

Praying for the World

A SPIRITUAL GUIDE FOR HEALING THE WORLD WITH PRAYER

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A PERIOD OF PROGRESS

As a life-long Christian Scientist, who shares everyone's deep concern over the future of our country and the world, I offer these ideas for your prayerful consideration. In these pages we are going to explore some of the causes for the extreme stirring, and discord taking place throughout our world, and how to understand and pray about it.

Mary Baker Eddy once wrote in *Miscellaneous Writings*, "Each successive period of progress is a period more humane and spiritual." Her insight into history is very appropriate for our world today. Perhaps we do not see it as a progressive time in world history, for there is great confusion and deep anxiety over the many changes taking place everywhere. As we move forward into the future, let's review the past in order to understand better what is going on today.

When Christ Jesus taught the Gospel of Love two thousand years ago, he put into collective world consciousness the pure Word of God. In time as Christianity spread throughout the world, a great upheaval took place: the Roman Empire fell; Martin Luther challenged the Church in Rome which resulted in Protestantism; the printing press was invented; the Bible was published; the Renaissance brought about an outpouring of genius in science, art, and music. During the Dark Ages, Europe was unified into one religion -- Christianity, and paganism slowly faded out.

Christianity brought the world a humane, progressive religion, and one of hope, for Jesus' teachings

found great receptivity with those often trapped in a life of cruelty, slavery, and hopelessness.

Christianity also taught that God is a rational God. This opened up the Scientific Age for men reasoned, that if the universe was the work of a rational God, then if they could understand the universe, they would be able to understand God. Our scientific age has filled our lives with more miracles than the medieval mind could ever imagine. The progressive events taking place in the world in past centuries, have produced great mental changes that originated through Christianity.

The second coming of the Christ, or the Promised Comforter, has successfully come about in Mary Baker Eddy's revelation of Christian Science. She recorded her vision in a book, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. So powerful is this revelation, it is possible that its introduction into world consciousness could be bringing about another deep, progressive -- but traumatic -- change. In *Science and Health*, Mrs. Eddy writes, "Mortal error will vanish in a moral chemicalization. This mental fermentation has begun, and will continue until all errors of belief yield to understanding." (page 96:21)

With today's free flow of information through the internet and television, we are learning for the first time of the extreme abuse endured by women and children in many impoverished countries, dominated by governments that do not allow change, or freedom, or progress. Human rights have become a global issue.

Now, carefully consider this. For over a century, very powerful, deeply inspired spiritual prayers coming from the healing work of Christian Science practitioners and the daily study of those practicing Christian Science as a way of life, have been going out into world consciousness, putting a very spiritual and humane thought into it. The healing power of these prayers could have a very leavening effect on world conditions. Today's many challenges may be the first indication of another traumatic period of change in history.

This strong moral chemicalization is bringing extreme upheaval to our world and its long history of man's inhumanity to man.

For centuries those in foreign countries have endured great cruelty and injustice in the hands of a ruling class, and now these dear people are demanding democracy, freedom, and justice. Mrs. Eddy, it seems, could foresee this extreme moral upheaval, for she wrote in *Science and Health*, "Mortals must find refuge in Truth in order to escape the error of these latter days."

The changes taking place throughout the world suggest that we are going through the unfolding of a new and higher form of civilization worldwide. We do not see yet how it is going to take place or how it is going to turn out, because there has never been a period like it in history. However, today's free flow of information is bringing about much unrest and discontent from those wanting more than a life of toil, poverty, and domination. The ruling classes in many of these impoverished countries are seeing their power and income disappear. The strong rebellion of many minds demanding freedom and justice, is a very aggressive force that is causing change to take place. It could well be the beginning of a difficult, but transitional time of great progress. Mrs. Eddy wrote in *Science and Health* page 192, "Evil is not power. It is a mockery of strength, which ere long betrays its weakness and falls, never to rise."

Why are things so stirred at a time when mankind's scientific progress has been so successful? I would like to share with you a little known reason for the very troubled state of our world today. Christian Science has been successfully healing on the basis that that **there is no matter**. Mary Baker Eddy writes in *Science and Health*, "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." (page 468) From the very time that Mrs. Eddy began teaching her revelation to others, she stated that *there is no matter*. She also stated that evil is *a state of mesmerism, for there is no God in it*. Both matter and evil have no

power nor reality. Now, when you think about it, we seem to be imprisoned in matter. We seem to have a material body, a material world, a material universe, all governed by material laws that can limit our life, our health, and our supply. They can cause sickness, disease, age, and death. Stop and think how matter is the basis, or the medium of all in which we live.

Until the last century, we saw matter as hard and solid, the basis of everything everywhere. But in the twentieth century this solid mass was discovered to be mostly energy and empty space. There appears to be no solid mass or matter anywhere. Now, what has happened with this discovery, that there is no matter? *The answer to this is so important to know. **We have destroyed evil's camouflage. Its disguise has been stripped away.*** There is no longer any real medium or substance through which evil can act, or imprison us, or lay down laws to limit us, or that we can blame our problems on, because in reality, **there is no matter.** There is no material cause for sickness, disease, poverty, age, or death. Evil's medium, or its means for controlling or inflicting suffering conditions on us, is slowly disappearing. And so the prayerful work we do for humanity is growing more powerful, more influential, and more effective.

Christian Science reveals that matter is an illusion, a veil cast over the mind. Now, it has been my experience that when matter or this camouflage of evil is challenged and we begin to see through the seeming reality of matter, evil becomes aggressive and it sometimes comes raging up to intimidate those who see through it, in order to discourage them and cause them to give up the powerful prayers that enable them to see that it is an illusion. These challenging experiences often cause the spiritually-minded person to lose faith in God, to quit turning to prayer and to God for help and healing. It would seem this is taking place throughout the world today, for the terribly uncertain state of things is sometimes being defined as the post-Christian age.

When we understand that God, Spirit, is All and that matter and evil are not of God, that they are unreal and have no power, we can claim this with greater power in our prayers.

When we can prove these facts, our healing work restores our faith in God. We are coming to know that there is no matter, no material cause or laws, and so **there is no power in evil. There is no thing in which evil can exist.** The divine Mind is All-in-all and God is the only creator, the only cause. The more we study Christian Science, the more convinced we are of this, and so the more effective we become as healers. And what did Mrs. Eddy have to say about this? She wrote a century ago, "Atomic action is Mind, not matter. It is neither the energy of matter, the result of organization, nor the outcome of life infused into matter: it is infinite Spirit, Truth, Life, defiant of error or matter." That's on page 190 of *Miscellaneous Writings*. In *Science and Health*, on page 313, she wrote, "Jesus of Nazareth was the most scientific man who ever trod the globe. He plunged beneath the material surface of things, and found the spiritual cause." And because of Jesus' pure spirituality, the carnal, materialistic minds who were threatened by his presence, became so enraged that they crucified him. And what was Christ Jesus teaching and proving? That God is good, that He is the divine Principle, Love, that evil and matter are not real or powerful.

Today the governing, dominating powers in many countries are being challenged; the power of the ruling classes is being threatened. Our prayers are needed to counteract the rage of evil that this will bring forth from those who can no longer control and rule over others with absolute power as they have in the past. All must be governed by the Gospel of Love. As we leaven world consciousness with the Science of God, we will fulfill the promise of the Christ, "on earth peace, good will toward men."

As we learn to overcome the illusion of matter and evil, as Christian Science teaches us to do, our healing work will become very effective, proving the power of prayer to be practical as we understand the Science of God.

Let us silently and persistently affirm that evil has no power or reality, as Christian Science teaches. Our daily work for the world can keep the pure Truth so active in our thoughts that we are not completely mesmerized or overcome

by the events taking place. **If we keep the Truth active in our own consciousness, we keep it active in world consciousness, healing and spiritualizing thought everywhere.**

Mrs. Eddy made a very clear separation between the real and the unreal. The present turmoil and conflict taking place is the human belief that evil is real. As we put disturbing events over in the realm of the unreal, and understand that discord and conflict are not going on in the universe of divine Love, we can rise above fear and distress, and find peace and reassurance in knowing that God is All. We can always keep our Leader's words before us found in *Miscellany* page 210, where she urges us, "Beloved Christian Scientists, keep your minds so filled with Truth and Love, that sin, disease, and death cannot enter them." Now, to do this, you can make more time to study Christian Science throughout the day and try to think in it. In this way, we bring healing to the world.

What can we do to overcome this gathering Dark Age? As things continue to become more and more uncertain, there is one thing that such prayer and study can bring you. -- a sense of safety. Often it is the things so threatening that don't happen to us that makes our effort so worthwhile. We read in the 91st Psalm, "He will give his angels charge over thee. There shall no evil befall thee."

So often in the past, students of this Science turned to practitioners for healing. But today those who did such incredible healing work work are no longer with us, and we are now being forced to learn to do our own healing work. I began *The Bookmark* in order to make available the early writings that we need to learn to do this individual healing work. There are enough writings available now to help you do this if you want to spend the time to learn. It does take time and much persistence but it is a talent so worth having. And everything you need to do this is available to you today.

Christian Science is such a dynamic vision that it cannot be lost, but it presently seems to be waiting until mankind understands the blessings available in its healing

power. It is now resting gently in world consciousness, but in time, it will enjoy a renaissance and give greater freedom, health, and abundance to all mankind. Your prayers for the world are needed to help bring this Science of God to the world's attention once again.

THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER

Now, let us consider the subject of power, for today so much thought is given to having power. Yet where does the real power rest? I am sure you have experienced the healing power of prayer. Think carefully about this: Have you ever considered the incredible power you have when you pray in Christian Science? Where do we look for real and lasting power? To have experienced the power of answered prayer, we know that this is where we find the real power in the universe and in our own lives. Do we yet realize the invincible power we have right in our own prayers? It is God's power, the only power.

Today when we consider the chaotic state of our world and ask how can we help it, the answer is: through prayer in Christian Science. We can pray to better understand this Science of God, for He is the only power in the universe. The universe is an expression of His power. He creates and maintains it. There are two fundamental facts put forth in Christian Science -- first, that there is no matter, and second that evil has no power; it is only mesmerism. Evil has no power or reality, for all power belongs to God. To understand this and prove it in a small degree through healing is to convince ourselves it is true and to experience the healing power of prayer.

Now, when we pray for the world, when we affirm that God is all and deny the reality and power of evil, we have given the world a powerful treatment. We acknowledge that there is no matter, and evil is unreal and powerless. Then the affirmation that God is All, and the denial that evil is real, is a prayer of great power. It is the Truth, made active in world thought, and it is the same healing power in universal consciousness that our individual prayers have in healing us.

You should know, dear friend, that you are not alone in this prayerful work. Many are daily studying and demonstrating Christian Science, and working along with you. I believe that each day as you join those working in Christian Science, you are one of a dedicated

metaphysical army, and your prayers are important and much needed. Not too many in the world understand this way of praying, and how powerful prayer can be. Each day as you sit, quietly thinking and reading Christian Science, your thoughts go out into world consciousness to purify and spiritualize it. This is your great gift to the world, and the most powerful action that you can take at this time to help it.

While many ministers in our country are preaching the positive ideas found in Christian Science today, they never mention the unreality of matter and evil. Only our dear Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, had the courage and understanding to put these ideas forth again and again. Each time that we declare that evil and matter have no power, we give the world a strong treatment. We can declare without ceasing that evil is mesmerism. It has no power.

When Mrs. Eddy was teaching an early primary class, a student in the class, Martha Bogue, recorded this statement from Mrs. Eddy, "The Truth that God is All-in-all and there is no evil, held faithfully by Christian Scientists, will save the world, and it is all that will save it." Note the last few words, "and it is all that will save it."

So think how important your prayerful work for the world is now. We can all pray for the world constantly with the declaration, "There is no power or reality in evil." We can think about this Truth wherever we are. So let us persistently affirm the following treatment for the world: **There is no power or reality in evil or in matter, because *there is no God in it*. Evil has no Life, Truth, or Love in it. It has no intelligence. Animal magnetism is a lie. It cannot prevent the second coming of the Christ, for being without God, it has no power. God is All-in-all. He is all-knowing, all-powerful, and ever-present. This treatment cannot be annulled or reversed, for it is the Word of God, and is filled with the power of God's love.** Let us sacrifice our time to do this prayerful work for the world many times each day. This is a simple prayer. Keep it with you. Declare it with conviction, enlarge upon it and make it your own.

You and I may never be able to measure the results of this work, but let it be our gift of love that includes every man and woman throughout the world. When you do this with a deep love for all humanity in its struggle to overcome the evils abroad today, you will find great joy and happiness in giving something to others without expecting even a

thank you for it. It must have a healing effect, and Mrs. Eddy writes in *No and Yes*, page 7, "Every loving sacrifice for the good of others is known to God, and the wrath of man cannot hide it from Him." Let us give each day this strong metaphysical treatment to everyone struggling to be free, to have health, justice, equality, and prosperity in their lives.

ANIMAL MAGNETISM

We need to understand the term "animal magnetism" as it is used in Christian Science, and how to guard against the influence of evil as malpractice or aggressive mental suggestion. Mrs. Eddy used the term animal magnetism to cover all forms of evil. She gave much instruction to her students in trying to teach them how important it was to learn to overcome it. She once wrote in the second edition of *Retrospection and Introspection*, "The methods of Animal Magnetism, especially its secret work, should be exposed. This alone can protect the people from a future Reign of Terror far surpassing the error and terrorism of the Dark Ages." Sometimes others describe the state of our world today as the possible coming of another Dark Age.

Perhaps the threat of another Dark Age is growing because the power of hypnotism is becoming so widely known and is so active today. The practice of voodoo, mind control, hypnotism, and subliminal suggestion is on the rise. In Christian Science all such forms of mental activity that threaten the mind are called "malpractice." To overcome all evil, we need to learn how to identify or detect and handle the subtle form of animal magnetism known as malpractice. Prayerful work for the world should include the affirmation of the truth about God and man, and especially the denial of the power and reality of evil. Mrs. Eddy once said, "I tell you error has no power but you must declare against it as though it has *all power*." Thus, a vigorous and aggressive denial of the power and reality of evil is a very important part of our healing work in Christian Science.

Do you understand how to handle animal magnetism? The fact is, very few students of Christian Science really understand how to do this work. Most of us were never taught about animal magnetism. You need to understand how to deny evil. As you learn how to face fearlessly all claims of evil as forms of hypnotism and how to overcome its mesmeric influence in your own thinking, you have a powerful scientific prayer to work with, and your prayerful work will heal. It will heal not

only yourself and others, but your prayerful work will contribute powerful thoughts that will help to spiritualize world consciousness.

Evil is becoming increasingly subtle and cunning. It isn't unusual for those learning and using hypnotism and other forms of mind control to be very opposed to faith in God, prayer, and religious teachings, for these are the most effective protection we have against all forms of mind control. Early in her work, Mrs. Eddy discovered the harmful power of aggressive mental suggestion in causing sickness, disease, accidents, and even death, and she tried to teach her students how important it was to be on guard against secret hypnotic work. It is even more urgent today that we guard against malicious malpractice as she called it, for it comes in every form to secretly influence us in harmful ways. Malicious malpractice would seem to counteract the activity of the Christ in the world today. But when we deny the reality of evil, our thoughts go out into world consciousness and awaken the thoughts of many individuals as to what is taking place. Many today understand the workings of mind control, and they believe that other forms of malicious malpractice are going on, but the real threat of mind control is not understood by everyone, and a means of protecting the mind from its evil influence is practically unknown outside of Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy was very strong on the need to watch and protect our thinking from the evil drifting about in the mental atmosphere of mortal consciousness.

The more educated we are in this Science of God, the more alert and sensitive we are to evil's influence and the more we are protected from the bad effects of aggressive mental suggestions, because the truth we are learning and the facts we are learning about God and man in His likeness are a protection from evil's influence. Evil cannot hypnotize a mind that holds to these facts about our relationship to God. It is well known that holding to a fact will protect someone from hypnotic influence. When you are thinking in the Truth, you have the ultimate protection for consciousness is filled with the facts about God and man in His likeness.

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THE VISION

You are probably familiar with words from Proverbs (29:18), “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Today we need a vision or revelation that gives us an answer to our problems.

I want to share with you an amazing adventure based on the subject of intelligence. This is an adventure of the mind — an adventure into the future that can give you a vision that will help you understand better what is going on in the world, and why things are so deeply stirred. I need you to think carefully about these ideas for they are the answer to the world’s present stirring and you are needed to make it happen.

First let us consider the great progress made in the last century by the natural scientists -- the physicists, biochemists, astrophysicists, and others. Their combined discoveries have brought to light so much intelligent design throughout the universe that many have concluded that *there must be a realm of **supreme intelligence** underlying creation*, because creation could not be the result of probability and chance. Their discoveries strongly indicate the presence of a supreme intelligence underlying the universe. They explore this idea in many of their current books.

To help you see the significance of this, let’s go back about a thousand years to the mediaeval age when the scientific age was just beginning to emerge in the minds of mankind. Think with me about how those mediaeval people lived. It was a crude, short, simple, very hard life, yet, all the things we have in our present comfortable world were possible to them then. We live in the same universe they did. They had all the ideas available to them as we have now; yet they were totally **unconscious** of the scientific dimension in the universe. They lived in these scientific laws, but they were not aware of them and therefore they could not utilize them. There were no scientific books until Copernicus’ book, *Revolutions of the Spheres*, was published in 1543. (This book is sometimes referred to as the first scientific book to be published.)

Now, let’s fast forward to the present times. Here we are, facing this newly discovered realm of supreme intelligence just as the mediaeval minds faced the new scientific concept of their times. This new realm is a dark mystery to us, an unknown presence that we do not understand. Think about that. Try to visualize it, for it is an idea just beginning to form in world consciousness. Even the concept of intelligent design is new and very

controversial, but it is becoming so widely accepted by scientific minds, that I doubt that it is going to disappear, because there is so much scientific evidence to support it, and there are too many brilliant natural scientists writing books about intelligent design for it to be a passing phase. Actually we are finding out that we are living in the presence of a supreme intelligence as ever-present as the sunlight we walk in and the air we breathe. We live at one with this unseen intelligence just as the medieval mind lived at one with the unseen scientific laws in the universe. We just don't know fully what this realm is like as yet.

Sir James Jeans was one of the first to acknowledge its presence. He wrote, "The stream of knowledge is heading towards a non-material reality. The universe begins to look more like a great thought than a great machine."

Robert Clark, in his book, *The Universe Plan or Accident*, concludes that it is, "impossible, or at least, extremely difficult, to avoid the conclusion that the plan of the universe is due to a Mind behind it -- a Mind separate from nature but able to act upon nature from without."

At the same time, scientific discoveries have brought to light that we live in a universe in which there is no solid matter. Atomic energy and empty space make up the appearance of a solid substance. But there is nothing solid in it. All of this scientific progress has brought us to the edge of an invisible, intangible realm of supreme intelligence in the universe, a realm that we cannot define or explore through our present material, matter-based scientific theories because there is nothing material in it. It is simply the presence of a supreme intelligence. It is invisible, intangible, and silent. Now to understand this realm, we need a *vision, a revelation* that accurately defines this unknown realm, a revelation that will enable us to understand the laws, qualities, nature and structure of this hidden realm of intelligence as we now define the laws and nature of the scientific realm.

The fact is, the vision we need is already with us. It has already been discovered and recorded so we can each begin our own adventure into this new realm of supreme intelligence any time. We just need to be very open-minded and willing to adapt to what we learn of its existence. A vision that will accurately define the qualities, laws, nature, and content of this hidden realm, a Mind that would design, build, and maintain the universe would not be like our own minds. It would be very different from what our minds see, have seen, or will see.

This vision came to Mary Baker Eddy over a century ago. It revealed to her the power of prayer. We are not fully aware of it yet, but *this unseen realm of intelligence holds a healing power beyond anything we can imagine*. Just as the mediaeval mind couldn't imagine the airplane or cell phone, we cannot imagine the spiritual power we will have as we come to understand this invisible realm of supreme intelligence.

Mrs. Eddy recorded her vision in her book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. This is an amazing book. It explains Christian Science or the Science of God. Countless people have been healed simply by reading this book, and Mrs. Eddy taught her vision to students who used it to heal thousands through prayer alone. Many of these healings are documented. It is an amazing record of healings of cancer, heart disease, poor eyesight, deafness, asthma, addiction, and every other kind of illness. It is this healing record that proves to us that ***something incredibly new and different has been introduced into world consciousness***. When Mrs. Eddy began sharing her vision with others, she proved that the healing power of prayer was not solely the talent of Christ Jesus. He said, "The kingdom of God is within you." We each have this healing talent within us -- the ability to understand God and heal through prayer.

To create a better world now, and not another one of rioting, war, and bitter conflict, we need this vision to lead us to a higher form of civilization. Einstein once said that, "We cannot solve our problems on the same level of intelligence with which we created them." And so we now need to learn how to draw on this supreme intelligence and the healing power hidden in this invisible realm beyond the five senses.

Can we do this? Over the past century thousands have been doing it very successfully. Christian Scientists all over the world devote time each day to study and prayer. They study this advanced revelation found in *Science and Health* and learn about this unseen realm of supreme intelligence that creates the universe. They turn to this intelligent Cause or divine Mind and find ideas that meet their needs, and they experience healing.

This realm of intelligence is the advanced intelligence we need now to resolve our present problems. And when we are humble and dedicated enough we can understand it. We can learn to pray for the intelligence, wisdom, and vision that we need to resolve our problems and in so doing, solve them through prayer for this advanced intelligence results in healing.

Is this possible? With Christian Science it is, for this vision has been tested. God has supplied this vision, for the time when this worldwide awakening came about. The answer is ready for us *now* -- today!

I hope you will join me in this grand adventure of the mind, the study and prayerful work needed to understand Christian Science or the Science of God. Our world needs your prayers and spirituality and you need this vision to turn to as this new age continues to unfold.

TREATMENT

Think how important your prayerful work for the world is. We can all pray for the world constantly with the declaration, "There is no power or reality in evil." We can think about this Truth wherever we are, and constantly give the world a strong healing treatment. So let us persistently affirm the following treatment for the world: **There is no power or reality in evil, because *there is no God in it*. Evil has no Life or Truth or Love in it. Evil has no intelligence. Animal magnetism is a lie. It cannot prevent the second coming of the Christ because being without God, evil has no power. God is All-in-all. He is all-knowing, all-powerful, and ever-present. This treatment cannot be annulled or reversed, for it is the Word of God, and is filled with the power of God's love.** Let us sacrifice our time to do this prayerful work for the world many times each day. This is a simple prayer. Keep it with you. Declare it with conviction.

Prayer motivated by such love is known to God and it enables us to fulfill our role in this progressive period in world history, and to be a special part in humanity's ultimate victory over evil. Our combined prayers will shorten the struggle of all mankind to be free. And remember Paul's words, "The fervent, effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much." And we can add to this the Daily Prayer that Mrs. Eddy left us in the *Church Manual* page 41: "'Thy Kingdom come;' Let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!"

God bless you, my dear friend. May these thoughts comfort and enlighten you, and enable you to understand how to pray for the world, and why you need to do so.

The following treatments are for you to cut out and keep with you and share with those who would like to have them, so that we can continue to work throughout the day in treating the world.

Conclusion

I want to recommend some books now, and show you how The Bookmark can help you go about praying for the world. It is important to know *how* to pray for the world. Simply declaring that evil and matter are unreal is not as effective as understanding how powerless and unreal they really are and why. Christian Science equips you with this powerful understanding. It is an education in the Science of God. Publications from The Bookmark offer many resources for this education in the Science of God.

This education begins as you study the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings. Studying these two books unfolds the divine intelligence which Christ Jesus knew and which enabled him to heal as he did. As we understand Christian Science and Jesus' works, we find we are also able to heal through prayer alone as Jesus taught and demonstrated.

You need the *Bible* and Mrs. Eddy's writings and it helps tremendously to study many of the books published by The Bookmark. Most of these books are the writings of the early students of Mrs. Eddy. These are the students who were close to Mrs. Eddy in the early 1900's. These writings explain how to understand and practice Christian Science and how to pray most effectively in healing.

Your education in the Science of God begins by going to Exodus 20 in the *Bible* and asking yourself, honestly, if you are obeying the *Ten Commandments*. Then make a careful study of the *Sermon on the Mount*, and determine if you are conforming thought to the *Beatitudes*. Doing this spiritualizes consciousness and makes it receptive to God's thoughts.

An inspiring way to study both the *Bible* and *Science and Health* is by reading each day the weekly Lesson Sermon. The Bookmark offers ten years of the early Lessons. These are extremely inspiring. I have them in citation format where you can read and study the selected passages directly from the books, or you may also obtain these lessons in a format in which the Bible and passages from *Science and Health* are printed out for you to read without looking them up in the books.

Devoting much time each day to study keeps this Truth active in consciousness. Your education in the Science of God begins with reading. Basic to this prayerful work is a great deal of reading. It is so important to **read** Christian Science, asking God how to understand it. This spiritualizes thought, and, when you have a flow of new ideas unfolding to you in your daily study, this is a very special moment in your experience of finding your oneness with God. Stay with your reading, for this flow of ideas comes from God. He is answering your desire to know Him better, and you need to think long and hard about what comes to you and let it become established in consciousness, for this is the Christ present in you, and it comes when you are reaching out for it.

Mrs. Eddy writes, “Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from trusting God with our desires, that they may be moulded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds.” (*Science and Health* page 1:11).

Because this advanced Science is so new, we are fortunate to have a large collection of writings by the early workers in the Christian Science movement to help us in understanding Christian Science. These writings give us our first adventure into this realm of supreme intelligence that the natural scientists are discovering. This Science of God is our protection against all forms of mind control. It is the foundation to this new age seeping into world consciousness. It is the divine intelligence through which we can experience this transitional period in world history without the extreme suffering which comes about because of the world’s resistance to this change.

It is encouraging to see how Christ Jesus' teachings have permeated world thought and are even transforming it today. After twenty centuries, it is still at work. Someone once referred to this continual spread of the Gospel of Love as "seeping." Seeping seems a perfect word for how silent, gentle, unrelenting, yet simple and uncomplicated, this activity is. After Christ Jesus ascended, Christianity first began seeping out in the Roman Empire through unpretentious men carrying the Word of God to those so in need of it.

Today the leaven of Truth is still seeping. It seems to be most active in countries where people have known only unrelieved toil, poverty and complete control by a ruling class who will not allow any change towards progress or freedom. Here the power of prayer and the Science of God is becoming more widespread and especially welcome.

It seems Mrs. Eddy was convinced that the power of Christianity would enter these countries sooner or later, for she wrote in *Science and Health* (p. 559): "The still, small voice of scientific thought reaches over continent and ocean to the globe's remotest bound. The inaudible voice of Truth is, to the human mind, 'as when a lion roareth.' It is heard in the desert and in dark places of fear." She also saw change as inevitable, for she wrote, "...progress is the law of infinity." (*Miscellaneous Writings, p. 15:19*) The stirring today is as though the world is awakening from the long deep sleep of materiality.

Prayer is an invisible, silent and mental thing of inevitable power. It seems that Mrs. Eddy was convinced that the loving power of God would be effective throughout the world, for she once said to one of her students, "Christian Science . . . is touching human consciousness here and there and changing it and the human mind does not know what is producing the change."

She also once said, "Truth does mighty things when left to its own vitality." Throughout her writings, Mrs. Eddy seems so confident in the ultimate triumph of Christianity and its Science over all materialism and human suffering. Our daily work for the world will give strength and vitality to help free mankind of the material bondage and mental

darkness of centuries and usher in a new beginning of hope, freedom, justice, health, and abundance which Christ Jesus came to give us.

RECOMMENDED READING:

Selected passages from *Science and Health*:

Page 65: lines 13-16

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Before closing, I would like to share this statement by Mrs. Eddy from *Miscellaneous Writings* (Page 152) : “Of this we may be sure: that thoughts winged with peace and love breathe a silent benediction over all the earth, cooperate with the divine power, and brood unconsciously o’re the work of His hand.”

Thank you for letting me share these ideas with you. God Bless You, my dear friend.

Declarations of Truth

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