

"OUTLINE OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE" IS HEARD BY OVERFLOW AUDIENCE

Before an overflowing audience of interested people in Baldwin High School auditorium, Birmingham, last Thursday evening, Peter V. Ross, C. S. B., of San Francisco, gave a lecture entitled "An Outline of Christian Science." Mr. Ross is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. Following is his lecture, in part:

More and more in these days are we transferring all things to the mental realm. Christian Science puts disease there, along with evil, and insists that disease, instead of being a physical condition, is a belief or an illusion of the human mind, which the truth will cure.

Nature of Deity

We need to think of God, at least most of us did, as a man magnified, a sort of king occupying a throne beyond the clouds. But in the light of Christian Science we see that God is divine Mind. Why do we say He is Mind? Because He knows all things and is present everywhere, and there is nothing but Mind that can be all-knowing and everywhere-present. And when we think of God as Mind we immediately think of Him as Life also, because Mind and Life are essentially the same. And associated with Mind

and Life is Love. These three are inextricably identified with one another, and they are you know the Christian Science names for God.

They are the Scriptural names for Him also, because as you read the New Testament carefully you find that it defines God as Spirit, Love, Mind, Life—all in accordance with Principle, that is, perfect, unerring, eternal.

Healing of Disease

When you conceive of God as Mind, Life, Love, Principle you at once see that He is everywhere and that you are always in His presence.

The presence of God! How seldom do we consider what this means! The presence of God as Life means the absence of disease, means that God is your life, and therefore that your life is unfettered and unobscured. Disease and mortality are the illusions and dreams of the human mind, which are broken up and dissipated when you are aroused to the fact that actually you are an expression of boundless and eternal Life.

Now we must keep in mind that the man endowed with freedom and dominion, the perfection of which is the physical man, Christian Science claims neither perfect nor permanence for him? What we call physical man is really not man but only the human mind's distorted picture of man for the human mind is a dull blurred vision and does not see man as God has made him. Paul sums up the whole situation when he declares that God is above you, in you, and through you; and that you are God. You are God, you live, move, and have your being. This shows where God is. He is not in the ether, as we think, in Him, and He is manifested through you. Hence the attainment of God and man.

Meditation upon spiritual truths and realization of their power is prayer, for prayer consists not so much in asking God for help as it does in realizing that already He has supplied us everything needful. Such prayer tends to awaken us from the dream of human lack and suffering and limitation to the boundless plenty and opportunity and freedom that God has showered on all hands. Then we begin to realize that heaven is here and now, awaiting our recognition of it; begin to realize that eternal life is here and now that we have entered upon it.

Discovery of Science

What we know about Christian Science has come to us through Mary Baker Eddy. This Science was revealed to her in the year 1826. She was a New England Woman, refined and intensely religious. She had her full share of trouble and suffering. Finally, as the result of an accident, she reached the point in her career where a physician informed her that she could hope to live only a few hours longer at most. In this extremity she turned to the Bible for consolation. She had always been a profound student of the Bible, and she realized that one of the Gospel accounts of healing performed by Christ Jesus she felt a sense of peace and strength stand over her. She arose, dressed, presented herself to anxious friends sound and well.

Sixty years ago this great woman was alone in her conviction that only the good is real. A God who is good cannot, she maintains, create evil and disease. Hence they are at most only the suppositions of the human mind; the carnal mind as Paul has it, or mortal mind as Mrs. Eddy sometimes styles it, a false mentality which he describes as enmity with God and which she logically insists must eventually yield to the divine Mind.

But she held her ground against the general current of human opinion until she gained the support of multitudes of intelligent people and inaugurated the Christian Science movement, becoming its leader and finding an enduring place among the foremost benefactors of the race. In accomplishing all this she exhibited not only marvelous spiritual discernment but a degree of courage and resourcefulness that has never been surpassed.

Temporary Nature of Matter

Her fundamental proposition that God is Mind or Spirit, and therefore that the earth and the fulness thereof are mental and spiritual, has the support of both reason and revelation. The material senses and the human mind, with their dull, limited vision, would have us believe that we are material mortals inhabiting a material world. But Mind finds expression in thoughts and ideas, not in solid physical objects. Only when we rely upon the physical senses of touch and sight do things seem hard and stationary and man a physical figure so many feet in height and so many pounds in weight.

You, your real self, are incorporeal. This is why you are so safe. Really there can be no collisions, no accidents for you, no inflammation, no congestion in you, except in belief or illusion or dreamland. You are more in the nature of consciousness than corporeality. You are an assemblage of thoughts and ideas rather than of cells and atoms. You are an individual consciousness not a physical body. Constantly you are seeing and feeling and knowing, you are aware of things, and most wonderful of all, you are aware of yourself. Whence comes this consciousness, this awareness? It is the manifestation in you of the all-knowing Mind, the eternal Life, we call God.

"Consciousness," says Mrs. Eddy, "constructs a better body when form in matter has been conquered" (Science and Health, page 425). Here is suggested the intellectual process of entertaining good and healthful thoughts and rejecting evil and sickly ones. Consciousness grows by what it feeds upon. You grow by the kind of thoughts you entertain. There is no limit to your possibilities for unfoldment if you govern your thoughts.

Spiritual Vision

How may one develop this vision that enables him to see himself and others cleansed of the "muddy vestment of decay" with which mortal sense would clothe him? By being good, by holding to right and kindly and healthful thoughts, rejecting their opposites, by reverently realizing as best he can that divine Mind now equips him with this vision, and finally by gaining that sense of safety which comes as one recognizes that he lives in a world that is safe and among

people who are good and kindly because governed by divine Principle.

Cultivate the habit of looking out upon the world, and at the people in it, with that intelligent, soberness eye which is focused to see in every individual, regardless of his race or religion, the man of Principle that God has made him.

The growing sense of confidence which comes to one as a result of this tolerant mental attitude at once begins to eliminate the fear that has been fretting up his life and clouding his vision.

The Greater of Christ Jesus

The greater the man, if greatness be measured as it should be by spirituality, the more constant his practice to commune with divine Mind. This was exemplified in the life of Christ Jesus.

Disease and evil, in their worst forms, became unreal to him and he made them unreal to others. Even death could not make good his boasts in his presence. He proved that individual life is indestructible and continuous; he stepped forth into the freedom and the power of an endless life, a state to which every one of us may rightly aspire.

A mountain peak near Banff, Canada, has been named for Miss Isabel MacDonald, daughter of the British premier, who recently visited Canada and the United States.

School Clubs Also Rewarded In New House

As the schools of Birmingham have played an important part in the development of the community, student organizations which have also developed in every capacity during the last few years, have been given due recognition in the program of the new Community House.

The girl scout organization of Birmingham has been given a room in the new Community building which it has partly equipped, thus affording the four troops many advantages in conducting their scout activities. A court of awards was conducted Monday evening at the Community House awarding some of the tests including the dance, knot tying, bandaging, Girl Scout songs, house-keeping, needle and nature study. The local Girl Scout council was organized in March 1927 through the efforts of Mrs. Leo A. Windy, Mrs. Fred Johnston, and Mrs. Lawrence Thomas. At the present time there are four active troops which are making rapid progress in their work.

The Boy Scout organization is also looking forward to the use of the fine room which they now possess in the Community House. The equipment in the scout department provides every necessity for carrying out the scout projects. Membership is open to all boys between the ages of 12 and 18, both mental and physical development. The Boy Scouts proved assistance in the house warming for they were there in uniform at several stations in the building ready to assist the visitors.

Another school club, the Girl Reserve, will also have a place on the program having organized under the Community House five years ago with 15 members. The purpose of the club is to aid in the development of the American girl. The club has accomplished a great deal of good in many community affairs. The members hemmed tea towels last week which they intended for use in the Community House kitchen.

INFANT EXPIRES

Funeral services were held yesterday at 2 p. m. at the St. Charles Bell House for funeral for James William Race, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Race, of Lohr Pine road. The burial was in Greenwood cemetery. The child died Monday at 4:30 p. m. following an eight days' illness in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

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Peach, Pineapple, Lemon Cream, Cherry, Apple... 10
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