The All Authority will speak in me.

Do you hear these words of John: "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things." Bless your soul, no one can teach you how to teach and practice Christianity. If you have the Science it will be its own teacher. Human vanity has always been afraid to let the truth do its own teaching. The very Science of the Christ is in the fact that you have no need that any one should teach you. You are delivered from the bondage of teaching or learning. It is the fulfillment of an old prophecy found in Jeremiah and repeated and reaffirmed by Jesus Christ. Deliverance from human authority is in the Science of Christ. Are you always and forever to be in leading strings? If you know the Science you have gained the place of freedom. You have no further need of a teacher or practitioner. You have the unction from the Holy One, and you know all things.

This word "unction" is found but once in the whole Bible (I John, ii, 20), and yet the Roman Church has stolen its meaning and put it into a meaningless ceremony called "extreme unction." This is "administered" by a priest in the name of the One whom the priests condemned to death because he taught the freedom of the individual. Extreme unction is the Science of Spirit in your own mind. This unction will deliver you from disease, death and the devil. It will set up an independent kingdom within you which will deliver you from the priest, the preacher and the politician. Yes, it will also deliver you from the practitioner and give you your own key to the Scriptures.

The I AM has said that he had the keys of death and hell. There is no doubt of it. Science of Spirit will give us the Keys of Being and let the captive loose. But this Science can only give power and authority to the individual. Any other course would be unscientific, and Science is never unscientific. To give power and authority to the individual is for the individual, and not that the individual should use this power and authority over other individuals. That would subvert the very essence of liberty—and the law of Spirit is "the perfect law of liberty." There is no personal authority in the perfect law of liberty, else it would not be perfect.

I make these criticisms in loving kindness. I want to save you from the sect. There can be no building up of the individual so long as all our energies are put forth in building institutions. The institution absorbs the life and energy which ought to go into the individual. Mrs. Eddy can see this in regard to herself, and so, for many years, she has refused to affiliate personally with her own institution. She is as much outside of her church as I am, and is wise in her position.

This rivalry and jealousy is poison to your blood. I would not teach and heal where I was afraid or jealous of some other teacher or healer. It is too small. There is nothing like it in Christianity. When Jesus healed the ten lepers, he told them to go and offer for their cleansing the things Moses commanded. He didn't want any credit for what the Spirit had done. He was not afraid the truth would be lost. When one of the lepers had sense enough to know that there was no use in offering sacrifice on a material altar after Spirit had cleansed his body, he returned to give thanks to Jesus. But the author of the perfect law of liberty only said: "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger." Read the account in the 17th chapter of Luke. It is good science. If you have the power to heal you will also find in you a broad and liberal Spirit which gives God the glory. There is no narrowness in the Mind of the Spirit. How could it be the one Mind if there was fear in it? How could it be the one Mind, and fail to find truth everywhere?

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

It is easier to organize a sect than it is to absorb the science. Oliver C. Sabin couldn't stand the arbitrary muzzle of Mrs. Eddy, and so he organized a sect of his own. At first he called it the Reformed Christian Science church, but this did not sound big enough, so he reorganized it, and named it the Evangelical Christian Science church and elected himself bishop. This proves that it has no right to the name "Christian Science." There is no ecclesiasticism in Christian Science. You will not find any bishops, elders, deacons or other official titles in the Christian Science sect. So far they have avoided the folly of the other sects. But what can Sabin gain by leaving

one sect to organize another? The gain in being the "bishop" will be lost in his personal unfoldment. Leadership is as bad on the leaders as it is on the followers. I think, if anything, it is worse to be a leader than it is to be a follower. Every man, even a Napoleon, has been blighted and blasted by the lightning of leadership. The man who dominates his fellows will soon fall by a blow from the unseen, but all powerful, law of liberty.

I have advanced far enough in this law to know that all authority in me is to be exercised over myself, and that the moment I undertake to rule others I will begin to lose my self control. Look at human history! Show me an exception to the rule. Yes, there is one. There stands before me the lone man in the annals of time. His name is George Washington. He was big enough to shed personal authority as a man doffs his garments to lie down in peaceful slumber. This very exception proves the rule. There may be a few others in the same line, but I fail to recall them at the present moment. In the great majority you see the leaders losing their scepters because they have lost self control. It is an eternal law laid down by the Christ.

Listen to these words of wisdom: "You know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister (servant): and whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many." There is no vibration of servility in this, for the majesty of Jesus was felt even in washing the feet of his disciples. One may maintain personal sovereignty while serving in a menial capacity. The majesty is in the mind. The environment may be an accident, an incident in your unfoldment. The lady who does our cooking and housework is as gentle, lady-like and refined in her movements as any other member of the household. Mrs. Eddy, it is reported, never says "servants," but "my helpers," in speaking of those in her employ.

The bishops, deacons, and so forth, in the New Testament were not "officials," but servants or helpers. Even apostle and evangelist do not mean officials—but one sent—a messenger. Jesus prohibits all official titles, and the Science of Christianity forbids any such distinction among men. I know human vanity and the influence exercised by a title. At first "Rev." was before my name in CHRISTIAN, then came "Dr.," and now for many years it has been without affix or prefix. It shows my own unfoldment into the Science. I am keeping the law of liberty as fast as I learn it. Here is the law as given by the author: "But all their works they do for to be seen of men; they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats

in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ: and all ye are brethren: And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself, shall be abased: and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

This is the law of being, else it would not have been spoken by a prophet. It is not merely etiquette. It is the law of life and liberty. The opposite of this law is lawlessness. You see how it works. The more men exercise authority the more outlawry we have in the world. The less men are governed the better they are governed. The more liberty men enjoy the more respect they have for law and order. The men who wear titles and exercise lordship over men have been supported by violence. Bayonet rule is coming into disrepute among men. The Spirit of liberty is even at work in the Church, that ancient ark of authority and tyranny. Men will open their eyes to the Science of Christianity which strips men of titles and all official authority. That hierarchy known as the Roman Catholic Church (they never used the name Christian) is founded and maintained in direct disobedience to the spirit and letter of Jesus Christ. The ritual and law of this hierarchy is in Latin, a language which God has never honored with a revelation. The prophets and apostles, many of them, understood and spoke in Latin, but when they came to write the Spirit chose Greek, the language of liberty. The mind of the Greek was attuned to metaphysics, while the Roman (Latin) was full of oppression and violence. The Greek was full of thought; the Romans with brute force. The idealism of the Hebrew and the metaphysics of the Greek made the Greek and Hebrew languages splendid medium for the transmission of Divine Science.

The Spirit of Liberty in the Greek Catholic Church (Russian) will yet put down violence in Russia and establish a liberal government.

Go to that wonderful record in the sayings of Jesus Christ and read it as Science. You will find your heart aglow with every word. It is, indeed, spirit and life. You will find no sign of sect in this Science. It is the very essence of personal liberty. It is government of the individual by the individual. It is the Almighty God governing each individual by the perfect law of liberty.

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