

**Unity Of God and Man As Revealed By Christian Science Theme Of Lecture**

"Christian Science Reveals the Unity of God and Man" was the subject of an address delivered Friday evening by Miss Margaret Morrison, C. S., of Chicago, Ill., under auspices of the First Church of Christ Scientist, in the Baldwin High School auditorium.

Miss Morrison is a member of the Board of Lecturers of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass. She was introduced to the audience by Truman F. Campbell, First Reader of First Church of Birmingham, Miss Morrison's address in part, follows:

No other subject has so agitated or so occupied the thoughts of mankind as has the question of the origin of man and the universe. Where and how did things begin?

One reads with interest of a group of scholarly men spending months in the jungle studying anthropoid apes, hoping to find the "missing link" that would prove man's development from those apes, the apes being that they are man's immediate ancestors.

**Origin of Life and Man Revealed in Scripture**

The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, in the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 497), has given the first religious tenet of Christian Science as follows: "As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal life." The question may be asked: Why, in this age of great physical research, so-called science and discovery, did Mrs. Eddy turn to the Bible for a knowledge of the source of life? She did so because her keen insight, her spiritual vision, enabled her to pierce the veil of material superstition and see God as Jesus saw Him and declared Him to be "Spirit. She knew, as did Jesus, that "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing." She saw that nonintelligent matter, regardless of how finely organized it may seem to be, can never evolve intelligence, and that matter cannot produce non-intelligence or matter. Mrs. Eddy brought to her study of the Bible the same spiritual vision unparalleled since Jesus the Christ, but also a keen and cultivated intellect. She saw that we must look away from physics to metaphysics to find an intelligent source of existence. In physics it is only an enigmatically false limited sense of life, inevitably ending in death, and so it was to divine metaphysics, that which is above physics, that Mrs. Eddy looked for true causation.

Christian Science, then, would have us know that man did not begin with Adam or anthropoidal apes, but with Mind, supreme intelligence, God. Before Adam was, man is, and his immediate ancestry is in Spirit. In the marriage strength, and beauty of intelligence, an emanation of the Mind which Christ desired as "finest as the great 'I AM, God; incorporeal and eternal Mind; divine Principle; the only 'Ego' (Science and Health, 588).

As mathematics is the most exact thing known to the human mind, it is often used to illustrate divine facts, so we may use the science of numbers to exemplify unity as it exists in Principle, Principle and its creation, God and man. One cannot think of the principle of numbers as possible of existence or operation, lacking a single number. Mathematics would be useless, separated from its principle and its relationship to every other number. Can you think of seven existing and being operative by itself? While each number is individual, its very individuality depends on its principle and its relationship to every other number. Working within this principle of mathematics and its harmony, it is only when, through ignorance, one works outside of it in disobedience to the rules of mathematics that one gets into difficulties with his sums. So within the Principle of Life or God, all is harmony. It is only when, through ignorance or self-will, one works contrary or in disobedience to the law of Love that one gets into difficulties with his living. This may help us to understand Mrs. Eddy's definition in the Glossary of the textbook of "reads," "There is but one I, or Us, but one divine Principle, or Mind, governing all existence; man and woman unchanged forever in their individual characters, even as numbers which never blend with each other, though they are governed by one Principle" (Science and Health, p. 588). As in the realm of mathematics there cannot be an isolated number, so in the realm of spiritual reality there cannot be an isolated life. As no number can interfere with another or deprive it of its rightful place and activity, so no individual place of God can possibly interfere with or deprive another of his rightful place, activity, and abundant good. As good is infinite, there is always enough for all. Will not an understanding of this truth heal all envy and jealousy, correct misunderstandings, and establish harmony between nations as well as individuals?

Let us consider what may be the nature of God's expression of

selfishness and domination, by personal whims or so-called charm. Pursuing this line of personality one finds one's self enclosed in habits and false traits of character that bring bondage, restraint and action, and often end in suffering, at times in chronic illness and insanity. This spurious individuality involves what is called disillusionment. Personal ambitions and achievements bring no lasting satisfaction; the promise of good in matter are unfulfilled. The bright expectancy of youth fades into what is called old age, with dulled perceptions, faculties, and activities, and one is said to have been disillusioned. This process is accepted as an inevitable decree of an anthropomorphic god, against which men cannot and should not contend. But as we discover our true individuality in Spirit we become truly disillusioned. We become educated out of the illusions of the senses, the beliefs of self-hood in matter, and waken to the truth of life in Spirit. In Love divine, individually reflecting the intelligence and glory of infinite Mind.

Man the Expression of God is Free from Fear

Because of this belief in separation from God we have one of the greatest of all human ills, fear. Because they believe these things outside of their own consciousness and control, mortals feel they may be separated from health, wealth, companionship, home, happiness, life itself. They fear either their inability to get the good they desire, or having attained it, that they may in some way lose it; and so there is too often the greed of getting and keeping rather than the grace of giving and sharing. One of the most immediate blessings that come from the realization of our oneness with God, the source and substance of all good, is a lessening of fear.

Fear of sickness and disease will lessen as one discovers one cannot, think of God as being sick, and so thinking truly of himself as the expression of God one cannot think of himself as sick without denying God. Surely it is the concept of mortal mind that says, "Oh, yes, of course, God cannot be sick, but I can be sick." To many of us, who have been educated in false theology, it may seem presumptuous to claim that one's self is the expression of God, and being so it would be if we were claiming that for the creation of mortality, for a mortal but finding our origin in Principle, we see that it is impossible for the expression of a perfect Principle to be less than perfect. We find that man cannot be the expression of holiness or wholeness of purity and righteousness or exactness and at the same time be sick. So fear of sickness is learned, and ultimately will be learned, and we may rejoice in these words of Mrs. Eddy to be found in the Christian Science textbook (p. 481): "God, indivisible, identity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss; "Man is tributary to God, Spirit, and to nothing else."

Business Redeemed from Fear

Fear of lack will lessen because man cannot be the expression of God's goodness, the beloved of Love, and at the same time lack any good thing. This truth is especially helpful in relation to all business. Strictly speaking, a human being is not "in business." Business is an activity in relation to consciousness, and it is governed by that of which he is conscious. One, who has will, therefore, show forth what governs him, whether it is limitation, fear, or the desire to make money, honesty, alertness, wise zeal, and a righteous desire to serve. The mental nature of business shows that it is not primarily outward conditions that need to be watched—stocks, markets, prices, etc.—but first and always one's state of consciousness, which determines one's thinking and acting. In the light of this understanding it is seen that no business is basically supported by money or carried off by money. It is carried on by right ideas, supported by Mind. Men may believe that money only is needed, and that, lacking money, they are separated from that which is necessary to the support and success of their business. This material belief it is, and not the actual lack of money, which causes fear, worry, and despair. In such a case, Mind, God, is believed either to be absent or unable to aid, and this state of thinking causes the business to collapse. In innumerable instances the light of Christian Science has brought to such a situation a knowledge of the support and supplying power of Truth. Thought has turned intelligently to God, the governing Principle of the universe. Through the acknowledgment of His allness and nearness, courage has displaced fear, hope has routed despair. Thus right ideas have appeared to the receptive thought and have been acted upon. Divine qualities of character have begun to reflect the presence and power of omnipotence, unity with God has been established, fear has been conquered, outward needs have been supplied through this love, and in consequence the business has been saved and brought into a state of success and prosperity.

Individuality Dear to Deity

Thus beginning with his true origin, man begins to discover his true selfhood or individuality, which, consistent with God, ever has been and everlastingly will be complete and perfect, maintained in completion and perfection by the complete and perfect Principle of all being. Then one begins to see the difference between human personality and true individuality. Human personality is, of course, based on the belief of selfhood apart from God, which one personally endeavors to govern and direct. Mortals too often attempt to achieve what they call individuality by cultivating an exaggerated personal idiosyncrasy, inherited tendencies, weaknesses, artistic temper, sometimes called temperament, etc.—anything to be different. There is a tendency to believe that by somehow or anyhow being different one can be individual. This too often makes for

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