

Large Audience Hears Lecture by Robt. Stanley Ross

An audience which filled Baldwin auditorium to overflowing was present Sunday afternoon to hear the lecture on Christian Science presented by Robert Stanley Ross, G.S.B., member of the board of leadership of the Mother Church in Boston.

He was introduced by Truman P. Campbell, First Reader for the Birmingham First Church, Christian Scientist.

Mr. Ross' message was substantially as follows: My friends, would you like to know how to be well and happy? Would you like to know how to be free from fear and worry? Would you like to know how to be sure that all is well with your family, your friends and your neighbors? More important still, would you like to know how to be kindly disposed toward all mankind and then kindly disposed toward you? Of course you would, even when an unspiritual point of view would be arguing that all this would be an impossible attainment outside of heaven.

Divine Law Always Available. All but it is not an impossible attainment. There is a way, and it is the purpose of these lectures on Christian Science to make it plain. Does mathematical law, for example, place any obstructions, either here or hereafter, in the path of those who would scale the heights of numerical achievement? Does mathematics teach that there will be anything possible in the hereafter that is not possible now? Certainly not! One need only to bring enough alertness, obedience, and application to bear in order to prove this to be true. The same rule holds good with reference to the demonstration of divine law, which is the law of unlimited possibilities to all who progressively respond to its sacred, its imperative demands.

In other words, Christian Science has come to show mankind that divine law is the law of health, joy, and blessedness to present human experience. It has come to show that, in view of the divine ever-present, there is as much as good available to us today as there was yesterday and as there will be tomorrow. It has come to show that, if it will be possible for us to do God's will in the future, it is possible for us to do it now. Accordingly, it can no longer be truthfully said by anyone who is willing prayerfully to turn to divine law for help, that he is as one "having no hope, and without God in the world."

Contrary to common belief, there is no mystery about Christian Science healing. Anyone can understand it. The clearer one sees...

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ness, peace and a more abundant life to all who are willing to experience. All these discoveries searched and found, after which they no longer applied to them.

Unlike all others, however, Mrs. Eddy's discovery transcended the merely figurative, typical, and her consciousness above the dream of time into eternity, and beyond the narrowness of the material.

Writing on page 520 of the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Mrs. Eddy says, "The numerals of infinity, called seven days, can never be reckoned according to the calendar of time. These days will appear as mortal appearances before the light of day, which all sense of error forever leaves behind and accepts the divine infinite calculus."

Revelation, Not Creation. Creation, then, is really revelation. It is the progressive dawning of the light of ever-present good upon our consciousness and mind. The mental darkness disappears entirely, even as material darkness recedes and finally disappears before the light of day. The veil, be it understood, is not on God; it seems to be on us. It is a symbol of human ignorance, which veil is done away in Christ. Truth, in other words, when self-ignorance, material belief, or error is done away, "done away" then one becomes aware of a universe in which fear, selfishness, and competition, envy, hatred, and jealousy, war, bloodshed, and death are unknown; a universe created and governed in perfect harmony and impartiality by divine Principle, Love.

To illustrate. Some time ago, a mother was startled by the sudden cries of her little daughter. She hurried downstairs and learned that the child had opened a door leading to the darkened living room, had looked in, and been frightened. Her mother calmly entered the room, drew back the curtains, and rolled up the shades, flooding the room with the early morning light. Looking about, she saw that the child was alone, and recognized that her fears were groundless. Soon she was undisturbed and happily at play.

Now, is not the attitude of all mankind similar to that of the little girl? Are they not believing fearfully that they are in the midst of a dark, material world and are the more or less helpless victims of it? Are they not, in their ignorance, discouragement and despair, disheartened and in despair, disaster and death? But, Christian Science imparts, we are learning that it is all a mistake. We are learning that our suffering has been due wholly to a false sense of the infinite. The Scripture puts it in the following words: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Instead of admitting that we are afraid of this world and of the things we see in it, we are not afraid. I know that all that is real is spiritual, harmonious, and good. I know that all is well.

Science of Healing. No doubt everyone in this audience will admit that all the possible has ever been accomplished.

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