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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION FOR THE STATE OF COLORADO

To the Christian:

The following is submitted in correction of certain statements made in your January issue concerning the Christian Science Church.

The trial and excommunication of two members of the Church were rendered necessary because of their wrong teachings and practices. Such disciplining does not differ from that which other Christian Churches find necessary in order to maintain the purity and integrity of their Church.

The persons referred to are not "excommunicated forever," but before they can be readmitted into the ranks of the Christian Science Church, they must show by their lives that they have reformed; their conduct must be exemplary and in accord with the teachings of pure Christianity.

Orders have never been given "to eliminate women from all authority in Christian Science." There are women on the Board of Lectureship. There are two Readers in every Church of Christ, Scientist, and one is usually a woman. There are three editors of the Christian Science periodicals and one is a woman.

Mrs. Eddy is the Leader and Pastor Emeritus of the Christian Science Church. She directs all the important movements of the Cause, is the author of the Christian Science textbook and of the Church By-Laws. Recent letters from her have been published, showing her mental vigor and her pure spiritual thought. Mrs. Eddy can be seen on any day while out for her customary drive about Boston and vicinity.

Christian Science repudiates malicious mental malpractice as it is wrong mental influence exerted to do another harm and is the opposite of Christian Science.

Christian Science is the teaching of Jesus Christ systematized and resolved into a Science. It can do only good. Its teachings give a pure and exalted understanding of God, of His infinite power and loving, protecting care. It heals sin and sickness and destroys the fear and seeming power of mental malpractice.

Gray Montgomery

Denver, Colo., Feb. 15, 1910.

ITEMS AND IDEAS

*** I am an individualist.

*** I do not belong to anything or anybody, and yet I am associated with everything and everybody.

*** Do you get the meaning of that sentence in its fullness and power, its glory and grace? Do you?

*** If so, you are on the way to real personal freedom and the regeneration of your body by the resurrection of your own individuality.

*** Your own individuality is your own divinity and you can never come into the kingdom of yourself by surrendering your mind to other people.

*** I never attack anybody or anything, but state the facts as seen in my own mind and am ready to change my statements the minute I find an error.

*** This is the only attitude of mind that is scientific and we must get into the Spirit of Science in order to know the truth that will make us free. Spirit comes to this age in the vibration of the age.

*** Spirit was revealed in the ages past according to the vibrations of each age. This is a scientific age; we must look for the Spirit of Science, and you may rest assured that this Spirit will agree with all of the past that is true.

*** Gray Montgomery, who speaks for the publication committee of Christian Scientists in Colorado, did not get his reply to me in time for March number, so I give him as conspicuous a place as possible in this issue by putting his letter on the first page just as he wrote it.

*** It is a reply to my supplement for January. The whole ten thousand supplements are gone and people are urging me to put it in pamphlet form, but I will rewrite the substance of that supplement as we go along. There was no attack on Christian Science in that supplement, as I never attack anything or anybody.

*** Mr. Montgomery is a courteous gentleman and a fine specimen of physical and mental manhood. He can have space to say what he thinks of me whenever he feels like it. It is our business to search for the truth and we must leave all doors wide open. You know that truth comes like a thief in the night and the kingdom of God is always surprising you by its sudden appearance.

*** I endorse all of the science in Christian Science and have been a practitioner for nearly twenty years. I do not endorse the religion, from the simple fact that religion and science will not mix. There is no science in religion and no religion in science. Religion has to do with institutional authority and the worship of supernatural beings. It also leads us to hero worship.

*** Science deals with reality and has to do with the everlasting. It is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. In science there are no supernatural beings and no heroes or saints. The genuine scientist loses sight of personality and looks to truth for authority. Science is not dependent upon any institution or any individual. Science is self-

existent and eternal. No one can get a copyright on science.

*** Mrs. Eddy has called our attention to the fact that Christianity is a science. She did this as a prophet and should not receive any honors for it. She certainly has no authority. What she said was not of herself, but of the Spirit. She only called our attention to a truth that had always been in existence. Then she went to work and obscured her truth by adding religion as a kind of appendix. This vermiform appendix of religion has hindered the unfoldment and advancement of Christian Science.

*** Mrs. Eddy was a prophet in giving us the words of science, but she was a mortal religionist in giving us a religion. The science is not dependent upon Mrs. Eddy or her book, but the religion is. The religion must rest on the foundation of a person and a book, but science can never be put into such a small space. Mrs. Eddy put her new wine of science—and science is always new—into the old bottles of religion. The old bottle skins are bursting and the wine is being spilled all over the earth.

*** Let me change the figure for another one that Jesus Christ used. The new cloth of science was put on the old garment of religion, and the new patch on the old trousers is making the rent worse. You can't patch up religion with the truth, for religion is a lie. Tolstoi has said that the concept of the church is the wickedest thing in the world. I have said over and over that organized religion is the wickedest thing in the world. The same religion that crucified Christ has kept him on the cross. Jesus denounced religion as standing in the way of truth.

*** You can't reform religion, for it is satanic, and you can't reform Satan. The spirit of religion is precisely the same now that it was when Cain slew Abel. That first murder was caused by a quarrel over religion. All you have to do is to read the words of Jesus Christ when fighting religion. You have been in the habit of saying that was the old Jewish religion, and that the Christian religion was different. There is no such thing as the Christian religion, and that which passes for it is worse in its bitterness and bigotry than the old Jewish religion. The history of the so-called Christian religion is the same old story of persecution and crucifixion.

*** When this spirit of religion comes to the front in Christian Science it is precisely the same that it has always been in other sects. I think you will agree with me that when hell breaks loose in Christian Science it is just a little hotter than it ever was before in any other religion. Malicious mental malpractice has the old Jews on the run. The scribes and priests were bitter and malignant, but they can't hold a candle to the malicious mental malpractice in Christian Science. It is the same old devil and the same old satanic influences that have been at work killing the prophets and crucifying the Saviors. It will go right on in religion until all of these devils are cast

into the bottomless pit. In other words, until science is separated from religion.

*** You will have to separate Christian Science from religion before you can prove that it is really a science. If Christianity is a science it is not a religion. Jesus Christ never ordained any kind of worship except to worship God in your own spirit and in the truth. He told the woman of Samaria that the time was at hand when men would not worship God in Mount Gerizim or at Jerusalem. There would be no place of worship, no priest, no reader, no ruler, for each individual would worship the Father in his own heart. This time is at hand, for you know a thousand years with the Lord is as one day. At this closing of the second day we are entering into this prophecy. Science will do away with priests and religion. Science will do away with temples and churches and meeting places. Science will do away with prayers and rituals and all forms of religion.

*** The religion added to Christian Science is nearer the right kind than any we have ever had heretofore. They have almost eliminated titles and done away with rituals. They have abolished ceremonies and baptisms and christenings and public prayers. This is a big step in the right direction, and now if they would just turn their churches into colleges, and let the science grow, they would convert the world. This institutional authority is keeping the science in swaddling clothes. I will change the figure, for it is keeping the risen Lazarus in his graveclothes. Science has been buried in the tomb of religion, and when he comes forth we should hear the words of the Christ and loose him and let him go. Take the graveclothes from about his person and let science stretch his legs and straighten up his backbone. He is alive and able to take care of himself. You need not hedge him about with religion. All hell can't hold him when he once gets started.

*** There are many men and women in Christian Science who could write a better book now than Mrs. Eddy wrote, for they have advanced in the science. You know science always grows and expands, but religion remains the same as a monument or a mummy. You don't expect a monument to grow or a mummy to rise from the dead. When you drive a stake down in religion it stays there forever. The institution is preserved just like a mummy is preserved, and no other way. Science advances and expands, if you do not bind it down by the rules of religion. When the religion of Christian Science abolished the pastors and preachers and made the readers stick to one book they began turning the whole thing into a mummy. It is like a man turning the leaves of a cook book in order to satisfy his appetite. It sharpens his appetite and increases his hunger. The cook book is all right if you bring forth the food. Mrs. Eddy's book is all right as a starter and calls our attention to the science. I believe that Christianity is a science, and that the Bible contains the elements of a science.

*** Suppose that Robert Fulton had written about his steamboat, furnished the

plans of his little flat-bottomed wooden boat, appointed readers to read his book, and said that thus far thou shalt go and no further. What would have become of the science of navigation? We would have remained where he left us. Instead of the ocean greyhounds, the swift steel ships with their mighty turbine engines, we would have had Fulton's old flat-bottom steamboat. And suppose, to add to the confusion, he had made his science a religion and had all of us looking to him as a saint. Couldn't do a thing without calling on Robert Fulton. Why, bless you, science doesn't care a damn for personality, but goes right on growing and expanding if you will let it. That last expression is worth emphasizing. "Let your light shine," is the way Jesus puts it. Don't put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, so that everybody can see it. When you put science under the bushel of religion it has a hard time flickering in the darkness. You know how religion has stood in the way of science all along the dark days of the past.

*** Take the science of electricity. You are not paying any attention to Edison or the other pioneers in this department of science. The electrical engineers are achieving results every day of the world that they thought impossible the day before. The science is growing. It has no religion attached to it. It is able to take care of itself. We do not get down on our mental knees and look up to Edison as our beloved leader. We don't care a damn for Edison, and are not even thinking about him when we turn on the electric lights. We step on the street cars and pay our little nickel and let electricity carry us along. Science is practical knowledge. It is that knowledge which we can use and demonstrate every day. Marconi has started us in wireless telegraphy. Do you think we are going to stop with Marconi and turn around and worship him as a saint? We are going on to perfection, and from wireless telegraphy we have reached telepathy. If we had turned telegraphy into a religion and worshiped Morse, we would not now have the wireless and a Marconi. The religion of Morse would have kept us with Morse and we would now be worshipping his memory, instead of forgetting the things that are behind and going ahead to greater achievements.

*** Didn't Jesus Christ tell us the same thing? He told his disciples that he must go away, else the Spirit of Truth would not come. The personality of Jesus must disappear, so that the impersonal Science of the Spirit could come to the minds of men. He called it the Spirit of Truth, and science is truth. He said it would be practical knowledge, and that they would do greater works than he did, because he was going to the Father, the headquarters of science. Instead of following his advice and looking to the Spirit mortals turned around and organized a religion and put Jesus up as a figurehead. They have kept him on the cross all of these centuries and they worship him as a hero and a savior just as other religions worship their heroes and saviors.

Mohammed established a religion in the same way. The only difference is that Mohammed is the author of his religion, while Jesus denounced and detested religion. There is no science in it. There is no truth in it. The so-called Christian religion is just where it was when it started. It was dying of dry rot when Mrs. Eddy called our attention to the fact that Christianity is a science. If it is a science it is not a religion. When Christian Science proves that Christianity is a science it will prove that it is not a religion.

*** I want you to get the points that I am making, for they are the most wonderful of anything we have received since the days of the prophet Jesus. If Christianity is a science, it is practical and can be demonstrated scientifically. If it isn't a science, it is a fable. It is nothing more than hearsays from the past. Christianity is the illumination of the individual and has to do with the resurrection of the spiritual mind. The resurrection of the spiritual mind will heal the physical body. The disease and death of the physical body comes from the mortal mind. Mrs. Eddy has told us that the mortal or carnal mind is not real, and therefore can be destroyed. Mortality is insanity. This delusion of mortal mind can be destroyed and the real mind brought into activity. The only thing necessary for destruction of disease and death is to change the vibration of your mentality. Your real mind will manifest a real body, for your mind is your body and your body is your mind. The mortal mind has a mortal body and the spiritual mind has a spiritual body. Both mind and body are mental. Thoughts are the only realities in the universe. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." The science of Christian Science tells us that Jesus worked miracles by changing the thoughts. He looked at the cause and created conditions. This is a science, and let me tell you right here, without taking your breath away, that this science is not dependent upon any person or any kind of a book. It is not dependent on the prophet Jesus. Don't misunderstand this statement, for all science is dependent on the Spirit of Science. The prophet Jesus was inspired by the Spirit of Truth. The Christ is the Spirit and is never a person. The person may be inspired by Christ so that his words are the words of Christ. Jesus spoke by the Spirit, but the Spirit is always and forever speaking. The word of God is not bound by any personality.

*** Now, what do I want you to do? Get hold of the science of Christianity and go on to perfection. Don't let any man or sect of men hold you back for a minute. Don't let any book stand in your way. If a spark from the fires of science comes your way kindle it into a flame. Science has no saints or heroes. The electrical engineers are going right along with their work and the colleges are turning out more men every day. These electrical engineers have already carried one hundred thousand volts across the Rocky Mountains over altitudes reaching 13,700 feet. Yesterday this was thought impossible, but to-day it was accomplished.

Glorious God of Science! Get away from your little petty religion and let your soul expand. Let Christian Science keep right on practicing the kingdom of God until they heal the sick with one word of commandment. Take up the work where others have left off and go ahead. Let God speak in you with the original and glorious word of truth. Here we are with the science of aviation. Do you suppose we are going to stop with the crude machines already made? We certainly would stop if we turned aviation into a religion. The Wright Brothers with their sister would be the saints of aviation, and we would go no further. But, bless you, the idea is in the air. You can't catch it. You can't hold it. Every man has a right to experiment. No one shall write down his words and appoint readers to hold our souls in one place. The redemption of this world must come through the Spirit of Science, and once more let me say it, long and loud, science is not a religion. Religion has been the curse of humanity. It was founded in fear. It is the outcropping of man's ignorance and superstition. Just a little reading of anthropology would open your eyes to this fact. In Australia the natives ascribe personality to the thunder and call it the bull-roarer. Then they made instruments of wood, a kind of rattle-trap, to imitate the thunder, and called these machines bull-roarers.

*** There was a male and female bull-roarer. The males growled and the females shrieked, and this hideous noise was a part of their religion. All other religions have their bull-roarers. You may refine the bull-roarer, but in religion the bull-roarer is always a bull-roarer. Christian Science has done away with the bull-roarer. They have introduced Christianity to us as a science, and it must go on until science is separated from religion. Just so long as there is a vestige of religion we will have an echo of the bull-roarer. I want to see all the churches cease their bull-roaring and teach the science of Christianity. When the churches are all turned into colleges and schools for the teaching of the science of Christianity the millenium will be here. Jesus Christ was always scientific in his sayings and in his work. He started to offer a prayer at the grave of Lazarus, but broke off in the midst of it to tell God that prayer was useless and that he knew that Spirit was omnipresent. All he had to do was to think and God would hear his thought. He acknowledged that he offered the prayer to the people, but he never repeated this blunder. Once, in the silence with his disciples, but that prayer in the seventeenth chapter of John is more of a discourse than a prayer. The second coming of Christ has already begun, for the Christ comes in this age as the Spirit of Science. It is already spreading over the whole earth and men and women are entering into this vibration.

*** "I have just one more mortgage to meet—to my sister—and she hammers harder than strangers."

You bet she hammers harder than strangers. The nearer the kin, the bigger the hammer. Jesus was very wise when he

said that we had to hate kinfolks before we could be his disciples. He also said we had to hate houses and lands and our own life before we could be disciples of the truth. Kinsonia is the very worst disease that the devil ever invented. And to think that we are proud of our ancestors and even worship the past! Are you a Daughter of the Revolution? Do you trace your kinship back to a title? "What fools these mortals be." Well, there is no doubt about mortality being a muddled mentality.

*** "You do not like long letters, so I must be careful and not say too much."

The above words were written at the close of the seventh page of a long letter closely written in a fine handwriting. It is only one out of hundreds received in March. Here is a puzzle for the psychologist. Why do people always go crazy in March? "As mad as a March hare." That saying is undoubtedly scientific. People in March begin to write long letters and talk about everything in their environment. They have a mania for making words and talking, talking, talking, without any sense to it. Why does this always come in March and pass away in one month? I don't know. It is so. A short letter in this last month has been looked upon as an oasis in a desert of words. There were very few of the green spots.

*** I expect you think that I should send you a V instead of only one, but, Tommy, this little One looks as big as a mill wheel to me."

Bless your heart, the people who send fives are the people who make it possible for you to send your one. Don't apologize for it. Send it along with your blessings. It is worth one hundred cents and good for thirty days of honest treatments and a subscription to CHRISTIAN. I consider each number of CHRISTIAN worth a dollar. I do more work on one issue of CHRISTIAN than I ever did on a daily paper for a month. It is harder work, as there is so much more work in condensing than there is in expanding. On the newspaper we can use what the printers call "fillers," but we can't use fillers in CHRISTIAN.

*** "You do not seem to have the power that Mrs. Stetson had with her patients as well as her enemies."

I think if you read my mail for one day you would change your mind. I do not say much about it in CHRISTIAN and publish very few testimonials, for the work speaks for itself. It will take care of itself without any advertising. As for power over my enemies, I do not need it, for I haven't any enemies. I haven't a single enemy on the face of this earth and never expect to have one. I have no enmity, and you can't have enemies without enmity. It takes two to make a quarrel or a bargain. I refuse to be one of the two, therefore hold no enmity.

*** "Will you explain the difference between hypnotism and the true healing? A woman's reply gave rise to this question in my own mind. She said: 'When I was sick I was tempted to write to a healer, but I decided I would work out my own salvation and not put myself under the hypnotic influence of any person.'"

Nearly all of the so-called mental healing is hypnotic and belongs in the psychic, which

is the realm of mediumship. They call it psycho-therapeutics, and the name fits it. They are using the right word, and as soon as the people find out that psychology has to do with the animal soul or life and not the Spirit, they will see the difference. All of this mediumship and healing in the psychic is of the moon and has to do with the animal life. You know a cat or a dog has a soul. All plants and animals have souls, for the soul is the life. Pneuma is the right word for Spirit, and pneumatic healing is not hypnotic. It is a resurrection of the spiritual mind, a quickening of the real mentality. My treatments are by telepathy and they come up into your own mind as a part of your own thinking. It is an illumination and pneumatic, having to do with the divinity within you.

*** "You state that a woman is always born a woman and a man a man. If we are dual in nature and the soul has no sex, and we are to obtain all of our experience from lowest to highest, through reincarnation, why can't we reincarnate as either man or woman?"

Who said that the soul has no sex? Sex is the life of the soul. The very word psychic which we hear on all sides has to do with sex vibrations. The whole of life is in that vibration from minerals on up to manhood and angelhood and Godhood. The thought world is just as it was in the beginning. God is the universal mind, and he thought right at the start.

*** "You say one needs animal magnetism, and I fully agree with you, but I am not agreed in the way we get it. To eat animal flesh do we not get vibrations of suffering to such a degree as to overcome the magnetism we desire? And have we any right in the name of truth to take life?"

I don't know about taking life, and I have my doubts about you being able to take it. When I eat turkey I do not take on me the nature of the turkey. I have watched to see if beef had any effect on my vibrations and I can't see any difference in a diet of meat and that of vegetables. I have lived altogether on fish and oysters, then I experimented with nuts and fruits. I see no difference of any kind and it does not matter much what you eat, what you drink, or with what you are clothed. The only change that can come is in your mentality. You eat the animals and shrink from taking life, while the microbes are eating you every day. The dove eats the bugs and worms and the hawk eats the dove. As we go further in Satanic Science you will find the Spirit is the only thing that eats. Spirit is the life and that life is all the time eating what we call matter; and, yet, it will not eat dead matter, but must eat living matter. In other words, Spirit is all the time devouring itself. God, being self-existent, is all the time eating God.

*** "It is impossible for me to follow your teachings any longer. Satanic Science does not appeal to me at all. God is all good or nothing."

You will be surprised when I tell you that this is the first and only woman who has failed to grasp the meaning of Satanic Science. Out of fifty thousand readers this is the only one up to date. Some of you

were puzzled, others startled, but you soon got the key. Satanic Science is proving just what this lady affirms, that God is all good or nothing. As you go on with this unfoldment you will see that God is not only the Real Thing, but the Whole Thing, and there is only God. No matter whether he appears as fire in a flame or as fire in the light. He is always and forever fire, or, in other words, the Light, and the light of the world is the Life. There is only God. There is not God and something else, for there is no room for something else. God is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. He fills the whole universe full and there is no empty space where God is not. Satanic Science explains the negative side of God.

*** "I have been a subscriber to CHRISTIAN since 1895, when I first heard of it. I am interested and horrified by your account of Mrs. Stetson's wholesale robbery and often murder. Even worse than murder—insanity and years of seclusion from the world in lunatic asylums. I have read all these accounts of her in the New York dailies, and believe now firmer than ever that she was the 'mighty woman' who placed my beautiful and brilliant daughter first in a private sanitarium for one year and from there to a state hospital, where she has been confined for four years and five months."

This is only a few words from a long letter giving details and I have kept it until everybody has had time to cool down and take things calmly. It is only one of many distressing cases that have been reported to me since the January supplement came out. These things are not peculiar to Christian Science, but have been in the mentality of humanity since the days when men began to beget children in their own likeness instead of the likeness of God. It is mortality, and mortality is hell. You look around you and you will see we are living in hell and have been for all of these thousands and thousands of years. This mortal life is satanic and you need not expect anything better until we are born into a new mind. Christian Science is simply stirring up the psychic atmosphere and revealing the hidden mysteries. All of the mind must come up, the good and the bad, and thoughts that are in their graves must come forth. It is a mental resurrection.

*** "I tell you this silent fellowship is no dream. I feel myself right in line without the old strain and effort."

The old strain and effort never accomplished anything and never will. Of course this silent fellowship is no dream, but a wide awake experience. It is wonderful how I can hear one of us folks think, no matter where they may happen to be. Distance has nothing to do with it. The nearness of each of you is a marvel, the miracle of the ages. It is growing into a splendid mental fellowship, with each of us going on our separate ways in perfect freedom. Don't make any effort, for that destroys your hopes of success. It all comes in the silence and so smoothly and serenely that you are filled with astonishment. For instance, a man on the streets of New York the other day was talking to me and I heard his thoughts and made a note of it. His letter comes,

confirming by words and using the same words that I had heard in the silence. He was not making any effort to use telepathy. He was just thinking, and thinking is telepathy.

*** "CHRISTIAN is all I need. It goes right through my whole body like an x-ray. It is all the treatment I need, but if you write the book I will buy one sure."

This is the testimony of thousands of people in regard to this little periodical. I have been a printer for forty years and edited weeklies and dailies, but I never had anything that called out so much of my real self as CHRISTIAN. It takes the best there is in me, but it gives me strength instead of weakness. I feel the power even in looking over the files, and I know that I have struck it rich.

*** "She was home on her vacation, looking fine, but these young folks like to wear silk stockings, silk skirts and gauze underwear this kind of weather, and she has taken a severe cold. Her throat and bronchial tubes seem to be her weak points."

It is not the gauze underwear and silk stockings, but the abnormal and unnatural way of living. Think of putting yourself into clothes the first day you are on earth and keeping your body encased in that coffin the rest of your life! The feet of little children are boxed up in shoes all day long. Their bodies are covered with clothes even at night. Women are on the streets with hair coats and all other kinds of heavy garments. When night comes they think they must put on a nightgown. It must have been the devil instead of the Lord who made the coats of skin to clothe Adam and Eve after the fig leaves were discarded. Animals do not have to wear garments. But here we are in a box, and just as soon as we get our bodies out of that box we begin to sneeze and cough. The skin never has a chance to breathe a breath of air. Just as soon as the air strikes the naked skin we shiver and yet we go about with our faces naked. The face is about the only healthy part of the body. The pores of the skin never have a chance to take a breath, and you ought to know that these pores were made for ventilation. But what is the use to talk? People will follow the fashion, no matter where it leads. It leads straight to the graveyard. I sometimes go to my cabin in the mountains by myself and at night I throw off everything and get in between the cool sheets and sleep the natural sleep. No garments to twist around and interfere with the circulation of the blood. And, yet, fashion disrobes at the ball and in the ballet!! "What fools these mortals be."

*** "It seems to me that as long as your pink letter is fresh it keeps me more alert mentally and physically. Have you hypnotized us in believing that you are that much help to us?"

The only way you could be hypnotized by my pink letter is by making it a hypnotizer in your own mind. The vibrations in it are from the sun's center and they are not hypnotic. They are only intended to be a sort of medium for the silent word. It seems that we want something in the visible, so I give you the pink letters and CHRISTIAN, while the word by telepathy is going out from this center all the time.

*** "I live only two blocks from Mrs. Stetson's church and handsome house. The latter looks deserted and like a mausoleum of all her wrecked ambitions. How important it is to always stand in the truth!"

You see our people are everywhere, and while they are not spies or detectives they keep their eyes and ears open and report to this center everything of importance. I know all that is going on in the world, not only by telepathy, but by written words. A number of us are near neighbors of Mrs. Eddy. I have no need of any clipping bureau, for all publications of the world are coming to me. The Circle of Christians is a fellowship of independent individuals and it has grown up by the Spirit without organization or any kind of an institution back of it. I do not appoint agents or ask for information in regard to anybody or anything, but leave all things to the Spirit. All that I need to know comes to me and all that you need to know I report to you. In this way you keep yourself in conjunction with all of our thoughts and vibrations and each one knows what the others know. I am now at work bringing us into the fellowship of health, so that the weak and sick will come into the vibrations of the strong and healthy. It ought to be a fellowship of good health, as well as happiness and prosperity. This is the reason why I want the ones who are full of buoyant health to continue in the fellowship. Telepathy must include a transference of health. Let us have everything we need and keep on reaching out for regeneration and life everlasting. It belongs to us and we are free to claim it. We have no ax to grind and no institution to support. Christianity is the illumination of the individual and we are seeking for this illumination.

*** "I like March CHRISTIAN, all of it, and even the last page is the best statement of your terms that you have ever published. I take advantage of it and enclose twenty dollars for you to give five treatments each day to the four members of my family. I think it is all right for us to pay for all that we want, and it still leaves the fellowship open to everybody who wants to come into the Circle of Christians."

You old readers will know how much trouble I have had in trying to make my terms reasonable, so that no one would be shut out. I could not afford to treat for one dollar a month all around, and yet I do not want to shut anybody out for lack of money. The change on the last page was made from a suggestion by a young woman who sent two dollars and asked me to give her treatments morning and evening, or twice a day. It looked very reasonable and so I took the hint and made the ascending scale. There are times when you want ten treatments every day and you would rather have those ten treatments every day for ten days at ten dollars than to have credit in the Circle of Christians for ten months. You want what you want when you want it. I will not take a case for less than a month. I do not give treatments by the week, but you may come in your own way and ask for what you want and pay for what you get. I still keep the offer for one subscription for every dollar sent for treatments and I am glad to get

the names. I could use one hundred thousand names if I knew people who would appreciate CHRISTIAN. I can't keep back numbers on hand. Therefore, you must let me know when you miss a paper, so that I can supply the missing number before they are all gone. The Circle of Christians are getting along all right and we can afford to pay third class postage and send CHRISTIAN into all the earth. The treatments are what we want and we are paying for the Silent Word. It is amusing to see how the other periodicals are screeching over the talk of raising the price of second class postage. We have passed out of that vibration. Are you not glad that CHRISTIAN is free from advertising and subsidizing and all other kinds of bondage? I am certainly glad that I paid the price of freedom. It is worth every cent of the money. Get your treatments and send the paper to people who need it. We will pay our own postage and our own printers and do as we please.

*** "Hesitatingly telling of their credulity and trust, three women on the witness stand in the West Side criminal court yesterday afternoon told how they were duped and robbed of their hard-earned savings by John Clarke, alias J. Howard Cashmere, who is on trial on four counts, charged with working a confidence game."—*The Denver Republican.*

The man was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, but that does not restore the money to his victims. He was a fortune teller and advertised extensively in the daily papers as a clairvoyant. Then he started *The Balance* magazine, and posed as a leader of New Thought. He bought a little printing plant on credit and issued a flaming prospectus purporting to be a stock company for publishing this magazine and promising ten per cent. on the investment. Of course this was a fraud on the face of it, for he was hardly able to pay his printers and the paper company. In fact, the paper men and the printers closed up his shop. In the meantime he was receiving thousands of dollars which he did not apply to any of his debts except small matters. In paying his smaller debts he carried around a big roll of greenbacks. The court count was over thirty thousand dollars, and I know of much more that was never listed. After they closed up his printing shop he turned the magazine over to another party without consulting his "stockholders." Then another idea came to him like a flash, and he organized a "psychic science church." When a man fails in everything else he thinks he can raise chickens; the modern reformer thinks he can start a church if he fails in other matters. This church idea would save him from paying a license as a fortune teller. But all of this time he kept on advertising in the newspapers as a fortune teller while he had "Rev." before his name in his "church." Is all good? Certainly, everything is Good. The present order of society is satanic, and as long as it is satanic we will have thieves and robbers. Penitentiary is also good in a satanic world. But if you want to get out of that vibration you must get out of the psychic atmosphere. I am sorry for this man, for he is obsessed. "The love of money is the root of all evil." Open your mind to it and all the devils in the earth will come in and urge you to steal.

SATANIC SCIENCE

THE WORD

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."—*John*.

"The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."—*Matthew*.

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."—*Hebrews*.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God."—*Revelation*.

The Word!

It is what Plato calls the Idea. He reduces everything to the Idea. Critics have said that John got his Word from the Greeks. The same idea runs through the whole of the Bible. The first utterances of the Bible convey the idea of the Word. It is the God Said of creation as spoken in Genesis.

It is the Yahveh of the mental creation. I have said that Yahveh is a person. He is all persons. He is the Word. In reality God has only one Son. This Son is the only begotten, the First Born of all creation, the Word of God. God is Mind, and therefore does not beget anything but thoughts. Mind is the Father, and Thought is the Son. You need not go into metaphysics in order to get this conception of divinity. All you have to do is to think. Just common little thoughts will help you in your understanding of the Word. Of course it is only a limited understanding, for the individual is limited. All of his knowledge comes by unfoldment. Yahveh is the only begotten son of God. This explains all those troublesome theological problems. The only begotten Son is the Word. The eternal principle of being is Mind. And Mind is forever thinking thoughts. The thoughts of God are things and the movement of things.

This only begotten Son is forever being begotten.

God is in the Word and the Word is in God. They are forever acting in eternal harmony. God, the principle of being, is forever in repose. The Word is forever in activity. The repose of God equals the activity of the Word. Therefore, out of the Silence comes the creative Word. It is forever coming forth from the Silence into objective activity. Life is activity; Repose is being. The Greeks called it God and the Idea. The Hebrews called it Elohim and Yahveh. Jesus called it "I and My Father are One." Jesus had reached the place in his unfoldment where he recognized himself as the Word. He was the Idea. It was the Word speaking in him, and not his own personal speech. This is the only way that we can account for the words of Jesus. He was either a lunatic or was speaking by the Word. No man in his right mind would call himself the "light of the world." No man with good common sense would speak of himself as "The Way, the Truth, the Life, and the Light." He said that he was all of these things. It was not madness. It was the Word that was speaking in the man.

Yahveh is called I AM that I AM. The angel who appeared to Moses used the unspeakable name of Yahveh. He gave the meaning in the best words that we can possibly use in the English language. "I will be who I will to be." I AM he who will be what he wills to be. Therefore you must ascribe to Yahveh absolute personality and individuality. When he speaks in person that person is rightly called Yahveh, if the speech is perfect. If the speech is only prophetic, then the person who is speaking is only a prophet. He is the medium of the Word. But if the person speaking is the Word in body and mind, he may be called Yahveh. You remember that this same Yahveh said to Moses: "I have made you a god unto Pharaoh." Moses was standing as a prophet of Yahveh and to the one who heard the Word and before whom the Word was proved by creative act he was a god. The prophet comes saying, Thus saith Yahveh. He is only the mouthpiece of Yahveh. Here comes the only begotten speaking for Himself, and declaring that he and the Father are one. Jesus is the only prophet who ever came using the I AM. He was a man advanced to Godhood.

The first Adam was a man, and so was the second Adam. The first Adam was a child in the beginning of unfoldment. The second Adam is a full grown man. A full orb'd man is Yahveh. Now do you begin to understand the Idea? There was a certain Word spoken for Adam. This Word was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Yahveh affirmed, and all the powers were in that affirmation, that he would make man in his own image, and he did. He must go on doing it. Adam is only the head of the family of man. The whole race are to reach Godhood. This is the eternal order of unfoldment. The Idea is forever filling the uni-

verse with ideas. Man is an idealist. In the very depths of his being he feels the vibrations of the Idea. It is only when he looks down to the earth that he becomes a worm of the dust. His Spirit is the seed of God.

You remember that it is said in the New Birth we are begotten by the Word of God. The Word of God is the seed of God. It produces all of the ideas in the universe. Every person and every individual thing in the universe is a thought. It is all in the idea before it is expressed in the objective. Everything is a thought out of the Silence. Things come forth from this Silence into objective activity. Many of these things return again to the Silence to be renewed and to come forth once more into objective activity. Man unfolds into the place of peace and enters into the rest that remains for the people of God. He is active in the world of the objective as a Word. He goes forth in the power and majesty of creative energy. He has all power in heaven and on earth. The elements are under his control. He is Yahveh. Thus it was not blasphemy for Jesus to call himself Yahveh.

The Jews understood exactly what was meant by the use of that word. They called his attention to the fact that he was a young man and therefore could not have known Abraham. He instantly replied: "Before Abraham was I AM." When he was called before the high priest they brought witnesses to prove that he was a blasphemer. The high priest grew weary of such witnesses and turned to Jesus with the oath of adjuration: "I adjure thee by the living God that thou tell us if thou art the Christ, the Son of God." The answer of Jesus was equivalent to saying I AM. The answer was, "Thou hast said." It was enough. The high priest rent his clothes and said: "What further need have we of witnesses?" There was no further need of witnesses. Jesus had spoken the unspeakable Name. He had called himself Yahveh. On another occasion he had defended himself from blasphemy by quoting Scripture: "Ye are gods." He then told the Jews to believe for the very work's sake. He was doing the work of God, therefore he must be Yahveh. Nicodemus acknowledged the truth when he said, "No man can do the works that thou doest except God be with him." This was true. The blasphemy consisted in using the name Yahveh and applying it to himself. He was the last of the prophets. In him was fulfilled all of the words spoken by the prophets. Therefore he comes as the I AM that I AM.

While writing these words, the newspapers are printing the story of a shipwreck. The steamer *Florida* rams the liner *Republic*. It is not only in the night, but in a great fog. There are a thousand people whose lives are in danger. Darkness covers the face of the water. There are no wires and no poles and no place where communication can be had with the land. Yes, there is! Jack Binns, the wireless operator, is at his post. He sends words floating in the ether.

Just ideas going out into the darkness. Thoughts being sent into the air. The mind of Jack Binns is talking to the atmosphere. He is telling the story of the wreck. He is calling for relief. Other minds are waiting for just such words. There are other instruments ready to receive and answer the words of this wireless operator. From every direction words full of hope and courage begin to fly towards the wrecked ship. You know the story. It is a miracle! The men of material science have said that miracles do not happen. Perhaps they do not happen, but they are all the same. The word miracle simply means a work of wonder, or a wonderful work. Jack Binns performed a miracle. He did a wonderful work. He himself is an idea from the great Idea. He is a thought from the Mind. Thus we are coming up, by practical methods, to the miracles of the New Testament. Words are being spoken across the ocean and into the midst of storms.

Telegraphy came first, and then wireless telegraphy. Telepathy is here, but is only used by a few minds. The mortal mind clings to a material instrument. We are afraid to venture without a machine. Men could easily fly through the air if they were not so wedded to machines. All men fly in their dreams. Telepathy, or transference of thought from mind to mind, is a fact. It only needs to be turned into a science. This will come in due time. I know that telepathy is a fact, for I have been using it for nearly twenty years. Thought is omnipresent. We live and move and have our being in Mind. There is no other place in which we can live and move and have being. This universal Spirit is the air in which we float. The worlds were made by the Word of God and they are held together by the same force. We are on a planet which floats in mind. It is an island in the midst of surrounding intelligence.

Everything in the universe is filled with this Word, and it can respond to words. There isn't anything but what has a voice, and is capable of responding to the spoken Word. What we call inanimate matter can be made to hear and respond to the spoken Word. This was proved by Jesus Christ, for his work was done through the Word. He knew that everything was made by the Word and therefore must be controlled by the same power. Marconi is demonstrating that everything in the universe has a voice. All you have to do is to send out your thoughts into the atmosphere and they will be received wherever there is a receiver ready to receive. The thoughts are always clothed in words. The wireless message talks. It says something. It conveys an idea through words. The wireless message on the *Baltic* answered Jack Binns with words: "We are coming!" You may hear thoughts from any point on the planet. There must be something in that poetic expression about the music of the spheres. There is something in the oldest book in the world about the morning stars singing together and all the sons of God shouting for joy. The universe is certainly in tune.

Instead of looking back at Jesus, we are coming up to Jesus. The little book called the New Testament is forever new. The words spoken by the Christ were projected into the future. They may be far ahead of us yet, but we are moving forward. Yahveh said in Jesus that he was the light of the world. His word has certainly gone ahead and prepared the way for wireless telegraphy and telepathy. Our faith is being confirmed by material science. You know material science is mental science, after all. All these inventions came out of the minds of men. I believe they came out of the minds of men through the inspiration of the Word. I believe God is still telling us things. The mind is opening to the Word and therefore we are creating new conditions. These new conditions, instead of taking us away from the Bible, are helping us to understand the Bible. When we get the Scriptures into science and away from theology, the Word of God will quicken our minds.

The servant of this Roman captain was sick unto death. His neighbors persuaded him to seek healing from Jesus. He came and asked for what he wanted. Jesus started towards his house. The captain told him that it was not necessary for him to go. He understood the situation. I am a man under authority. I command men. My word is authority with the men under my command. When I speak this word the men obey me. They obey the word. You have authority to heal sickness. Speak the Word only and my servant will be healed. Jesus didn't say a word in the open to the servant, but spoke to the centurion, saying, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. Jesus turned to the people and said that he had not seen such faith, even among the Israelites. The Israelites are all idealists. And yet the idea had not taken hold of them as firmly as it had this Roman captain.

Jesus makes a prophecy in connection with this healing, saying that the Jews would be cast into outer darkness. They would become blind to the Idea, while other nations would take it up and go forward. This prophecy has been fulfilled to the letter. This darkness had nothing to do with any future punishment. The weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth had nothing whatever to do with any hell in the hereafter. It had to do with the darkness of the Idea, the hiding of the thought from the minds of the people. The Jews who rejected Jesus Christ are right now where they were when these words were spoken. They have been weeping and wailing from that day unto this hour. They will keep right on with their weeping and wailing until their minds turn towards the idea as manifested in the prophet Jesus. But all things must come in their own time. Religion and theology have also obscured the idea. We have had an institution instead of the illumination of the individual.

Speak the Word only and sickness will disappear. This man goes on his way talk-

ing about other things and the Word does its work in healing the servant. The Word of God is not bound. It is the one thing in this universe that is free. It is not bound by wires or any other material means of communication. The thought reaches the spot and heals the sick. How did he do it? He thought it. Jack Binns thought the words and great steamships began to answer his word with all the power of their mighty engines. Jesus spoke the Word of health and every atom in the body of that man began to respond to his Word. All the power in the universe is behind the spoken Word. Aye, all the power of the universe is in the spoken Word. It is the power of the universe. Thought called for help, and help came at the call. Now this is not a miracle in the sense that something is made out of nothing. Such a thought is nonsense and you cannot find it anywhere in the Bible. The thought is expressed by Paul in these words: "The things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Now, is that making something out of nothing? It is making the visible out of the invisible substance. All things that you call substantial are impermanent. The very rocks and mountains can be dissolved. You do not destroy, but you dissolve. The things which are seen are dissolved in the unseen. This is the might and power of the invisible Word. The man who is sick may not have heard a single word, but he felt the vibration. He may have heard distinct words commanding him to arise and telling him that he was healed. No matter whether the words came to him as transference of thought in vibration or in distinct vocal utterance, he felt health in his body, and it came through the mind. His thought of sickness was replaced by the thought of health. In that selfsame hour he was made whole. This is genuine healing by the spoken Word.

This miracle of healing is based on the very existence of the universe. In our own activity we use the same principle in every movement. We tell our legs to walk, our hands to hold, our eyes to see, our ears to hear. In every movement we are using mind and commanding matter. Is it matter? Not in the old sense of matter. We have long since gone beyond the point of calling matter dead material. In our unfoldment we have learned that the atom is a point of intelligence. Therefore our legs hear us when we tell them to walk. There is a response in every atom of the body to our Word of commandment. We have been told by Fechner and other mentalists that the world itself is a living organism. The very planets are intelligent. The whole universe is intelligent. We see the body and feel the vibrations of the Spirit of the Universe. It is all held in the Word and therefore everything has a voice and the power of utterance:

"The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament showeth his handiwork.
Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge.
There is no speech nor language,
Where their voice is not heard."



FELLOWSHIP

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You are received into the Fellowship and enrolled in the Circle of Christians for one dollar a month. This includes one treatment each day.

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I use the solar month of thirty days, which makes your treatments cost you about three cents a day. You come into this Fellowship and go out of it of your own free will. You can drop out or drop in without any apologies or explanations.

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