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First Steps in the Science of Being

LESSON FIVE

THE WORK OF THOUGHT



NEITHER AFFIRMATIONS NOR DENIALS can make or destroy Truth. You do not change anything by your thought, excepting your own mental images. Truth or Reality—that which is—is eternal and changeless. Your thought of it can not affect IT in anyway. However much you may think ill of some good, your thoughts can not make it bad. If it is good, it continues to be good, regardless of your opinion of it.

Thoughts (as commonly understood) are the mental images or conceptions you have concerning anything, whether objective or subjective. These mental pictures depend entirely upon your attitude, inclination or mood. If your attitude is pessimistic, you "see" only evil, poverty, hardship, disease and death. Are these conditions created by your thought? Are they real?

Listen! Your thoughts do not create anything, either good or ill. Your thoughts do not change conditions, making them better or worse. In other words, Thought—personal thought—is not creative; it is only an interpreter! According to your thought-interpretation do you see yourself, others, circumstances and conditions. Paul declares, "To

him that esteemeth a thing to be unclean, to HIM it is unclean." But that does not make the thing unclean in itself. His thought of uncleanness is like a pair of colored goggles through which he sees imperfectly, falsely. So long as one wears these deceptive mental goggles, he will "see" only the delusions of mortal sense. The frightful vision of snakes and other crawling things seen by the man suffering from delirium tremens is only an exaggerated mental delusion, varying only in degree from the thought of the one who sees any evil.

Remember, it is your own mental images, called thoughts, which you see. It is really not the object you behold, but your thought of that object. The truth of the object is ever the same, regardless of whatever mental conception you may have of it.

What is the truth of anything? The answer must necessarily be—GOD. What is God? The One and Only Presence, Substance, Reality. What is this One Substance? Spirit. What is matter? Spirit-substance made visible, or expressed—pressed into form and shape. Where is God? Everywhere, including all, both invisible and visible. What is the nature of God? All that which can be embraced in the word Good. What, then, must be the visible, including the body, environment and conditions? Like God, being the expression of God, hence good. Is this the truth of everything? Yes, since God the Good is ALL THERE IS. Can personal belief, opinion, or thought destroy or change this Reality of anything in any manner? Never. That which was, is now and always will be.

What does personal thought do? It is like a veil, embellished with your own mental images, which you throw over an object, thereby losing sight of the object itself, and falsely declaring this thought-veil to be the object. Whom does this mask (the meaning of personality) delude? The one who thus falsely thinks, and others who are susceptible to his untrue beliefs. This accounts for so many people seeing the same appearances of error. They are impressed with the false mental pictures of another's mentality, thus accepting them as their own thoughts, through which they see the same objects in the same delusion. We all live in each other's thoughts much more than we do our own.

By holding thoughts of success and prosperity, can you draw supply to you, like a magnet draws the shavings of steel? Can you likewise draw unto you health and happiness? This is the usual teaching of New Thought, and I have seen many cases of apparent demonstration of these things. But this method generally belongs to the realm of the mentality, of personal thought, through the power of the will. The results are therefore usually not permanent nor satisfying. The method is certainly narrow and limited, and therefore not the highest nor best. Since health, happiness and prosperity are good—the expressions of God—the opening of oneself to them, even through the will-power magnet method, must result in a measure of success, just as the magi-

cians who followed Jesus were enabled to heal the sick as did his disciples, by applying the Law.

The true Spiritual method—at least the higher and better way—is not to seek for things themselves, or for certain results, but in following the Christ method—"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," and then realizing that since this Good is omnipresent, it is right here, all around and within you; and then you are unlimited in your possessions, for "all that the Father hath is yours," since "of His fullness have all we received," whereby "all these things are added unto you"—that is, realized.

The secret of health, happiness and success lies solely in being conscious of your oneness with the One Presence of Good which "fillet all in all." Prayer—aspiration, affirmation and practice of Truth—is the avenue into such realization.

The training of the mentality is your great work. Wrong thinking has obscured the spiritual vision. To rid yourself of the images of all inharmony and limitation, cultivate the habit of thinking of the True and Good. This is done by repeated affirmations of Truth. Remember, you do not make any new truth by your thoughts, but by holding your thought steadfast to Truth you clear your mentality of the false images of the seeming opposite by beholding in thought only that which is real, therefore good.

Yet there is creative thought, but it is never personal. It is the activity of the One Perfect Mind, and when you have learned to still your mentality, freeing it from all personal beliefs and opinions, you will have opened the way to Inspiration and Power. It will be GOD then thinking in you, and your thoughts will be wholesome, good and true, revealing more and more of the harmony and perfection of all. This is the only constructive thinking possible; but it is the God-Mind in you and not your personal thought.

THE UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD

A STUDY IN OPTIMISM

By AUGUSTUS MANN

(Concluded from last month.)

The author received from a friend some time since a newspaper published in a small eastern manufacturing town, sent because of a letter it contained relating to this question of associated capital with centralized management, from which the following extract is taken, as a timely and noteworthy contribution to the discussion:

So shrewd an observer as Mayor Jones of Toledo, one whose interest in the welfare of the people will not be ques-

tioned, says he looks with complacency upon the progress of the trust idea, regarding it now as a "co-operative brotherhood, limited," from which the word "limited" will in due time be dropped, and the selfish work of men will be seen to have been unwittingly done for the good of the race.

Prof. Albion W. Small, of Chicago, wisely observes in a recent article:

"I am not a denouncer of trusts. Since steam was harnessed to machinery, no discovery that I can name has added as much to human resources as the discovery of the possibilities and advantages of industrial organization. Instinct had taught us these advantages already in politics. Modern constitutional States are gigantic political trusts, in place of earlier anarchy and of later feudalism. The United States escaped civic suicide by merging thirteen petty, jealous, competing corporations into a federal trust that has successfully managed a zone of the continent. When we get human industries into the best working order that I am able to imagine, very important elements in the arrangement will be adaptations of the trust idea."

I do not believe that the typical modern trust is carried forward with deliberate purpose to wrong and oppress those not in it; but still it is plain that men are quite too willing to shut their eyes to the consequences of their own acts, and forge ahead, regardless of overriding and leaving their wounded and helpless brother men scattered along the roadside.

Gentlemen, it will not do! You may build up a great fortune in this way, but you may also build to your own confusion and undoing. Do you not know that, according to the immutable law of your very being, "to whom much is given, of him will much be required," and that the real reward and joy of engaging in a solvent and dividend-paying business is to build up a solvent and dividend-paying character?

How deplorably few are such characters among the great leaders in the world's industries! The business of gifted leaders should be to distribute happiness and win gratitude as they proceed (not to do some great things after they have amassed colossal fortunes), and this can be done without imperilling success. The success would be the greater, perhaps not in quite so many paltry dollars for the captains of industry, but in a finer and higher and nobler life the rich would be richer, the happy would be happier, the poor would take courage at sight of this new spirit of altruism, and the distressed would look up with hope, hardly realizing at first that it was being recognized that the world was really made partly for them, too. Class feeling and hatred would speedily wear away, and almost before we would know it "a new heaven and a new earth" would be ours.

It is no visionary dream to think of this world as transformed into paradise by each man seeking for the good of all others. "He that would save his life must lose it," and in this losing of the old narrow and selfish life there is found a "newness of life," of abundant fulness and joy, upon the only operative basis possible, that which ordained of infinite and eternal Principle, and is forever mandatory among men: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you do ye even so to them."

In the midst of these somewhat chaotic conditions in the industrial and economic field what power for good, what force for righteousness, is at work to justify the faith of those who believe the world is growing better? The words of Goldsmith,

Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay,

are having a startling illustration in our own land today. Wealth has accumulated in fabulous fortunes, and there has been great moral decadence of men, in consequence; but there is a powerful, though unobserved, momentum of a silently working spiritual force, pushing forward with the resistless energy which is mighty to save.

The fires of Divine Love are burning and purging away the elements of selfishness and greed from many a nature, in which everything worth saving will be purified as by the refiner's fire, so that where now

Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn,

the scene shall soon change, and men will "be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another." Then shall be heard the glad chorus, "O, sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: His right hand and His holy arm hath gotten Him the victory."

How little the world understands the important part its own thought plays in this grand consummation, to hasten or retard the victory! It is simply a question of time, and strange as it may seem, the universal or prevailing mind of men, in its strong and clear thought, is the determining factor in setting the time of their own deliverance from bondage; such need has God of the active co-operation of man in consummating His benign purpose in the world.

We would reverently call this a divine partnership, in which Infinite Mind is always the Silent Partner with every man who is willing to enter into active work with Him; and so far as men can understand this co-working with God, this harmony with their Divine Source, just so far can they do the works and know of the doctrine. It is a profound and significant truth that the great reforms which are to regenerate the world are coming through this divine unity of man with God, and without this accord and co-operation the work cannot proceed. Again, we would say in all reverence that God must have man in this service before even He can accomplish the results. With the mind of man in harmony with the will of God "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ," and God shall be All in All.

But the hard lesson for even the religious world to learn in this connection is the fact that we are not to concern ourselves in the least with the fiction of some appalling disaster and ruin to the human family at a remote period of time or eternity. Right here and now is where God intends we shall show whether we are worthy of the royal birth-right He hath bestowed. Today we are to deliver our brother man from the bondage of his delusive beliefs in evil desires and selfish propensities, and demonstrate his oneness with Mind, in the destruction of every form of discord and sin. This great work is being done by more of God's children than the world takes note of, and the army of these

workers is being recruited at such a rate that this force for righteousness shall soon command the attention, the admiration and the gratitude of the world.

Illustrating the truth that "God hath made of one blood all nations of men," and that humanity is essentially one, an ancient writer says that God created Man, and then divided him into men. Thus, primeval and spiritual Man, created in the divine image and likeness, with his God-derived nature and God-given faculties, under the divine order of growth evolved into men of many nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues, that there might be mutual helpfulness in a common brotherhood, recognizing the common origin and the common destiny of all.

As men and nations have been true to this principle they have risen; as they have been false to it they have fallen; and empires and republics have crumbled into dust in obedience to the law that the house which is built upon the shifting sands of selfishness, oppression and greed, must be destroyed; while the one founded upon the rock of brotherhood, and the life of glad service therein, shall stand so long as these principles are held inviolate.

THE SECRET OF LIFE

By the REV. ALLAN A. TANNER
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"This do and thou shalt live."—Luke 10:28.

The object of religion is to learn to live, to find out how to get the most out of this life, and to make the best preparation possible for the eternal possibilities. The Galilean philosopher here emphasizes the necessary line of action. What is it?

Simply love to God and man, with the practical stress laid immediately, through the story of the Good Samaritan, upon love to man; for it is not possible to love God whom we have not seen until we learn to love man whom we have seen.

Just what love for man requires of us becomes at once the vital problem of religion. It can not be answered off hand. The complexities of human society, and even of individual character, are great. What shame for the church to waste on idle speculations and empty forms the thought and time so sorely needed here!

Then there is the difficulty of living up even to what light we have gained. Constantly are we humiliated in ways which admit of no debate by our acts of selfishness and ungentleness. Such habits can be conquered only by constant persistent effort. Love is not a vagrant emotion, but a steady exercise of will.

As we study and strive, new light is sure to break upon our paths. Our faith in Love, which is the same thing as faith in Christ, will grow apace. We shall find that God Himself is Love, and become conscious of loving Him because He first loved us. We shall feel that now we really live, and have been born into life immortal.—("Denver Times.")

Divine Science : Christian Science

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN FUNDAMENTALS
AND PRACTICE

CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER.

(Note: In the study of this series of lessons on Divine Science and Christian Science, let it ever be borne in thought that the purpose is Enlightenment upon the Fundamental Principles of Being as recognized, practiced and taught by these Modern Thought Organizations; that these lessons are Comparative, and not merely critical, pointing out both the similarities and the differences of these two Great Systems or Schools of Science and Religion; that the discussions shall be free from prejudice or antagonism, being prompted by the Spirit of Love, that everyone may know the salient points of both teachings, and thus understand the place and purpose of each, and thereby know for a certainty the "reason for the faith that is in us.")

CASTING OUT THE DEVIL FEAR



SINCE ONLY THE GOOD IS TRUE, there must be some way for us to free ourselves from all erroneous beliefs and appearances. Simply stated, this pathway to freedom is through REALIZATION (seeing as actual, real) OF THE ALLNESS AND ONENESS OF GOD THE GOOD. How can we get rid of our sense delusions so long as we exclude or separate anything from this ALL? Does not the ALL (Omnipresence) include all there is? How can one say that matter is something unlike God, in which there can be no life, intelligence, truth or substance, if such an one accepts the Omnipresence of God without any reserve?

I am not seeking out the differences between Divine Science and Christian Science so much as I am endeavoring to discover and emphasize those vital principles in which they agree—for all TRUTH is one. Our conceptions of that Truth may differ, do differ according to the light of spiritual understanding we have; but it remains the same Truth.

Divine Science proclaims this revelation unto the world: God is All there is, both invisible and visible. It therefore does not deny the so-called "material" universe; for Spirit, which is the only substance, is the substance of all form. But it knows this visible substance or expression in an entirely different attitude than that taken by Christian Science. Hence, Divine Science cannot accept Mrs. Eddy's declaration, "The less matter we have, the more immortality we possess."

This statement, in Divine Science language, would be made to say: The less BELIEF one has in matter as something in and of itself, separate and apart from Spirit, and adverse to Good, the more realization will he have of the Allness, Goodness and Perfection of God, including both the invisible and visible. God is Spirit. Spirit is the only Sub-

stance. This is the consciousness of immortality, for it realizes God's presence now and forever.

So long as there is anything seemingly adverse to Spirit to be denied, just so long will man struggle in vain to free himself from those negative, ill and adverse conditions and appearances. Since these are the illusions of deluded thought, why not change the thought?

What is the chief error belief, which gives rise to all the ills of humanity? Fear, which has its rise in the belief of separation from the Good. Fear is the occasion for all the sins, shortcomings and suffering. In fact, belief in disease is the disease. Banish the belief of error, and evil will disappear. Mrs. Eddy declares: "Fear, whether it arise from ignorance or malice, is the whole of disease." Destroy this adversary, or evil, and you are free from its effects.

But how can you destroy that which has no reality? Since God the Good is the only Reality, and is omnipresent, where is there any adverse power? There is none. Since evil is the perverse and untrue beliefs, or the false mental pictures of personality, you readily see that all disease is mental and has no life, intelligence nor power. Its effects are only the action of your false belief in proportion to the power you thus mentally attribute to it.

You have no more right to believe in fear than in any of its seeming discordant results, such as sin, sickness, poverty, etc. There is but one way to eliminate them all. That is in becoming fully aware, conscious of the Reality of Good and the Allness of God.

This teaching of the Omnipresence is the foundation-stone of all revealed Truth, and is especially emphasized by both Christian Science and Divine Science. But to be truly effective, it must be accepted without any reserve whatsoever. We have no business to even talk about fear or any of the seeming effects of wrong belief. What we all should do is to constantly proclaim, practice and live the Good. We should talk more about the Allness of the Good; more about health, happiness, life, wisdom, opulence; more about peace, order, co-operation; more about unity, oneness—until there 'could be no mental conception of anything adverse; until we should be fully conscious of the Truth and Reality.

What is the method? Listen! The great and only panacea for all untrue belief, therefore for all human ills, is **CONSCIOUS ONENESS WITH GOD** This is **LOVE**. In whatever phase it is expressed—gravity, adhesion, cohesion, chemical affinity, human affection, solar attraction—Love is the great unifying force. True Love, the very essence of attraction, is Oneness, and includes all its manifestations.

This is so self-evident that Mrs. Eddy also quotes the apostle John: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear. . . . He that feareth is not made perfect in love." The more conscious you are of your oneness with the Good, the less will you mentally picture of error of which to be afraid.

God does not possess Life and Love, therefore they are not attributes of God. God is Life and Love. As the expression of God you

are one with God, and are therefore Life and Love. When you realize this, what is there to fear?

Mrs. Eddy declares rightly, "Love is the principle of all happiness, harmony, and immortality." "The pains of sense are salutary, if they wrench away the pleasurable beliefs of sense, and transplant the affections from sense to Soul, where the creations of God are good, rejoicing the heart."

This transformation takes place wholly in the mentality, the realm of personal thought. It is a change from the "carnal mind" to spiritual perception and realization; from mortal belief in sense to consciousness of Truth. It takes place by giving yourself wholly, first in thought, then in word, followed by practice, to the One Reality, Truth, God the Good.

There is no evil to be denied, no expression to be wiped out, if you see only the Good everywhere. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." The one word for us all is henceforth ONE-NESS. This is the conscious unity (Love) which destroys all belief in the adversary or devil.

THE RIGHT BALANCE

ANNIE LAURIE FITZGERALD.



LET US BEWARE OF EXTREMES. Neither the ascetic nor the sensualist is the ideal type of man; neither the dreamer nor the plodder. "Man can not live by bread alone," but so far it has seemed equally impossible for him to live without any bread at all. The fact that each organ, each faculty, each desire, each aspiration we have was bestowed on us by the Infinite Intelligence is sufficient evidence that it is to be used and used wisely.

To be perfect physically a man must develop every part of his body. A well-balanced mind requires the cultivation of the emotional, the aesthetic, and the rational faculties. Likewise a man's pleasures and activities should not be confined to one plane, but should include the material, the intellectual, and the spiritual.

Is it not possible to attain the right balance? Can we not learn to enjoy books and music and pictures and food and clothes, yet never forget that they in themselves will bring no permanent satisfaction, that they must be accompanied by high ideals?

Can we not learn to supply our own needs and yet take time to help adjust economic conditions so that everyone else will have the opportunity to earn and enjoy his rightful share of earth's bounties?

Can we not link the practical with the ideal? and is not this what we mean by "Divine Science"?

Always remember as long as "Power" lives and I live, we live together. "Power" has given us a new world in which to live, in which to breathe, and think and act. We need no deep physical breathing exercises for health if we drink deep of "Power's" invigorating consciousness of Truth, for to be in harmony with its teachings is to be filled with ecstasy, filled with the very breath of heaven.—George Scott (W. Va.).

A BIT OF SCIENTIFIC LOGIC

By SEIL NEPHEE

GOD IS EVERYWHERE.

HENCE:

GOD is in my kitchen.

And the walls of my kitchen are sensitized to thought expressions of God-having, God-hearing, God-heediness, God-heavening.

Thus, whoever comes into this part of my home, whether stranger, friend, or self, is at once freed from all fear and anxiety, both unconscious and conscious.

GOD IS ALL THERE IS.

THEREFORE:

All the Having in my kitchen, both Invisible and Visible, is God-having; and all my Having, being God's Having, all of God-having is mine.

All the Hearing in my kitchen being Infinite perception of Sound—Spirit—is God-hearing; and all of my Hearing being God's Hearing, all of God-hearing is mine.

All the Heediness in my kitchen being Divine Care, Regard, Thought, is God-heediness; and all of my Heediness being God's Heediness, all of God-heediness is mine.

All the Heavening in my kitchen being from the ONE Source, Intelligence and Substance, is God-heavening; and all of my Heavening being God's Heavening—Giving, Sheltering, Blessing—all God-heavening is mine.

I AM AN EXPRESSION OF GOD.

AND THUS:

All the Thought expression in my kitchen

Of HAVING is Beautiful;

Of HEARING is Blissful;

Of HEEDINESS is Bountiful;

Of HEAVENING is Beatific.

GOD IS EVERYWHERE.

HENCE:

GOD is in my dining-room.

And its walls are sensitized to the thought expressions of God-law, God-life, God-love, God-liberty.

God-law being all of law there is, God-law is manifested in myself as my law, and my law is manifested within God as God-law.

God-life being all of Life there is, Invisible and Visible, God-life is expressed within me as my life, and my life is expressed in God as God-life.

God-love being all of Love there is, God-love is united within me as my Love, and my Love is united in Divine Intelligence as God-love.

God-liberty being all of freedom there is to enjoy, God-liberty is multiplied within me as my liberty, and I am multiplied in Infinite wisdom, knowledge, and power, as God-liberty.

HENCE:

There is in my dining-room—

Only thought expressions, Invisible and Visible, from the

ONE Source—Omniscience—Omnipresence; and whoever enters this room, whether stranger, friend, or myself, is cheered and strengthened.

My sideboard is never empty, because God-law, God-life, God-love, God-liberty doth supply it from the One Source of all Substance.

My table is furnished with All-sufficiency that the stranger may be comforted, and depart with God-blessings.

I am never alone at my table, because God-law, God-life, God-love, God-liberty are always with me.

And I am always glad.

NECESSITY FOR NEW THINKING

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NOT SINCE MAN APPEARED on the cosmo-terrestrial scene, has there been any demand of humanity for a cessation of old thought, and the substitution of new, comparable to the present insistent clamor for things recent. The present terrific state of the mind of the world, a world at war, is the result of wrong thinking. And the thoughts have been of the ancient and prehistoric type, descended from ages upon ages of savagery. And the thoughts born of minds totally ignorant of a single law of Nature have poured their bitter impulses into modern mind. The result is a war of almost world proportions.

We had slavery as a National crime for many years; and for each dollar received as the price of a human being, a due quantity of blood was shed in the throes of the Civil War. And we have a capital National crime, here and now—lying to children. What sure payment must we make? Every minute as well as every large violation of a law of Nature must be paid for in full. Slavery of the mind is far more terrible than slavery of the body. Upon Sundays the Nation lies to its children. It must pay the inevitable penalty.

I am writing this in a great astronomical observatory, on the summit of Mount Lowe, here in an area cut out of paradise, Los Angeles County in Southern California. I am now looking out of my south window—just lifted eyes slightly—and beheld 900 square miles of deep green trees. Half of the millions of trees are the beautiful orange, now in full bloom. On the rapid electric car coming from Los Angeles, twenty miles to the base of this mountain, all of the car windows were open, and for miles perfume filled the car. Hundreds of millions of pure white blossoms adorned square miles of trees; and on the same trees there were ripe golden oranges, a surprising scene for those from the snow banks of the East.

This great white dome under which I am now writing covers the great telescope—16-inch equatorial—the spectroscope, the spectro-camera, solar instruments and other complex apparatus, now shining in the brilliant light of the sun, the sun of California. This costly building

and instruments are on this summit in pure air and sunshine for the purpose of studying the set and fixed LAWS known to be ruling the Universe.

I will explore the millions piled on millions of suns strewn in the Milky Way tonight. Our sun removed to this Galaxy would be invisible in the telescope, it is so small in comparison to others.

Just to the east of the Observatory is a canyon 670 feet deep, and to the west, one 1,600 feet. In the eastern canyon is a stone weighing many tons. It is of very light color, and is at the bottom of a canyon 200 feet deep. The walls of this, on either side, are of incredibly hard deep blue rock, totally unlike the gigantic boulder. But the huge stone has been let down by the wearing away of the rock below, almost as obdurate as iron, during many million years. It rains enough to fill this stream only during three weeks annually, and surely cannot have worn away the rock beneath more than, say, one-hundred thousandth of an inch per year. But it has been let down 200 feet!

Next Sunday most of the children of orthodox churches on American soil will be told that the earth was made in SIX DAYS! And this ancient myth in the face of science! This crime is worse than slavery of the body. The Nation that allows this to be taught to children must suffer.

Let new, modern thought take the place of horrible myths born of minds long before even one of Nature's magnificent laws had been discovered. And may the new thoughts of wisdom, truth, peace and harmonics be proclaimed in words of Power.

Astronomy and Mathematics are now so exalted that LAW is seen to be reigning in all that vast realm, now quadrillions of miles in every direction, visible in the largest photographic telescopes. Cannot American youths be allowed to hear of these splendors?

THE METAPHYSICAL LIBRARY, 126 Post St., San Francisco, under the direction of talented Florence McFarlane, librarian, is conducting a most helpful series of Noon Talks on the Power of Mind, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, for "busy people and business people." Among the recent speakers were: Helen J. Martin, Mrs. Chaffee-Chase, Grace E. Dundas, Samuel E. Foulds, Edward B. Randall, Harriet Hale Rix, Henri Napier Carmer, Lintine McCreery Skinner, and Elsie Noonan Randall. These noon services are held from 12 to 1 o'clock at School Center Hall, on the same floor of the Library, and all are welcome.

MR. GEORGE ANDREWS is doing a very helpful work in the Higher Thought at Santa Cruz, Cal. His Home of Truth is located at Pacific and Soquel Avenues, and the House of Rest one mile in the suburbs east. The platform of this Center is not to condemn, but to commend; not to acquire, but to give; not to tear down, but to build up the good and the true, which is in the hearts of all.

A CENTER OF CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGY has recently been opened at 129 East Micheltorena Street, Santa Barbara, Cal., by Elizabeth Thompson Parkhurst, who was herself miraculously healed through the power of Truth, and who for a number of years has been an ardent student of Esoteric Christianity. Mrs. Parkhurst speaks twice on Sundays and does individual work through the week.

Broken Doses of Mental Medicine

CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER.

WHAT IS A TREATMENT?

To treat yourself or give another a treatment, means simply this: You mentally picture and affirm or declare the Truth of the Perfection of God's expression. You have nothing to do with the seeming, with the ill-feeling or appearance. Your part is to awaken and quicken the mentality of yourself or another to recognize the eternal goodness of the Self, created in the image and likeness of God.

God is the Source and Substance of ALL. There is only this One Reality. This Presence is wholly good. It is the only Power. It is Life, Intelligence, Love, and Joy. It fills all and is all, whether visible or invisible. It is God (Spirit, Mind, Substance) expressing Itself which you call Word or Body. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," says John.

This is the Truth of yourself or another which you are to mentally see. See only God the Good expressing. Therefore, declare every God-like quality is now being recognized and realized as the inherent qualities of the individual now made manifest in physical expression.

Do not deny nor have anything to do with the ill condition. It is but the outpicturing of false thought and untrue belief—and this you are now displacing by the vision of wholeness, harmony and perfection. When this revelation of your divine birthright becomes a living reality to you, there can be no longer any place in thought for belief in anything adverse or unlike God. And healing has taken place.

Again, you have nothing to do with consequences. All you have to do is to mentally see the Truth and then speak it with confidence and authority as the minister of Truth. The Law will attend to the results. This Law demands, of course, active co-operation in maintaining the right attitude and the practice or living of the Truth thus revealed. But it is not for you to question, doubt, or to be anxious, as to when and how the patient shall reach the goal of realization: Your part is to see only God in perfect expression, and, having spoken the word of wholeness and harmony, then trust the unerring Law to bring forth its results in due season.

Every treatment should begin with the recognition of God, followed by the declaration of the truths of God, the application of these truths to the individuality, and ended by giving thanks and praise to the One Presence and Power "which doeth the works."

FOR CONSTIPATION

Divine Order is the law of the Universe. It is the law of Being. It includes all that the ALL contains. Divine Activity operating in

Divine Order governs the minutest expression as well as the mightiest. It therefore actuates and regulates my body. There is not a part of my body exempt from its harmonious operation. I see this truth of my being, and now recognize the harmonious action of law in every organ and function of my body. I affirm that Divine Order is now established within me. I think Order, I talk Order, and I act Order. My thoughts are normal, peaceful and orderly. The activities of my body are therefore normal, peaceful and orderly. The only congestion is thought-congestion, and of this I am now free, and therefore my bowels are free, natural and normal. God-life actuates and regulates, and this Life is now living me.

TO OVERCOME DIZZINESS

("I have suffered for years with dizziness and cold feet."—A. K.)

God, the all-pervading Presence, is perfect in substance and action. God is therefore perfect order, regularity, and harmony. This Presence is the Source of all, and It is therefore now manifesting ME in its perfection. Divine Life has free circulation through my brain and body. Nothing can clog nor interfere with the free action of Spirit, since my body is also Spirit substance. Its perfect circulation harmonizes, equalizes, and regulates every cell and atom; hence my body is normal, natural, whole and orderly. This perfect action is as complete in my head and feet as in any other part of my body. I am comfortable, I am peaceful, I am strong, I am complete in God. It is this Presence which is my perfection, and to It I give all praise and thanks. Amen.

The Executive Board has designated Sunday, May 7th, as International New Thought Alliance Sunday, and it is requested that all Centers hold appropriate services on this day, and take up a special collection to be forwarded to Headquarters to carry on the work of the Alliance.

Miss Grace Wilson, the efficient Secretary, writes from Washington, D. C.: "There are at present seven authorized field workers and organizers, and we hope that this work of unity may be greatly extended during 1916."

THREE TRUTHS WHICH ARE ABSOLUTE

1. The soul of man is immortal, and its future is the future of the thing whose growth and splendor have no limit.
2. The Principle which gives Life dwells in us and without us, is undying and eternally beneficent; is not heard, nor seen, nor smelt, but is perceived by the man who desires perception.
3. Each man is his own absolute Law-giver: the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself, the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment.—(Mabel Collins.)

Daily Studies in Divine Science : Knowledge of Truth

These studies are designed for the busy man and woman who desire a daily thought for meditation which will expand their realization of the Good; which will make their daily duties the easier and more profitable, their mental attitude the more peaceful and responsive to Truth, their bodies the healthier and stronger, and their realization of supply and abundance of all Good the clearer and truer.

STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTALS

God is All there is, both invisible and visible.

One Presence, Knowledge and Power, is ALL.

This One that is ALL is Perfect Life, Intelligence and Substance.

Man is the Expression of God, and is ever One with this Perfect Life, Intelligence and Substance.

Theme for This Year's Studies:

PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

January Topic: "The Be-Attitudes of the Divine Scientist."

February Topic: "The Inner Light."

March Topic: "Having Faith in the Omnipresence."

April Topic: "True Prayer and Its Results."

THE VALUE OF AFFIRMATION

AFFIRMATION means the confirmation of anything established; the ascent to the truth or validity of something; to positively assert or declare and maintain as true. Only that which is sound in itself can be made firm; the literal meaning of the word being "to make firm." Hence, affirmation has to do only with Truth. Through the declaration and practice of Truth you become conscious of it and established in it.

DENIAL means negation—"not." It pertains only to that which is not Truth, therefore to false beliefs, appearances and sense seemings. It has nothing to do with Truth, being an assertion of the not-truth of a thing or condition. If a thing is not true, then it is nothing, and has no place nor power, since Truth is omnipresent.

Every mental action, called thought, leaves its impress as a picture upon the sensitive plate of the camera, called the subconscious. This is the great storehouse of the mentality, where every thought-image, impression and experience is indelibly recorded. According to your attitude will the images of like nature respond and strengthen your present thoughts. Thus, every time you think—mentally image—anything not good, pure, true, harmonious and perfect, you are adding to your sub-

conscious suply of like thoughts and beliefs, which keep arising to further obscure your vision and realization of the Good.

Every thought is an image; you think only in pictures. To deny the reality of any belief or appearance, you must first mentally re-image that "not-truth" in order to deny or say "no" to it. You thus remake in thought the very thing you wish to destroy, adding another impress of the error to former like conceptions in your subconscious storehouse.

There is very little or no value in denials. Instead, they are always a hindrance to spiritual perception. Those who use them are helped, not by the denials, but by the affirmations following. Of course, denials in a way contain inverted affirmations: "There is no reality now power in sin," suggests the truth that "There is reality and power in righteousness," but this secondary thought-image is always overshadowed by the negative or adverse picture of the former.

No true Divine Scientist uses denials. He does not mix his thoughts of good with mental images of evil. If he were to deny anything, it would be an admission that he sees something unlike God, while professing on the other hand that "God is All there is, both invisible and visible." His philosophy teaches him that the Good is the only reality, and he therefore does not waste his time and thought in denying that which has neither life, substance, intelligence nor power.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox gives us this beautiful statement of Truth:

If we talk of the GOOD that the world contains,
And try our best to add to it,
The evil will die of neglect by and by—
'Tis the very best way to undo it.

We preach too much and we dwell too long
On sin and sorrow and trouble;
We help them to live by the thoughts we give
Their spite and might to redouble.

For the earth is fair and the people are kind,
If once you look for their kindness;
When the world seems sad and its denizens bad,
Is is only your own soul's blindness.

And I say if we search for the GOOD and PURE,
And give no thought to the evil,
Our labors are worth far more to the earth
Than when we are chasing the devil.

MAY, 1916.

MONDAY

THE FIRST

Let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth.—I Chr. 16:31.

Truth is the only basis from which to make any statement. Our first step, then, is the declaration of the One and Only Presence—the Good omnipotent. Think it, say it, believe it—right where you are. Help others to percieve this fundamental fact: There is but One Power in all the Universe. It reigns over, actuates, regulates and harmonizes all. The LORD reigneth!

AFFIRMATION: All my affairs are in divine order, since the Good in them is the only Power. This I will affirm until I am conscious of its truth.

TUESDAY

THE SECOND

Let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let the Lord be magnified.—Ps. 70:4.

The way to increase your realization and joy of freedom from all sense bondage is to enlarge upon the Good, thus letting go your thought of limitation. The more you think upon Good the less will you see of evil; the more will you perceive and realize of God. Make a practice of thinking and speaking of only the true, the pure, and harmonious.

AFFIRMATION: I magnify my highest ideals, which are my Lord, by meditating upon, speaking and living them. This saves me in spirit, soul, body and affairs.

WEDNESDAY

THE THIRD

O sing unto the Lord a new song.—Ps. 96:1.

Have you been singing a dirge—yes, even in your thoughts? It leads only to the grave. Has your song been of disease and poverty? It pictures for you only discord and suffering. Well, you have been looking in the wrong direction. Learn the new song of oneness with God, of health, opulence, happiness, expressed in praise and thanksgiving.

AFFIRMATION: I shall look henceforth only to the sunlight of Truth, and thus there can be no shadows for me. I sing the glad song of Life, Love, Health, Prosperity and Happiness.

THURSDAY

THE FOURTH

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not.—Isa. 35:4.

Having realized the sweet satisfaction of your oneness with God, and therefore with all that God is, you now speak with confidence and assurance to those who have not yet attained the same vision. Your words carry the conviction of your realization, and strengthen the weak and faltering thought of others by supplanting their fear with love or conscious unity.

AFFIRMATION: When I waver in the face of any seeming adverse condition, I am renewed in thought and courage by declaring, "I am strong in the Lord and in the power of his might."

FRIDAY

THE FIFTH

Let the weak say, I am strong.—Joel 3:10.

Thoughts are mental images. What you think of yourself is the picture you see. Weakness, sickness, discord, do not belong to you; they are the false pictures which you have called yourself. Change the scene by changing your thought, to the reality and truth of yourself. Think strength, think health, think happiness until the false pictures have been entirely obliterated from your thought, belief and seeming.

AFFIRMATION: I cultivate the habit of declaring for myself only that which I desire to express. I am strong, free, active, harmonious.

SATURDAY

THE SIXTH

I will hear what God the Lord will speak.—Ps. 85:8.

All wisdom is from the One Perfect Mind. Its truth is unadulterated with personal beliefs or opinions. Its revelation is for everyone who will listen to its "still small voice," often termed intuition, inspiration, the inner prompting, etc. Let this pure Intelligence reveal the Truth to you.

AFFIRMATION: I listen calmly, patiently, in the Silence for the revelation and inspiration of Truth, and God gives me the illumination to guide me in all that I think, say and do.

SUNDAY**THE SEVENTH**

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom.—Ps. 37:30.

He only is wise who speaks the Truth. Righteousness consists in thinking, speaking and doing the right. Folly is the product of ignorance; wisdom the product of Truth. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." See to it that your thoughts are right, then will your words be wise and wholesome.

AFFIRMATION: I am honest with myself. My words are pure, wise and good because they are born of right thoughts.

MONDAY**THE EIGHTH**

We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen.—John 3:11.

One word of knowledge is worth a thousand words of theory or guessing. When you have the inner assurance of knowing, you speak "as one having authority." Such speaking has power, and carries its own revelation and conviction. We know the power of Truth; we have seen its demonstrations.

AFFIRMATION: I know that God is my life; therefore I do not fear death. I am now whole and enjoy health, for I know God is All.

TUESDAY**THE NINTH**

Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.—Eph. 5:18, 19.

For continuous and enlarging realization of the Good, keep your attitude open and expectant. Make a habit of thinking of God, since Good is the only Reality, and thus you will be filled with the Spirit. The truths revealed unto you by it should be meditated upon joyously, repeated in thought both silently and audibly, and they will become "The Song of the Soul Victorious."

AFFIRMATION: I drink of the Fountain of Life and Joy, and my heart continually sings the praises of the Good.

WEDNESDAY**THE TENTH**

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries will not be able to gainsay nor resist.—Luke 21:15.

Maintaining the right attitude, you prove the truth that your words are the inspiration of the Perfect Mind, the words of God, and are therefore a divine protection. Only when your thoughts become personal, selfish, are you unprotected from the antagonistic thoughts of others.

AFFIRMATION: I do not combat sense or personal thought. I am the voice of Divine Intelligence which recognizes Good as the only power.

THURSDAY**THE ELEVENTH**

I am purposed that my heart shall not transgress.—Ps. 17:3. He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life.—Prov. 13:3.

Sometimes it may take great watchfulness and care to keep mastery of your words, under great provocation; but it pays big dividends. Use

your will—determine that you will permit nothing to disturb the harmony of your thought. By keeping your thoughts good your words will be harmonious, thus healthful.

AFFIRMATION: I speak kindly under all circumstances and conditions. I keep a watch over my thoughts, and my words are good.

FRIDAY**THE TWELFTH**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditations of my heart shall be of understanding.—Ps. 49:3.

Do not dwell upon your needs nor your shortcomings; never give voice to them. Meditate upon Perfection that you may come into the realization of your wholeness; and thus your words will be of the Reality and never of sense beliefs and appearances.

AFFIRMATION: I meditate daily upon the perfection of God and therefore the perfection of myself, God's expression, and I see more and more its truth-made manifest.

SATURDAY**THE THIRTEENTH**

My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day.—Ps. 71:15.

Meditation opens the door of realization. Only through exercise can you enlarge your capacity. Be a living witness of the Power of God unto salvation here and now, and glorify it by helping others to the same realization.

AFFIRMATION: It is the perfection of the Omnipresence, which includes all, of which I speak. It is this light (day) of Truth that frees (saves) me from all sense conceptions and error.

SUNDAY**THE FOURTEENTH**

Speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.—Eph. 4:15.

Again I emphasize the fact that to grow, unfold, and to become strong, requires practice. You cannot afford to give time and thought to any belief adverse to the Good; but by reiterating the Truth in the consciousness of your oneness with it, you unfold into perfect knowledge through the light of the Christ within.

AFFIRMATION: I am one with all. In this realization I see God in everybody and everything. This vision is constantly enlarging.

MONDAY**THE FIFTEENTH**

The lip of truth shall be established for ever.—Prov. 12:19.

Truth is eternal. It cannot be changed. It is forever established. Wrong thinking cannot affect it, but blinds your eyes so that you do not see it. When your thoughts are right and true, only the Real (the Good) will you see. By giving them utterance you the more firmly impress them upon your mentality, and they grow steadily stronger and your words become permanent, for they are endowed with life, intelligence, love and power forever.

AFFIRMATION: The words of Truth which I speak are fraught with Spiritual Power. They are not my personal words, but the Father's, and are therefore established and enduring.

TUESDAY**THE SIXTEENTH**

The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life.—Prov. 10:11. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life.—Prov. 15:4.

Right thinking is evidenced by right speaking and doing. Words are the signs or pictures of your thoughts. Sound, wholesome thoughts become your well-spring of health, strength, vigor, and peace. They become evident to you—a tree of life—through the practice of thinking and speaking right and wholesome words.

AFFIRMATION: I am constantly refreshed and renewed, and manifest a strong, healthy life, by keeping my thoughts, words, and actions true to Truth.

WEDNESDAY

THE SEVENTEENTH

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.—Col. 4:6.

Grace is the composite action of all the faculties of your being. No quality is unduly exercised, while others lie dormant. In other words, grace means good common sense, which is divine. This gives poise, balance, judgment, aptness, ability. The salt, which preserves and makes palative, is Love; and when you realize your unity with all, you will speak in only words of peace and love, which give understanding.

AFFIRMATION: The Perfect Mind is my mind. I let it act in me fully and freely, and trust it to reveal the Truth in answer to every question and desire.

THURSDAY

THE EIGHTEENTH

Hold fast the form of sound words.—2 Tim. 1:13.

Before you can be of much helpful influence to others, you must deal entirely with yourself. You live in your own thought-world. Sickly thoughts give the appearance and sense of illness; poor thoughts image for you limitation. To realize wholeness you must acquire the vision of soundness. This can be attained through the practice of calmly, but steadily and positively, thinking upon the qualities of perfection: things that are true, pure, good, honest, lovely, any virtue, etc.

AFFIRMATION: I am purposed that I shall think this day only sound words, such as Life, Love, Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Joy and Power, in order that I may realize their fullness in me.

FRIDAY

THE NINETEENTH

In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in sound speech, that cannot be condemned.—Titus 2:7, 8.

How can you convince another of the efficacy of prayer unless you yourself practise it? How can you help others to a realization of health and happiness if you admit and talk about sickness and discord? Take a positive stand for God, for the Power of Truth, and then be sure to prove your good words by yourself living them as a pattern unto others.

AFFIRMATION: I practice good works on week-day as well as Sunday. I keep my thoughts pure and good so that I speak only of that which is true. I make my words and living a pattern for others.

SATURDAY

THE TWENTIETH

Speak ye truth every man to his neighbor.—Zech. 8:16.

Since God is the One Source of All, all men are brothers; aye, more than that, all constitute the one expression of God. Therefore, he who lies to another, lies to himself. Holding steadfastly to Truth, the more Truth will be revealed to you; and you will speak only the Truth. So declare the Good for each one, for in so doing you declare it yourself.

AFFIRMATION: I am one with the Truth. I speak only the Truth. Only the Truth can be spoken to me. I know nothing but Truth.

SUNDAY**THE TWENTY-FIRST**

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.—Matt. 10:20.

Personal thought, including fear, doubt, superstition, and sense belief, must be eliminated in order to know and speak the Truth. Since you have allied yourself with Truth, you are not susceptible to untrue thoughts. You trust the Inner Voice to formulate your thoughts and words. You therefore know that your intentions are true, pure, and good, since they are the words of God being revealed within you.

AFFIRMATION: I do not judge by appearances. Infinite Mind shows me the truth of myself and all things. I listen attentively to its intuitions within me.

MONDAY**THE TWENTY-SECOND**

The tongue of the wise is health.—Prov. 12:18.

The effect of your words is marvelous. As you think, so you seem to be. You desire health. If you are wise, you will think and talk health, for health is real and is the natural state of Being. It is unwise to read and talk about disease, its various symptoms, effects, etc. That which you think you give place in your mentality. Be wise, and talk health, health, and only health.

AFFIRMATION: I show wisdom in speaking only of realities, and these realities become evident or manifest. I am Life, Love, Intelligence, Health and Strength.

TUESDAY**THE TWENTY-THIRD**

A word spoken in due season, how good it is!—Prov. 15:23.

Being trained in thought to always let the One Perfect Mind speak in and through you as your very self, you will ever be prepared and ready to say just the right word, at the right time, and to the right person. You do not become confused, for you are not depending upon yourself, but God; and the right word at the right time—how helpful it is!

AFFIRMATION: I keep in tune with the Infinite, and am thus constantly illumined by Spirit. It alone inspires my every word.

WEDNESDAY**THE TWENTY-FOURTH**

My son, attend to my words: . . . for they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.—Prov. 4:20, 22.

The words of Truth are never negative; they are ever of the positive. They are called constructive thoughts, because they clear away the rubbish of false mental belief, and thus reveal that which is good and real. The Truth is Wholeness, Perfection, Harmony, Health, and belongs just as surely to the visible expression as it does to the invisible self.

AFFIRMATION: I do not look without for health and satisfaction, but find it revealed within me through the inspiration of Truth. The more I give it attention the more I realize.

THURSDAY**THE TWENTY-FIFTH**

He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil.—I Peter 3:10.

This is an affirmation stated negatively. To really enjoy life, to find

satisfaction, and have "good days," including health, happiness and prosperity, you must not only refrain from speaking evil, but think, speak and practice the Good, which will exclude all sense of evil.

AFFIRMATION: Life is sweet and all my days are good, because I recognize but One Presence as their fullness.

FRIDAY

THE TWENTY-SIXTH

The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek.—Isa. 61:1.

As you train and cultivate the spiritual attitude, you constantly grow normally in all the qualities of being. Your comprehension has been enlarged; your soul vision has become clearer; your consciousness deepened. You have steadily grown in grace, until you now realize that you individually have become the minister of God and anointed to preach his joyful method of attainment unto all who are receptive to the Truth.

AFFIRMATION: I accept the precious privilege and opportunity of proclaiming the salvation of Truth, having myself been anointed by it.

SATURDAY

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH

A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth.—Prov. 12:14.

Satisfaction! Oh, that word of peace, serenity, contentment! How your heart craves it! In how many ways have you sought it! It seemingly ever eludes your grasp, like the will-o'-the-wisp. You have often felt like not trying any more—whereas it has been in your own keeping all the time. Satisfaction comes only through knowing and using the Truth, for it is the fullness of all good. It is the fruit of your own thought and word.

AFFIRMATION: I speak that which is good, and that good is manifest in my life. In it I am satisfied.

SUNDAY

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH

Thou shalt decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee.—Job 22:28. Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees.—Isa. 10:1.

When you declare a truth, have confidence in it. Know that it works. In ancient times, when a king gave a decree, he himself could not change it—his word once given had to be fulfilled. Take this same attitude concerning your statements. How careful you will be to make only statements of good, knowing that your words will accomplish the purpose whereunto they are sent. Affirm only that which you desire to see in your world, and you will transform it from sense conditions into heaven.

AFFIRMATION: My words are vitalized by Spirit; they are Spirit and they are Life, and reveal to me that which I decree.

MONDAY

THE TWENTY-NINTH

By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.—Matt. 12:37.

Words, remember, are the signs of thoughts. According to your mental conceptions, you are either good or bad, master or slave, rich or poor, well or sick. Good thoughts give you peace, joy, satisfaction; these are right and you are thereby justified. Untrue thoughts give just the reverse, through which you have the sense of condemnation.

AFFIRMATION: I accept only the path of Right. My thoughts and words justify me in revealing only the good and harmonious.

TUESDAY

THE THIRTIETH

These things I will that thou affirm **CONSTANTLY**, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.—Titus 3:8.

You have accepted the Omnipresence without any reserve. That is the only sure foundation. But you must progress, you must enlarge in consciousness, and this can be done only by constantly affirming, declaring, decreeing, the Good, then living those truths, "maintaining good works."

AFFIRMATION: I ever aspire to the Good. I ever affirm that which I know to be true. I make my words effectual by living my highest vision.

WEDNESDAY

THE THIRTY-FIRST

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.—I Tim. 4:15, 16.

What more could I say unto you than these words of Paul to Titus? They are the sensible conclusion of the whole question of affirmation. Never give any place to anything adverse in your thought, but meditate upon the self-revealing, constructive, and inspiring declarations of Truth, Reality, God. Give yourself **WHOLLY** to them. Then verily will you prove yourself the beloved Son of God here on earth.

AFFIRMATION: I delight myself in the revelation of Truth which comes through meditation upon it. I rejoice in its beautiful expression in me and my affairs. I give myself wholly to the practice of Good.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(In present tense.)

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed is thy name.

Thy kingdom is come; thy will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

Thou givest us each day our daily bread.

Thou forgivest our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Thou leadest us not into temptation; but dost deliver us from all evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Divine Love does not expect anything, not even sympathy. Its only feeling is to give, without thought of return. That is the ideal we should seek to fulfill. Not for God to give us anything, or for others to do or say anything, but for us, ourselves, to be love and blessedness to all without thought of return. Therein is Peace.—Walter DeVoe.

A classic is a book that lives because it says rightly what is worth saying, and is grave or gay, as fits its purpose, living on because readers continue to love it. Or, to put the matter more shortly, "a classic is a book that is too good to die." Remembering this, when you hear a book called "classic" by a capable critic, it should be a work worth examination, at least.—St. Nicholas.

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QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS IN THE POWER SCHOOL OF TRUTH

CLASS IN THE FIRST STEPS IN THE SCIENCE OF BEING

Lesson 4—The Workshop of Mind.

1. Why can Perfect Mind think only good?
2. What is an Idea?
3. Name some true thoughts or ideas.
4. What is the mentality?
5. What is the meaning of sin?
6. Why is sin the occasion for all our ills?
7. How can our ills be healed?
8. Why are personal beliefs unreliable?
9. Where does all transformation take place?
10. How is the mentality the workshop of Mind?

Lesson 5—The Work of Thought.

1. What is thought as usually understood?
2. What is true thought?
3. What effect has thought upon anything?
4. Does thought make over or change your body, conditions and affairs?
5. Why do people "see" evil and limitation?
6. Is there any reality in sin, sickness and poverty?
7. Why should you not "hold" for things or specified results?
8. What is the secret for health, happiness and prosperity?
9. Of what value are affirmations of Truth?
10. Explain the meaning of "constructive thinking."

(The questions for the Class in Fundamentals will be found after each lesson in the book, "Divine Science: Knowledge of Truth.")

CLASS IN CONCENTRATION AND APPLICATION

Lesson 5—The Value of Affirmations.

1. What is the meaning of affirmation?
2. Why should you not use denials?
3. Explain why some good results are sometimes realized even when denials are made.
4. What value is there in the repetition of statements of Truth?
5. Do such statements make the things affirmed true?
6. What must be eliminated in order to realize Truth?
7. To what must you listen?
8. What benefit is derived from the practice of your affirmations?
9. Under all circumstances and conditions, what should be your manner of speech?
10. What are sound words, and why should their form be held fast?

CLASS IN SPIRITUAL HEALING

Lesson 5—The Day of Healing Not Passed. (To end of page 54.)

1. By what basic truth do we know that healing is still possible?
2. Is spiritual healing being now practically demonstrated?
3. Do you personally know of any cases of such healing?
4. If Truth can heal a headache, can it heal tuberculosis?
5. Who or what makes the limitations which prevent realization?
6. What is the truth of expression—that which is visible?
7. Do any of the orthodox churches practice healing?
8. In what respect is the Emmanuel Movement limited?
9. Is it good as far as it goes?
10. Why did King Asa "sleep with his fathers"?

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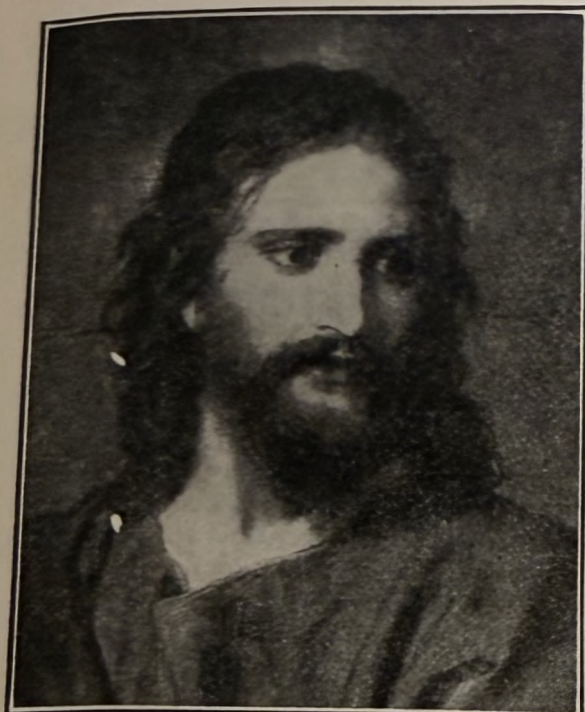
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