

Lecture Heard by Hundreds Here Last Sunday

A Lecture on Christian Science Its Healing Principle
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Christian Science has been defined by Mary Baker Eddy, its Discoverer and Founder, as "the law of God, the law of good, interpreting and demonstrating the divine Principle and rule of universal harmony" (Rudimental Divine Science, p. 1). It is my earnest hope that those of you who have come here to learn about it may be enlightened by that which is said, and that God's law may be interpreted to you so that you may begin to demonstrate its blessings. To those who have an understanding of Christian Science, it is perhaps progress far along the way, may some word here spoken, some thought expressed, serve as a touchstone to the setting aside of old ideas, and to lead you nearer the goal of complete spiritual understanding and harmony. It is also my hope and expectation that those of you who have not had the hope of healing may be healed, for the declaration of God's law not only interprets the rule but demonstrates it. Mrs. Eddy has said: "The spiritual power of a scientific, right thought, without a direct effort, an audible or even a mental argument, has oftentimes healed the 'curable diseases'" (Rudimental Divine Science, p. 9). So the word that is about to be spoken, accompanied as it is by both audible and mental argument, will bring about its rightful measure of healing.

Christian Science
Christian Science, the Science of Christianity, is kindly named. Its teachings explain the divine Principle of this Science, just as the teachings of mathematics explain the principle of numbers. Further than that, rules are provided for the application of Christian Science, so that it may be practiced, just as the science of numbers has rules for its application.

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Moreover, the results which follow the practice of Christian Science—the healing of sickness, the destruction of sin, the healing of the material law—prove it to be Science, and prove its Principle to be the Supreme Being, omnipresent and omnipotent good.

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It is evident, then, that if we are to get these results, the important thing for us to do is to make every effort to widen our concept of the true nature of God, to understand the healing and saving Principle. This may best be done by studying what others who knew God have said of Him, and by contemplating the divine nature—by earnestly seeking to know Him.

Christian Science
Students of Christian Science very soon discover that Mary Baker Eddy had a profound understanding of God. They also find that because of this understanding she has revealed Jesus' teachings to us in a new light—that of the Christian Science which she taught.

Jesus' Scientific Teaching
All Christians agree that Christ Jesus understood God. Now, Jesus taught what he knew of the Father, and to the people, and to his disciples. It is interesting to note how frequently the Bible states that he "taught" the people. In fact, he himself declared that he was "teaching in the temple." And when they marveled at what he taught, he said, "If any man will do his (God's) will, he shall see and know the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." Thus he declared that if any man put into practice what he has heard, the results would prove the teaching to be correct. Throughout the Gospels in Jesus' recorded sermons or discourses he directed his attention to God. To the Samaritan woman he referred to God as Spirit and as Truth. He taught that God is Life, and in the latter days of his ministry he argued earnestly with his disciples that they might gain a larger realization of God as Love. He explained God, and man's relationship to Him, to all with sufficient spiritual receptivity to receive it. Our understanding of what Jesus taught about God, the divine Principle, is wonderfully increased by comprehending what Mrs. Eddy understood about God. Her teachings not only reveal God as His true nature, as she understood Him, but the theology of Jesus is revealed and becomes practical to us through these same teachings.

Primitive Christian Healing Restored
Two thousand years have elapsed since Jesus preached and taught his understanding of God and of man's relationship to Him. Enriched by materialistic beliefs, spiritual healing was dimmed and spiritual healing was lost, until in our own time it has again been made available to us. And this has come about through the remarkable spiritual unfoldment which came to Mary Baker Eddy, and her ability to present this discovery in scientific form, so that it may be studied, and with rules by which it may be practiced, and so proved to

Reliance on God
The first requirement in the practice of Christian Science is complete reliance on God. This means the acceptance of the omnipresence and omnipotence of God, and it therefore excludes any thought of medicine, or any other material remedy. The rule was advanced by Moses, in the First Commandment, and reiterated by Jesus when he asked which is the greatest commandment of all, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and be like unto it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'" This rule is again repeated by Mary Baker Eddy in the Christian Science textbook, page 467, where she says, "The first demand of this Science is, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me.' This is Spirit. Therefore the command means this: Thou shalt have no intelligence, no life, no substance, no truth, no love, but that which is spiritual. The second is like unto it, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and be like unto it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'" So the command really means that we are to undertake to realize our perfection as the children of God, and realize that we are to manifest it in all our ways.

The Discoverer and Discovery
So it was in the life of Mary Baker Eddy. There are indications all along the way of her tendency and aptitude toward spiritual things. From girlhood she was a writer, and one whose contributions to newspapers and publications were of a high order. We have the ability to write and to express thought on paper which prepared Mrs. Eddy for the immense work of the Christian Science movement later on in the publication of her books. These early writings contained frequent references to God, which developed into a rather frank woman. She suffered considerably from sickness, and was much of the time a semi-invalid. Thus she had a personal knowledge of the material law, she searched for it. This very need of health was no doubt a factor in the spiritual unfoldment which followed. She investigated homoeopathy and other material methods in her search for healing, discarding them one after another as they failed to satisfy her thought or to permanently heal her body. Such benefits might temporarily lead her to believe either in their efficacy, or their divine origin, but they could not long turn her aside or deceive her, for she would seem natural that the desire to understand God which had been so evident in her thought from her earliest childhood, and the desire for health and strength which was the expression of her daily need, should be more or less merged in the conviction that Jesus' healing was the result of the application of spiritual law, and that to understand God and His law would again result in healing.

Unreality of Matter
The great impediment to the successful realization of our at-onement with God, our real existence in divine Mind, is our belief that we are the offspring of matter, living in a world of matter, and that we are subject to the laws of matter. Christian Science, after declaring that Spirit is all, logically teaches that there is no matter. It is in this sense that we see about us to be forms of thought, and false thought at that. At the time Mrs. Eddy discovered Christian Science and was in the smallest subdivision of matter was thought to be an atom. In one of her books, "Unity of God," page 35, she says, "The material atom is an outlined falsity of consciousness. Thus she insists that an atom is a lie, and a lie is always mental. Of course it follows that what is true of an atom is equally true of an aggregation of atoms, a mass of matter. Today, material belief has in theory divided the atom into various much smaller units, but the material atoms are still unsatisfied and unconvinced that it has analyzed itself in matter to its ultimate end. And well it may be for, if it does, it will find matter to be exactly what Mrs. Eddy declares it to be (Science and Health, p. 116)—nothing beyond an image in mortal mind.

Contagion Mental
The beliefs that are entertained regarding the germ theory are in the same process of change which goes on in the minds of those with disease, and its treatment. In the beginning it was contended that every contagious or infectious disease had its germ, but it has since been discovered that there are no such germs to go around. So now it is maintained that some contagious diseases are caused by what is called a virus. Yellow fever is one of them. Fluid in which the contagious material is presumed to be present is filtered and all of the microscopic forms of vegetation and animal life are left behind. The fluid thus filtered contains nothing that can be seen under the highest powered microscope. But it does contain the contagion, while the material being often succumbed to it very quickly. An article which appeared in a current magazine, written by a physician, states that he has never seen a germ of yellow fever, and points out that it was based on the proposition that yellow fever was conveyed from man to man by this means alone.

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Man Is Spiritually Sustained
Great attention in recent years has been given to the question of food, its nutritive value, its vitamins, its vitamins, and its poisonous qualities. It is contended that we need and must have a large number of alphabetically arranged vitamins. The body is full of poisons, and the world of food tells the world that their products contain this or that essential vitamin. We are told that a diet of one vitamin, and that food in order to get enough of another, yet a few eating only grass gets enough of each and every vitamin. The body, however, would seem to be that this mortal man is the only animal without enough sense to choose his food without the help of his poison, and that the divine Principle supplies us with an abundance of every good thing, and there is never a lack of these ideas which are vital to our well-being.

Divine Mind Heals
Today Christian healing as Jesus taught it is again practiced. The application of Christian Science not only heals our sicknesses, but it restores our health, and it restores our social relations. Its leaving influence changes our characters, and it restores our health and a sense of healing influence is felt in everything that is unlike God. Mortal thought needs correction along many lines, and this correction can only come through the healing power of divine Mind. Mrs. Eddy has stated this fact very simply and yet legibly and completely on page 276 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures": "Mortals think wickedly; consequently they are wicked. They think wickedly, and so become sick. If sin makes sinners, Truth and Love alone can unmake them. If a sense of disease produces suffering, and a sense of disease produces suffering, disease is mental, not material. Hence the fact that the human mind alone suffers, is sick, and that the divine Mind alone heals."

God's Government Supreme
There is great need for the realization that God governs man, and that this government is expressed not only in individual freedom, but in collective freedom as well. The changes which are occurring in many nations and in different types of government indicate man's misapprehension of the government, and his effort to better it. The good in human thinking establishes its highest ideal of government, and the concept of government as to be safeguards against its destruction, but the evil in human thinking gradually finds ways of circumventing the concept of government, and the manifestation of the governmental ideal of the mass thought of the people. The realization, on the part of Christian Scientists, of the true concept of government, by the divine Principle uplifts the general consciousness of government. In the

Truth Destroys Error
Some day when the world shall have advanced spiritually and when the law of God is more generally recognized, there will also be an increased knowledge of the human or mortal mind and its activities, and we shall see that yellow fever is mental. Then the realization of the mental nature of disease and the power of divine Mind to heal will rid the world of its misdeeds, and we shall all look for healing where it may be found.

Ineffective Remedies
The world of human thinking, believing the human body to be material, has searched in vain for a remedy with which to cure the illness of the body. The fact that this search has brought forth, is evidence that no remedy is permanently effective. Each one has its day. Some investigator searching for a remedy for disease, has found it. With faith and expectation he tries it, and the results seem to justify his faith. But when the remedy becomes more generally used and administered by others with less expectation of results, the results become less and less satisfactory. The physician, the pharmacist, the physician, it is the thought which accompanies the use of the drug which brings about the result, whether a good result, or a bad result, through doubt of its ability to cure. Thus the search for remedies began with vegetables and minerals and has now arrived at the use of chemical compounds. Not only is there a diligent search in matter for remedies with which to cure what it believes to be material illness, but the search is also made in matter to determine the cause of disease. Through the failure to recognize that there is no matter, and that it is the human mind which is the cause of disease, the search goes on in the direct line of matter.

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Mrs. Vandegrift Presents Speaker

In presenting Dr. Walton Hubbard, C. S. B. of Los Angeles, who spoke to the assembly in the Civic Auditorium here last Sunday afternoon on the subject of "Christian Science: Its Healing Principle," Mrs. Betty Vandegrift stated:

"Friends: On behalf of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Torrance, I welcome you to share with us a lecture on Christian Science.

"When John sent two of his disciples to Jesus, saying, 'Art thou he that should come?' Jesus answered and said, 'Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see, the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them.'

"Practically the same question is often asked today: Is Christian Science the promised comforter? And the answer is 'the same as that of the Master to the two disciples sent by John, Christian Science too can be judged by the healing works that are being accomplished every day.

"The speaker for this afternoon will unfold to you the working of this healing principle as he has chosen for his subject Christian Science: Its Healing Principle.

"It is my happy privilege at this time to introduce to you Dr. Walton Hubbard of Los Angeles, Dr. Hubbard."

The lecture is published in full in adjoining columns.

Short Commercial Course Offered Here

During the holiday season a special short commercial course at Torrance evening high school in beginning, intermediate and advanced shorthand and typing is being offered. C. B. Baldwin, Principal, stated this morning this course is being conducted every Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. These courses are free to the general public.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH with Key to the Scriptures by MARY BAKER EDDY

Is the original, standard and only Textbook on Christian Science Mind-healing. Published in cloth and morocco bindings and in Braille, Grade One and a Half, for use of the blind. The Textbook, cover words by Mrs. Eddy, and all other authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased at the Christian Science Reading Room, No. 1208 El Prado, open to the public daily from 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., excepting Sundays and holidays; Saturdays, 11:30-4:30.

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HUGE BASIN NOW GETTING WATER 'CURE'

To "cure" the concrete floor of the 425,000-gallon Pales Verdes reservoir, water was allowed to pour into the huge basin above Lomita this week. Water to a two-foot depth will remain in the reservoir until it is placed in general use next year as a unit of the Metropolitan Water District's Colorado aqueduct system which serves Torrance and 12 other cities. To conserve moisture in the granite walls of the million-dollar storage basin, workmen last week coated the concrete with a black curing compound. This protecting surface was whitewashed to reflect sunlight.

Colorado river water will not flow immediately into the bowl, as was expected, but will await completion of a plant at San Dimas to soften the water. Gravity flow thru a 33-mile long feeder line will bring water into the reservoir from the junction at Eagle Rock canyon with the main distribution line. Gravity will also run the water out of the reservoir for distribution to Torrance and other cities south of Los Angeles.

Seattle Jingle Writer Daughter of Lingenfelters

Mrs. Ruth Kremen's weekly "Jingles" in the Washington New Dealer, published in Seattle, are a regular feature of that publication. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lingenfelter of this city. Last week her contribution was entitled "Fragrant Dices." Her poem follows:

As we contemplate the news
There are items we peruse
Which leave us in a frightful
ful state of quandry.
For it seems that Martin Dies
Is emitting moans and sighs
For he simply can't find
time to sort his laundry.
Now the thought is simply
hideous
That this gentleman fastidious
Is too occupied to change
the clothes he's wearing,
And tho' all of us can smell
his best friends won't even
tell him
That the odor comes from
peddling red herring.
Tho' his antics may sound
amusing
Martin costs a lot of money,
And he's asking for a new
appropriation
So in patriotic phrases
He can blast us all to blazes
And parade the dirty linen
of the nation.

Engineer Honored By Association

City Engineer Leonard Young was elected vice-president of the Los Angeles City and County Engineers' Association last Friday night at a dinner-meeting in Los Angeles. H. A. Eddy, assistant city engineer of Glendale, was named president of the group composed of some 200 members.

Miss Jean Hudson, who underwent an emergency appendectomy at Torrance Memorial hospital last Friday, is reported doing nicely. She will be able to have visitors next week.

I got my telephone for convenience. I never thought it would mean such fun!