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Regeneration of the Body by the Resurrection of the Mind



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ITEMS AND IDEAS.

- *** Mind.
- *** Atoms are not matter.
- *** They are mental and alive.
- *** Matter is a body, the clothing of mind.
- *** Edison says atoms are points of intelligence.
- *** Scientists now tell us that atoms—electrodes—are alive and intelligent.
- *** Spirit says that soul or mind is not found naked, but "clothed upon with our house which is from heaven."
- *** The words "house" and "clothed" express the thought exactly. The stuff with which we are clothed takes on a heavenly character as we ascend.
- *** To be clothed upon with living intelligent electrodes to the exclusion of diseased and decaying matter is to be alive forevermore, risen from the dead, regenerated.
- *** This awakening of all the living atoms, and expelling all the dead and waste matter in the body, is called quickening of the Spirit, renewing of the mind, conversion, baptism of the Spirit.
- *** It is all scientific and free from the superstitions and scarecrows of religion. It is being, not imagination and psalm-singing rhapsody. It is a state of aliveness of intelligence which is reflected in the body. Every atom in your body is alive and in accord with every other atom.
- *** Mrs. Eddy has taught this in her "Science and Health," but even her own devotees don't seem to have grasped her meaning. I understood her at the start as I understand the New Testament. This has kept me true to Christianity. I have been walking in the middle of the road, and so avoided all by-paths leading away from the main line.
- *** There is no trouble about Mrs. Eddy's teaching. It is scientific. She got it from the words of Jesus Christ. It rings true to Christianity in all her fundamental statements. All the jimcrow efforts to substitute something else in this metaphysical movement are failures. Christian Science is science, and it is endorsed by the Spirit of Truth. You can't overthrow it or substitute something else for it.
- *** But—and here is the big but—I am under no more obligation to Mrs. Eddy than I am to Edison. I turn on the electric light in my house without consulting Edison. His science is my own. I pay for it. I found, the other day, that "Science and Health" was not in my library. Some good friend had borrowed it. I went down to the headquarters and paid \$5 for another copy. It is mine. I will turn on the light whenever I get ready.
- *** Science is for the individual. If a number of individuals want to surrender to a Board of Control it is their privilege. But, hear all ye who organize institutions, you can't hold the truth under lock and key

from the individuals who elect to remain free. I endorse Christian Science, but I am not a Christian Scientist. I am myself. I am a Christian, and therefore in the Circle of Christians with all others in the institution and out it. Praise Mind for freedom!

*** The sayings of Jesus are so full of condensed truth that new books of interpretation will continue to come forth from the press. I consider Mrs. Eddy's "Science of Health" the best up to date. But it may be supplanted by a better book to-morrow. Therefore, it is not well to drive a stake and lariat yourself to Mrs. Eddy or any other interpreter. The other day I purchased a copy of Bagster's narrow edition of the New Testament in which all the sayings of Jesus are printed in red letters. It is a delight to the eye and a help to the understanding. Did you notice how that wife of mine occasionally runs a red-letter word into your letters on the typewriter? It is for emphasis. You have the New Testament fixed up in the same way, for all the words of Jesus are red-letter science.

*** There isn't a book on earth that should be your master. The Spirit of Thought is greater than all expressions of thought. After all, you must look to the Spirit for an interpretation of all writings. Your own attitude of mind is everything. I read Mrs. Eddy's book while in the pulpit. I took it up to find fault, and found it. Now it is on my desk along side of the New Testament, and I read it every day, and see more and more science in it. Change of attitude. That's all. You begin a course of treatments or, maybe, start in for one month. You are going to try Shelton. You about half think he is a fraud, but you'll try him anyway; it's only a dollar, and you get a year's subscription. That is the kind of mental attitude you assume, and I must break it down. After a while, if you persist, you are in this fellowship, and the treatments flow to you like water running down hill. It is all in our own mental attitude if you are really dealing with the truth.

*** You don't have to come to me to be in the Circle of Christians. I do not apply that name to a little pet squad of my own. It is the whole Circle of Christians, past, present and to come. You are in by virtue of your mental movement and not from joining anything or anybody. The man or woman who is under the influence of the Spirit of Thought as found expressed in the Science of Jesus is in the Circle of Christians. You can stay in your own place and draw to you all the forces of the universe. Buy what you can find in the mental market and go on your way rejoicing. Pay homage to the truth wherever found, but avoid paying tribute or surrendering your individuality to institutions or individuals. This gives you room to grow. The minute you "join" you are in a mental pen, fenced in from individual advancement. You soon find yourself fighting for your sect.

*** It does not take much money to buy all of the advanced thought of the age. It cost me \$5 to buy all there is of Chris-

tian Science as taught by Mrs. Eddy, and twenty additional dollars purchased all of the new books worth reading. You don't have to join anything in order to keep up with the unfolding mind of the hour. And let me give you a pointer and that is that the advanced guard of progress is now cautioning people against joining anything or anybody. The reaction has already set in and soon individualism will be the new thought of all advanced thinkers. There has been an avalanche of orders, unions, trusts, lodges, etc. The country is overwhelmed with institutions. But the Spirit of Thought has been at work sifting and burning the chaff. The great New Thought movement has gone over into the camp of materialism and so put itself on record as a mortal mind movement. It is queer how men deny the resurrection of Jesus and then go into raptures over the glory of Christianity. Nearly all Christianity is this side of the resurrection. It is the fruit of that miracle of miracles, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It must bear fruit until all are in the resurrection. There can not be a resurrection of one man to the exclusion of others. It is a race resurrection. The mental miracle must come to one and all. Christ in you is Christianity. It is not an institution outside of your own mind.

*** The death of Jesus on the cross of Golgotha left Christianity in the memory of a few common minds. Not a word had been written, no reports made in writings. This man had carelessly sown seed in the minds of illiterate men and left it to take root in any kind of shape that chance gave it. Christianity went away from the cross in the minds of a dozen or so of men who could make statements and dispute among themselves while the world was left in ignorance. Awake, O world, for the Spirit of Thought is left in charge of Christianity! These men suddenly awake from lethargy and, behold, unity of statements, unity of action, and a force and energy which has put forth a system of truth that has withstood the assaults of its enemies, and the hypocrisy of its friends, for 2,000 years; and, is right now, the newest thought on earth. Jesus Christ said he would abide with Christianity as the Holy Spirit. He said that the Spirit of Thought would be with Christianity, unto the ages of the ages, as a Living Presence, as a Directing Power, and the Word has not failed. The proof that Jesus rose from the dead lies in the fact that his mind took charge of his disciples and planted Christianity in the thought of mankind. He is now here, and has been here all the time, as the Spirit of Thought. There is more of Christianity this side of the resurrection than there is on the other side. The institution looks backward to a dead man, but Christianity is moving forward under the risen Christ.

*** About the best way to kill a movement is to organize it. As soon as you undertake to organize a mental movement you destroy its spirit. To destroy the spirit is to stop the movement and stereotype the thought into the form of a memory. The people look back to what has been. They laud the workers of the past. Why can't

we keep moving? A good woman writes in here to say that she was going to join Mrs. Eddy. She can't join Mrs. Eddy for Mrs. Eddy has followed my methods and has retired. She will not make calls or receive callers. I think she is sensible. The woman who writes me is going to join the Christian Science church. That is her business, not mine. But why, unless it is for social purposes, do we insist on joining. The very best way to lose the spirit and power of Christian Science is to join the church known by that name. Science is never mixed with religion. It will not mix. The effort to found a church on science has resulted in boosting Mrs. Eddy's book, and that is all right for it is worth boosting. I endorse the entire creed of the Methodists, with a few exceptions, but I would lose the Spirit and power of John Wesley by joining the Methodists. And so with all sects. I am a Christian and a firm adherent to the Science of Christianity. Knowing that Christian Science is a true and exact Science I know that it can't be a religion or a church. The disciples of Jesus undertook to organize a church in Jerusalem, but here is a significant hint of how they failed in their mortal mind project: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad, went everywhere preaching the Word." This scattering was caused by persecution which rose after the death of Stephen. That is one time that persecution did good. Paul is the churchbuilder and you will find much in Paul that is not Christianity. Do you notice how quickly an organization turns people into hero worshipers? Each sect has its saints. I used to belong to one of the new sects, and remember how we talked with reverence about Alexander Campbell and the first preachers he sent out from his little college. The Mormons have embalmed (embalm—that's a good word) Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and a few others as the heroes of their institution. If Dowie had only died a few years ago he would have been embalmed in a steteotyped movement that could never have gone beyond its founder. The Spirit of Thought will yet dissolve all of these sects and bring out their embalmed saints as souvenirs of mortal folly. It is my opinion that Mrs. Eddy is disgusted with this hero worship and has retired to the Silence. About the last authentic utterance from her warned her people not to give so much attention to church building and to devote more attention to the healing of the sick. If she is to rise from the dead it will be as an individual and not as the idol of the institution. She may surprise us some of these days. I'm watching her.

*** "I can't help believing you have got in your work on me since I wrote you last. I certainly was in the dumps, and things looked to me as if they would surely go to the demnition bow wows. While business hasn't picked up, yet still I feel very differently, and am not so blue and despondent as I was a month ago. You know I am a doubting Thomas, so far as I am concerned as a subject for mental treatments. I believe in it as it is applied to others, but I have always had but little faith in it when applied to myself. But certain-

ly there has been a change come over me lately, and I feel less worried and anxious. Keep her up, old boy. Guess you are all to the good. I am a member of your Circle of C's, but here is a two-dollar bill to help keep things going for the kid."

This letter is from the money center of this country, New York city. You would think that mental treatments would be neutralized by the noise and confusion of Gotham, but I have a number of Christians there who receive the mental messages every day. I like to whoop up the work of men who are battling against such odds. It is exhilarating. They are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

*** "I am prone to think you and your good wife never saw one of the letters that came to your office."

Then you are prone to think a very great falsehood. My wife and I not only do all of our work, read and answer all letters, and give faithful treatments to each one, but I dismissed all stenographers and sold three typewriters so that our work would come under our own minds and into our own vibrations. There is no second-hand healing in this office. I often answer letters with pen and ink.

*** "I enclose the 'one dollar' (which seems small indeed for one month's treatment). Do you have any way for special treatments? Let me know at once."

So many calls have been made for special treatments that I have concluded to give them at the rate of five dollars per month. This in every case where special attention is needed for urgent cases. In the Circle of Christians the regular treatments will be given daily as usual at the old price of one dollar per month, including two copies of my book, or a subscription to CHRISTIAN. See last page of CHRISTIAN.

*** "I am a seeker of Truth and hope to find help in your publication. To 'deny' material does not appeal to me as advancement in the spiritual, and most or all that I find in 'New Thought' spends as much time in 'denials' as in affirming, and I want something that is satisfied with all God's creations as being good. Nothing but good, and willing to accept higher and more and more spiritual understanding until we see all material as spiritual substance. A friend informs me that you have exactly these views and publish them in CHRISTIAN."

This is the way people are searching for the truth. They find in themselves certain conditions, and to deny those conditions will not avail. Truth accepts of those conditions as good, and all right while they last. Pain is not to be denied, but cured by the application of the truth. The appearance of disease in any part of the body has a meaning. It is the part of wisdom to search for the meaning. It means wrong thinking, and consequently wrong acting by somebody somewhere in your unfoldment. You are to remove the cause and cure the disease by right thinking, which will arouse the Spirit within you and create new conditions. Any kind of uneasiness in mind or body is a sign that something is wrong, and as you know that all reality is good, you must right the wrong. Evil is ignorance. Darkness is the absence of light.

*** "Our good friends in *Unity* tell us that to eat hog is to think hog. Why don't you say more about diet?"

Because I do not want to call your attention to your stomach. Jesus Christ is certainly authority on Christianity. He abrogated the law of Moses and proclaimed in its place the law of mind. He issued no commandments to the stomach, but declared in emphatic words: "Hearken unto me, every one of you, and understand: There is nothing from without a man that, entering into him, can defile him: But the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. * * * Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it can not defile him; because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats." That settles your eat hog, think hog foolishness. According to such logic the heathen who eat missionaries ought to think missionaries, and, therefore, to convert the heathen to our way of thinking the only thing necessary is to furnish good fat preachers for their food. The *Unity* people have a pretty clear idea of Christianity, and it is a pity they do not stick to it. In the conversion of Peter from a Jew to a Christian the Spirit made him very hungry, and then let down all kinds of beasts and bade him slay and eat. Peter, the Jew, was very indignant, and informed Spirit that nothing common or unclean had ever entered his mouth. The answer is good reading for the present day and hour: "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common." There is no law of matter in the teaching of Christ. It is a law of mind. All unclean things are thoughts, said Jesus. He commanded his disciples to take no thought about back or stomach, what they should eat or what they should wear, but to give attention to their souls. Moses prohibited pork, but Jesus said all meats were purged and cleansed in the process of digestion. In our climate there is no better food than cured ham and bacon. Dr. Woods Hutchinson, in April *McClure's*, in the best article I ever read on the subject, says: "As a matter of fact, I have seen more cases of dyspepsia cured by the use of breakfast bacon than by any kind of drug or restricted diet." My own observation confirms this statement. So far as the weak sentimentalism goes that you shouldn't take life, you may count it unworthy of notice. Let this thought remain with the vermin covered Hindu. It is not in Christianity. Christianity says for you to eat whatever is sold in the market and ask no questions for conscience sake. You may ask a few questions for the sake of cleanliness. As to eating vegetables, the very latest discovery is that appendicitis is caused by small worms found in vegetables raised from sewerage fertilizers. But don't believe everything you read, for if you did you would be in a muddle every minute. Let us hurry up higher where we can breathe our food from pure air. For an infallible guide cultivate your spiritual

faculties. You will find that the higher you ascend in the scale of spiritual unfoldment, the keener will be your sense of what is suitable for you. The only real guide for the body is a spiritualized mind. If you leave the members of the body to run things on their own hook they will hang you. It is your business to be king over your members and bring them into subjection, or, rather, into loving obedience to your will. Man is monarch, not only of his stomach, but of his legs. He ought to make his legs walk on water and move through the air, but he thinks he is confined to the earth.

*** "Will you some day in CHRISTIAN tell us why your ideas on Reincarnation are so different from all I have read on the subject. You speak of rebirth after so few years have elapsed since death—a sort of repeating the family every generation. The general idea is that many years pass in the world of spirit, hundreds in fact, in developing and preparing for the new birth. It is a great mystery, and I suppose there are a few who can grasp it. It is a saddening question, too, as you put it in CHRISTIAN, for what is the use of the loves of this life that are so tender and true, if they are to last but the few brief years of this life, then are blotted out forever. I can not reconcile myself to the idea."

There are a whole lot of things I don't know about reincarnation. But what I do know is knowledge and not guesswork. Why should there be long periods between steps in unfoldment? I do not believe there is anything of the kind. I have an idea that a point of intelligence projected from the sun is perfected in a comparatively short time. I don't think it takes long for a resurrection of the mind. It may be in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, when we are ready for it. How often do great truths come to the mind in a flash of mental light? Jesus says that the revelation comes suddenly, like the pains of parturition, like a thief in the night. And as for your sadness, nothing real is ever lost. It is only the transient that passes from our minds. All genuine loves and friendships abide forever.

*** "May I ask, what is the difference between so-called mental healing and hypnotism?"

There is a wide difference between genuine mental healing and hypnotism or suggestion. In hypnotism the mind of the patient is asleep, while in mental healing the mind of the patient is wide awake. In hypnotism the mind of the operator suggests healing, and leaves the patient as stupid and ignorant as before, and, therefore, the healing, if accomplished, is temporary and evanescent. In mental healing the treatments are by transference of thought which comes into the mind of the patient as part of his own thinking. It is forever part and substance of his own thought. He is not only left free from the healer, but from the effects of his own error. Mental healing is the illumination of the mind, while hypnotism is the subjugation of the mind. The bulldozing methods are not in the truth, and you should no more subject your mind to such treatment than you would subject your body to a beating. Christian Science

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sets your mind free from error and puts your soul into the place of peace. Keep your own soul free and refuse to open the door of your mind to error of any kind. You are to respect your own divinity. I give treatments to your subconscious mind, and respect your mental manhood and womanhood. I do not "operate" on your mentality. There is a wide field of mortal mind covered by hypnotism, magnetism, mediumism, astrology, palmistry, and other material elements which appeal to the carnal sense, but distress and harass the spiritual mind. It is moonmind. You will not find peace in Luna Lane. It is the home of shadows and crosses. Sunlight is the only healing.

*** "This subscriber is a lady who has always been ill, at least ever since I knew her—between 10 and 15 years. She left the church about a year ago and employed a mental healer, and under his treatment she was able to suggest healthful thoughts. She claims that he also sent her bad thoughts and she threw them off, and then employed a woman who gives her massage treatments. A few days ago she met her former mental healer and he told her that that woman could do her no good, and she asked me if he could hinder her from getting well because she left him. Would you kindly answer this in CHRISTIAN? I would like to know your answer. How would you throw off black magic, or the envious thoughts of others?"

Your friend must have fallen into the hands of a healer instead of a heeler. Of course, you can open the door of your mind to unclean thoughts the same as you could open the door of your house to a tramp. But no one can force such thoughts on you against your will. You certainly could recognize the tramp as not belonging to the circle of your family or friends, and therefore, would shut the door in his face. If he persisted in trying to force his way into your house you should call for help. The same principle applies to black magic and unclean thoughts. A gentleman will not force his mental attentions on anyone, any more than he would force his physical presence where he is not wanted. You are mistress of your own mind, and you can call on me, or any other truthful healer, to expell all such hypnotic healers. As for black magic, that is in your imagination. You entertain such a fear, and it will effect you like any other fear. Perfect love casts out all fear. Fear hath torment, and you want to put it away and come into peace and plenty.

*** "Please continue speaking the Word for my physical freedom, and put me in the vibrations of Success. Dear Tom, will you please tell my Spirit or whoever is bossing my life, to put me in line of a congenial job. I don't know what I want, and, as I'm a Gemini, I guess its a pretty hard proposition, but it's up to you. Now, here is something else I want, and I want it more than physical health or the congenial job, and that is—To know who the dickens 'I am.' I always thought I was just Bob until the other day I realized in a flash that I am 'nothing.' Now, wouldn't that jar you. I haven't even the satisfaction of being

plain Bob. Who the devil am I anyway? I am conscious of life, and I know that I am alive, but I don't know who I am. By Golly, I don't know what I do want to know, but I want to know it anyway. Can you club the Truth into me—that is, if you can find me. I can't help you any because I can't help myself. Who am I, what am I and where am I? Help me, Tom."

You are all right! "When a man's name is Bob and they call him Robert or Bert, you may know there is something wrong in his makeup." So you see, my beloved, you are Bob; that's who you are. You are not only Bob, but your \$15 has made you Christian Bob, or Bob the Christian. What more do you ask? Your identity is complete. Mrs. Shelton has enrolled you in the Little Book of Life, and you would bob up if an avalanche of troubles should overtake you. I will give you such mental treatments along with other Christians that you will hear the Word in the Silence forever naming you by the secret name which no man knows save he who receives it. You can't get away from yourself.

*** There are a few people who mistake me for a professional clairvoyant. They want me to read the future, write horoscopes, and peer into the unknown. I do not do that kind of work, and nobody else can do it. When a man professes to be able to read the future for you, he is a fraud. I often read the future, but it is unrolled before my own mind by the Spirit. I can't call it up by my own will. "It is God who worketh in us to will and to do his pleasure." You want to get that thought fastened in your mind. Then you will be free from the hypnotism of professional clairvoyance. Now there are clairvoyants who will tell you the truth. I don't want to class all of them as frauds. But when they tell you that it is given unto them to see further than you can see, and that they can command this vision at will, they are self-deceived, or plain frauds. Let me tell you something more, my friends, and that is, that God withholds from us the knowledge of the future. Only once in awhile there is a flash of what is to come, and then it is generally as a warning or an encouragement. As a general thing Spirit demands that we live one day at a time. You walk by faith and not by sight. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof, is a saying of Jesus. The cross was revealed to him but a short time before he was crucified. He did not have to carry the vision of the cross very many weeks. Many of the good things that were foretold to me are yet to come. At first I tried to hasten the coming. Hurry and anxiety are the first symptoms of unfoldment. But the time comes when we have more confidence in Spirit and leave results to unfold in their own time and in their own way. Play the game of life, but only play the hand you happen to have at the time.

*** "I have been helped along in my drinking, by earth bound spirits, who having no physical bodies seize upon negatives and mediums like myself to satisfy their cravings for drink. This is the great danger of mediumship."

That's a lie. You were helped along in your drinking by your own carnal mind. You drank because whisky and other intoxicants were in your thoughts. Then you were also helped in your drinking by the physical law of periodicity. You drank to drunkenness at a certain period and when the period rolled around you found yourself in the old vibration. After awhile your periods merged into each other and you were drunk all the time. There is a wide difference between mediumship of whisky and the Spirit of Truth. Of course any kind of spirit will produce the phenomena, but the artificial stimulant and the real are easily discerned. Do not lay your drinking on the poor ghosts. I suppose they also chew tobacco and smoke cigarettes and cigars! It will not work. I have been filled with whisky and I have also been filled with the real Spirit of Thought. The carnal mind is confusion. The spiritual mind is peace. The only salvation for the drunkard, or any other sinner, is the Science of Mind. Come into an understanding of that which you call your mind. Take hold of it as you would a business problem. Break up the periodicity by forming periods of sobriety and self-government. Get the stuff out of your head and keep it out of your stomach. Command these "devils" to get out and stay out. Cleanse your mind as you would your body, by a bath in common sense.

*** "I see you have flopped in regard to spiritualism. If I remember rightly you claimed what a person received from a medium was their own thought. Now you say communication with those who have passed out of earth life is possible."

I can't see where you see any flopping. I stand exactly where I have always stood. I have read all the reports and books and experimented on my own account; and, yet, I am still asking for proof. I do not say it is impossible for discarnate spirits to communicate by telepathy or otherwise. I believe it is possible, but the scientific proof of such communication is lacking. As a religionist I could believe in Spiritualism and open up my little telephone to the other world. But I long since ceased to be a religionist. You deny spiritualism to a religionist and you will awaken bitter antagonism, you will get a vibration of prejudice and anger even from your best friends. That is not the scientific attitude. I am after the truth and the science of it. I have no one discarnate with whom I am anxious to communicate. I care no more for minds in the so-called other world than I care for minds in this world. I have had all the evidence of mediumship. When I came into the Science of Spirit the one voice said, "I am your own spirit in conjunction with the Spirit of the universe."

*** "The other day I felt like going ahead and ordering everything I needed as if God had already met my demands and supply was plentiful and on the way. But I am trying to be practical and as yet have

not ascertained how far such 'feelings' may be trusted."

Don't you do anything of the kind. The insight is all right and the prophecy is sure, but there is no time in Spirit. What is seen may be years ahead of the vision. Let me be very particular on this point. In my first experience I did just what you felt like doing. I even bought lumber and engaged a carpenter to built an addition to my little house. I could not meet the payments. The man was sorry for me and thought I was a little cracked, so he put up the addition and another friend paid the lumber bill. It was two years before they got their money. The vision was all right and a hundredfold greater than my thought, but it looked like it was close at hand when it was two years away. The apostles of Jesus thought he was coming back right away and he hasn't come yet. Their vision of thousands of years looked like it was right at hand. I am sure every prophecy concerning Christ will be fulfilled, but a thousand years with Spirit is as one day. I have had to wait for years for the fulfillment of what I thought was right at hand. After all the people got done sneering and laughing at me my Word returned loaded down with more than I had claimed. Your visions and feelings are all right if you are in the truth, but don't set any time limit. Spirit is not governed by time.

*** "I know I am repeating myself, but I must say again how sensible and reasonable all you say of individuality always seems to me. What is the use of having to run to a meeting in order to have a little private conversation with God? Or being connected with a church in order to publish the idea that you are pretending to be very virtuous? I never could feel in a truly prayerful mood in the presence of one other human being—and I don't think many people do, do you?"

There has never been a great movement in the mind of individual man while huddled or herded with other men. In all human history men have gone apart into the wilderness to find God. The instruction of Jesus Christ is: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before you ask him." Could there be anything more beautiful and scientific! And you must remember that these words were spoken in the Sermon on the Mount, the only formal statement of Christianity. There is a direct prohibition of all public worship, and Christian Science is the only system that ever dared to be true to this statement. Quakers approached the principle, but when "the Spirit moved" they made public prayers. In Christian Science the Spirit does not move anyone to violate the principle laid down in the Sermon on the Mount. If they would do away with the "public silence" their meetings would be perfect. Think of the mumbling of senseless prayers

in public places! In the old country it is much worse than in the United States. Aside from social reasons the public church is useless. The teaching is always in opposition to Christianity and therefore a hindrance to the growth of the soul. As for the public worship it opens the door of your closet and lets in the noise of mortality.

*** "I hear such beautiful music at times. Is it spiritual? In my mortal mind, my natural hearing has been defective for years. Has it something to do with that, or is it real spiritual voices? This light you speak of I see very often, so much that if my hand I lift up, there is a light left under it, though my eyes seem to throw a soft beautiful white sheen. Is that my spirit? Is that the divine mind that I long to manifest? Oh, for understanding."

Your inner body is spiritual, or as Paul says, "a psychical body." The word "natural" in the common version should be translated "psychical" in the fifteenth chapter of first Corinthians. "It is sown a psychical body; it is raised a spiritual body." This spiritual body while in mortal flesh is psychical, and therefore, full of flashes from the real self. The music you hear is real music and the light is genuine light. I have often had pleasant odors come with the music. The smell of flowers, spices and aromatic odors from the tropics. Mozart, you remember, was stone deaf while writing his matchless music. He heard, in the inner ear, the music of the spheres, the songs of the soul. Our little thin covering of clay can not shut us out of the paradise of Spirit. In regeneration this psychical body is raised a spiritual body. In other words, the new body holds the same relationship to the spirit that the present body holds to the soul. Man is born a living soul but becomes, in the new birth, a quickening spirit.

*** "I can't understand this thing of scientists losing things by theft. If we can't protect ourselves from loss any better than other people, we had better quit."

Why quit? What good would that do? A quitter is not fit for the Kingdom. Don't you remember what Christ said about quitters? "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." It is true that we lose money in the mail. The postoffice confesses its inability to cope with the thieves, and so in every office there is a conspicuous sign warning people not to send money in the common mail. The department has put the price of registering and of money orders so low that none need neglect this precaution on account of the cost. When a little common sense is all that is required you need not expect Spirit to protect your money by miracle. You had as well ask God to dress you and make your toilet. I say we are guided and protected far in advance of the average and are growing wiser every day. Don't get into the Holy Roller vibration. Your mind is the only thing that is of importance to Spirit. God does not care a dime for your money. Look out for it yourself. Even the coming of the Christ is like a thief in the night. Be on the alert. You know not the day or the hour of His coming. Watch, as well as pray.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND MODERN THOUGHT.

Let us be honest.

The scientific method demands an open mind.

Science is truth that is known to the mind. It is truth that is capable of demonstration.

The only way to get at the truth of science or the science of truth is to investigate with a mind open to the truth.

There are so many things in the way of truth. Our prejudices, our vanity, and above all, our religion, are in the way obstructing the mind and hindering an honest investigation.

And yet the truth is the only way to freedom. The knowledge of the truth is the only way that will set the mind and body free from bondage. I AM, saith Truth, the resurrection and the life.

All old readers of CHRISTIAN will remember that the motto on the streamer in the heading used to read: "A Journal of Christian Science." That is what it was, and what it is, a journal of Christian Science. I would change the name if I changed the character of the paper.

I took that motto down and substituted the present one on account of the prejudices and persecutions of the Christian Science sect. I say sect, for Christian Science never persecutes. Science is truth. The sect sent a petition to the postoffice department and caused all my trouble of several years ago. I learned the facts from the brother of one of the leaders of the sect. He told me the whole story here in my own office after he had represented me in Washington as my attorney.

This is the first time I have told you this secret, and I only give it to you now to let you know why I took down the motto. It is not a complaint. The opposition did me good and taught me many a lesson. I do not blame them one little bit. The sectarian mind is the same everywhere and in all ages.

After these remarks let us get down to the theme of this essay.

Christian Science came when I was in my glory as a preacher and defender of the institution. I read it with a sneer and joined in saying that it was neither Christian nor Science. But the very name kept in my mind. It stuck. I held a ten days' debate with a Christian Scientist. He didn't know much about Christianity and I didn't know much about science.

It kept running in my mind: Is it possible that Christianity is a science? The astounding truth crept into my mind that Christianity was a science. It almost took away my mental breath. Christianity is a lie or it is a science. If it is the truth it must be a science, for science is the truth, a self-evident, a self-proving truth. Christianity as a science must carry its own evidence. Here we have been preaching that Christianity is a system of religion and was proved two thousand years ago. Man must take hearsay evidence two thousand years old and believe on penalty of being forever damned. What folly!

Here comes a woman declaring that Christianity is not a religion but a science. Not only a science but the spirit of all science. Christianity a science! Then it is not a religion. Religion has been the enemy of science. Science is, everywhere and in all ages, blighted by religion. Religion is worship, the enslaving of the mind. Science is the elevation and freedom of the mind.

I say this idea that Christianity was a science took me off my orthodox feet. I have been all these years eliminating religion and substituting science. It has been hard work for me. Spirit is the only light that could lead me out of such a wilderness.

Do you know what it means to say Christian Science with the religious sect of that name left out? It means that Christianity is demonstrable. The miracles at the beginning were not accidents or incidents, but inherent and fundamental. Science carries its own witness within itself forever. "Greater works than these shall ye do," is scientific. As a science Christianity should increase in power and do greater and greater works until the dawn of the perfect day. And here we have been saying to men that Jesus was the founder of a religion, and after the founder left miracles ceased. Believe this, we have said, or be damned.

Liars all of us! Jesus Christ was a prophet and came teaching the science of Spirit. He was one of many prophets and "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Prophecy is speaking the truth by the Spirit of Thought. There is no religion in it. Not a bit more of religion in Christianity than there is in mathematics. God is. He is not one who came and went away. I AM he who was, and is, and is to be, the Almighty. Science is self-evident. Christianity as science must be capable of demonstration anywhere and under all skies, climes, ages and conditions. There can be no past and future to science. Since when did the science of numbers begin? It has neither beginning of days nor end of life.

Christianity is a science, and that means that it is self-evident, self-acting, self-proving, and is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. This is what Mrs. Eddy has taught in what she rightly names Christian Science. She not only speaks this truth, but she lives it. There has grown up a sect, but she is not responsible for it. In her system there is no ecclesiastical institution. There are no Christian Science preachers, priests, deacons, elders, bishops, rulers or other ecclesiastical officials. Nothing of the kind. There are no pastors in her churches. They avoid all titles, and are as close to genuine Christianity as could be expected under modern conditions.

So far as Mrs. Eddy herself is concerned, she has outgrown the institution established in her name. She will not make calls or receive callers, and does not attend any local church. She will not enter the church she built in her own home at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars. She shows by her own actions that the sect, the institution, is unscientific, and that the individual should live the independent life. It is not

because she is old and feeble that she secludes herself. It is because she is scientific. The hero worship and gossip of the foolish have been effectually eliminated from her life. Spirit sets one free. I do not make calls or receive callers. My private life is sacred to myself. It is my own. My public life is mental, and therefore I will not be bored with the bodies of people.

Why should the science of Mrs. Eddy subject her to the constant annoyance of bodies, when her mind is accessible to all in the printed thought? It is foolish to follow the old methods. Elbert Hubbard was there and saw Mrs. Eddy at close range on more than one occasion. He says she is as well preserved as Sarah Bernhardt, and looks to be a woman of 50. She is 85 by the almanac. Hubbard says: "Her face shows experience, but not age. The corners of her mouth do not turn down. Her eyes are not dimmed nor her face wrinkled. She was dressed all in white satin, and looked like a girl going to a ball." I hope you have read July *Philistine*. If not, send ten cents to East Aurora, N. Y.

Aside from regeneration, by her present scientific mode of life, Mrs. Eddy can easily live to over one hundred, but if she died to-morrow it would have nothing to do with Christian Science. It would only prove that Mrs. Eddy got the remedy too late. Others must demonstrate over death. But she is not dead! Wait and see what truth will do. She is doing the right thing now. She is not sitting on a pedestal to be worshipped by the people.

I only mention the person of Mrs. Eddy in an incidental way. The person is nothing to me. I care no more for the person of Mary Eddy than I do for the person of any other Mary. The principle is everything. That is the beauty and glory of science. It does not depend upon any person, time or place. It is forever self-existent. If you follow Mrs. Eddy's example you will not join Mrs. Eddy's church or any other organization. You will live an independent Christian, free from local associations or social obligations.

The thought which revolutionized my life and drove me from the pulpit was in the very words, "Christian Science." It was the open door for my mental freedom. I had always balked at baptism in water, the material supper and public worship. All the essential truth in the New Testament I had absorbed and preached with unction. Just as soon as the word science was connected in my mind with Christianity I began to see light. The ritual of religion had been tacked on to the revelation of truth. It all went overboard like a flash. Then I saw that the healing of disease was absolutely essential to the Science of Christianity. I will not trouble you with the tangles of the wilderness and how I got out of it. Many of you have been with me from the beginning. I now stand clothed and in my right mind. Endowed with the power to heal and growing in knowledge of the Science. I am independent of disease, death and the devil. I could support myself any-

where, for my work is more than meat and drink. It is life everlasting.

Christian Science does not say that matter does not exist. It says there is no stability in matter. That is true. Matter is in one form this hour and in another form the next hour. Mind is. Matter is transient, changeable, and subject to the will of Spirit. This is the foundation of mental healing. Mind has the power to move matter, change its position and create new conditions. This is a science which I practice every day, and have been practicing for sixteen years. If there is no reality, that is, stability, in matter, there is no reality in time. Time is also a delusion. When you come to think of it there is no such a thing in reality as time. We have been deceived by the movements of the earth around the sun. Death and disease in the body have caused us to think that time is a factor in our being. Age creeps into the mind and begins to show itself in our organs. The eye grows dim, the ear deaf and the hair turns white. Christianity comes teaching us that disease, old age, and death are unnatural. The prophet Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead, thus proving that these conditions are unreal.

Christianity also proclaims the abolition of pain, sorrow and poverty, showing by science that these conditions are unreal and unnatural and ought to be abolished. You can't abolish reality. There is no doing away with that which belongs to being. Mental, physical and financial freedom are promised in the Science of Christianity. Modern thought is being permeated with this metaphysical movement. Christian Science is like leaven which a woman hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened. The yeast of Christian Science has caused a fermentation in the minds of men, and it is still getting in its work. Modern thought has been, and is being, radically changed by Christian Science.

That little book the New Testament (always new) is the depository of a Science of being. It is for the healing of mind and body. If you read it as Science, especially the sayings of Jesus, you will find that Christian Science is in its vibration. The demonstration is in mental healing, and we are just now opening our eyes to the fact that mental healing is an exact science, and, therefore, the only kind of healing there is in the realm of mind. There can be no other kind of healing, and we must be healed. It is the only way. I shall go right on teaching and practicing Christian Science, but will call it Christianity.

What is modern thought?

It is materialism. It is carnal and therefore enmity against Spirit. The carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be. This is a scientific statement. I am not talking about morals or religion. The mortal mind can not be other than enmity against God for it is not subject to the law of Spirit.

The tendency and authority of modern thought is carnal, and, what Carlyle called, "the gospel of dirt." It began with Charles Darwin and has steadily grown in power. Huxley, Spencer and other giant minds helped to firmly fix this idea that man is an evolution from a lower form of animal life, and that immortality and a special creation were dreams of the imagination. I remember with what a frantic effort the pulpit tried to stem this inflow of materialism.

Religion could stand Thomas Paine, Voltaire, Hume, Ingersoll and laugh at such infidelity. But the evolutionists were foes of a different kind. What could religion say against the testimony of Nature? Who could answer the argument from rocks and bioplasm? If all nature turned against religion, it was doomed indeed.

Religionists could not answer for they had nothing but the story of what had been or might have been, or was supposed to have been, the records of dead men. They began to do something. They organized the new institutions like the Y. M. C. A. and multiplied the societies and helpers. They hastily revised the Bible and put on the market a book which nobody accepts as the Bible. Missionary work was emphasized and the poor heathen were forced to hear what the people at home had rejected. Through its salaried officers, official clergymen and paid missionaries the institutional church had a revival and feverishly called it progress.

But materialism slowly undermined the thought of men and blighted the hopes not only of the cultured, but of the masses. There came such men as Ernst Haeckel and a whole army of material scientists declaring that man was mortal, and proving it from what looked like the very records of Nature. Metchnikoff and even Tolstoi, from the Russian type of mind, confirm the statements of the Germans, the Frenchmen and the English. While Tolstoi is true to the practical and ethical in Christianity he denies immortality in man, and eliminates the resurrection and the miracles from Christianity. The later writings of Tolstoi fill one with gloom. This materialism has filled the world with its blight and men are saying that if this life is all, they will make the best of it, which means that they will make the worst of it.

What is Christian Science?

The very opposite of material science. It says that Jesus was a prophet, and therefore Christianity is a Science. It must be accepted on the authority of the spiritual mind, and all the testimony of mortal mind must be thrown out as unworthy of credence. The basis of being is Mind, the real Mind, and the mortal mind in seeking material proof is merely looking at its own image in a mirror. This mind of materiality is not capable of judging God and His Thought. The things of the Spirit must be spiritually discerned. You can't find a man's spirit by dissecting his body, and you can't find the Spirit of God by dissecting the material universe.

Christian Science not only met the materialists with a new theory, but with a new practice. They began healing the sick and casting out sin by mental methods. If Christianity is a Science it carries its own proof. It is self-evident and practical. What Jesus the prophet did, we can do, and even greater works will follow the scientific application of Christianity. While the religionists surrendered and slyly began preaching materialism in their pulpits and going over to the enemy by their material methods, Christian Science raised the battle-flag and began a war of extermination. There is no surrender and can be no compromise. Mark Twain has raised his voice in warning with a prophecy that Christian Science will control the nation. Elbert Hubbard said just the other day, to his half million readers, that Christian Science would soon have no rival but the Roman Catholic Church. Well, they will not have even that rival, for the ground is now crumbling under the Roman institution, and soon the Italians will follow the French in repudiating this relic of the dark ages. Only the Spanish will be left as a last refuge for the Roman institution.

The Day of Judgment has come! It is a battle of the vibrations. The material scientists must conquer and reduce the world to chaos and anarchy, or the Science of Christ must bring order and peace and life to humanity. Christian Science has already escaped from institutionalism and is permeating the modern mind. It is sweeping aside materialism and with it carnality. For, remember, beloved friends, that Christian Science comes curing sin as well as sickness. In the very face of carnality in high places Christian Science comes with a cure for mind and body. There can be no cure for sin except its utter destruction. Sin, sickness and death must be unconditionally destroyed, cast into the abyss of nothingness. And so the Spirit of Christ is once more directly at work in the minds of men.

The triumph of material science was the work of the Spirit of Thought for it prepared the way for the destruction of religion and the establishing of the Science of Christianity. The one was the forerunner of the other. God is in His world. The coming of Christ in Science is as much a mystery to the religionist as the coming of Christ in the prophet Jesus was to the Jews. They rejected Jesus because he didn't come the way they were expecting, and the same mortal thought is rejecting Science, because it didn't come through the institution. Materialism has produced the dark cloud and mental mutterings of anarchy over the whole civilized world just like the time of Jesus. Christian Science comes elevating man and placing him where he belongs in the mind of God. The song of the angels is yet to be fulfilled with peace on earth and good will to men. It is real Science meeting the false science of materiality.

Mental Healing

Christianity is an exact science.

It is as certain in its action as mathematics.

As harmonious in its movements as music.

Failures are in the person, not in the Principle.

Jesus Christ healed all manner of sickness.

He healed blindness, deafness, paralysis.

He cured leprosy and insanity.

He healed death by raising the dead.

He walked on water and in the air.

He died and arose from the dead.

Thus showing the supremacy of Mind.

Science is the Spirit of Thought.

Christ left us to work out the Science.

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