

Lecture On Christian Science Draws Large Audience On Tuesday Evening

Will B. Davis, C. S., of Chicago, member of the board of Lecturers of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., attracted a large audience to his lecture on "Christian Science, What It Is and How It Heals," at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Tuesday evening. The overflow crowd was cared for in the Sunday school room, with the aid of the public address system.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. George Rounds, the second reader of the local church.

The lecturer spoke in part as follows:

Jesus declared that his healing work was accomplished through his utilization of divine power. He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing." And again he declared, "The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." Through an understanding of the ever-present and availability of the omnipotent God or Father, miracles were performed by the ancient prophets; but until Jesus taught and illustrated the law of healing, through his comprehension of God as love, only a few seemed able to utilize this divine Principle successfully in dispelling the inharmonies of human affairs.

A careful perusal of the record in the New Testament of Jesus' healing work reveals the fact that he used no drugs, no manipulation, nor material hygiene, though he healed all manner of disease and raised the dead. His disciples, obedient to the teaching of Jesus, were successful in healing, and later many of the early Christians, notably the Apostle Paul, did many mighty works in the name of the Master.

The scientific method employed by Jesus is recorded in the inspired writings of the Bible, a fact which becomes more and more evident after the way has been pointed out, but this was not discovered until 1866. It was then that Mrs. Eddy, after a lifetime of faithful Bible study and communion with God, discovered the divine laws of healing which Christ Jesus utilized. She named her discovery Christian Science, and in the years which followed, spent in listening for divine revelation, she

wrote down, and thereby made easily available to all, the scientific rules of Christian healing. Her book "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" contains the complete statement of Christian Science.

Anyone who is an alert Bible scholar may learn through an attentive examination of our textbook that the rules of healing given by Mrs. Eddy were obtained through a close study of the Bible and particularly of the healing words of Jesus.

A Definition of Christian Science If we are to be at one with God we must learn how to follow in the footsteps of the humble Nazarene. We must be obedient to Paul's admonition, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." How plainly the beloved apostle has declared here that God is not a person, but supreme intelligence, or Mind, and that our need is to recognize our close communion, or at-onement, with the Mind which is God.

We can discern through Paul's inspired instruction why Mrs. Eddy teaches us to make a clear distinction between Jesus the human man and the Christ or Truth which Jesus expressed. The Christ-consciousness may be entertained by you and me, and it is through allowing the Christ to enter human consciousness that healing is accomplished through Christian Science.

And now I am going to give you a very interesting and practical definition of Christian Science—not my own words, but a declaration made by its Discoverer and Founder. On page 160 of her book "The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany," Mrs. Eddy writes: "To live so as to keep human consciousness in constant relation with the divine, the spiritual, and the eternal, is to individualize infinite power; and this is Christian Science."

Christian Science then is a method of living; it is that law of God which enables us so to live our human lives that we may express the Christ and thus demonstrate divine power in our individual human experience. There is a requirement which cannot be overlooked. A way of living must be found which will enable us to "keep human consciousness in constant relation with the divine."

Someone may be thinking that is a very big assignment; and others may be saying to themselves that no one could keep thought in constant rapport, or communion with the infinite intelligence. But it must be possible, even if we learn to do it only by degrees. We have received the same admonition in Paul's words, "Pray without ceasing."

Healing through Christian Science In the discussion so far we have approached the answer to the second phase of our subject, namely: "How does Christian Science heal?" In other words, just what is the method employed by Christian Scientists in healing all manner of discord, lack, and disease? A complete answer to this question cannot be given in a short lecture. In replying to a very similar question, Mrs. Eddy declares (Science and Health, p. 492): "A full answer to the above question involves teaching, which enables the teacher to demonstrate and prove for himself the Principle and rule of Christian Science or metaphysical healing." Through, consistent study of Science and Health and Mrs. Eddy's other writings, not only teachers, but few Christian Science healers, but it will enable any sincere student to heal himself and others.

The first requirement in the healing activity is to learn the true nature of God. We have agreed together that God is supreme intelligence, or Mind, the only possible creative power or cause. In the Glossary of Science and Health (p. 187) we find this definition: "God, the great I AM, the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence." On page 165 of our textbook Mrs. Eddy tells us that the seven synonyms for God which she uses in the definition just quoted are "intended to express the nature, essence, and wholeness of Deity." Christian Scientists find inspiration, joy, and healing through learning more of God's wholeness or completeness, as they properly classify these synonymous terms.

From a background of a constantly expanding appreciation of God's ever-present, omnipotent and infinite love, we learn to heal through Christian Science. We learn to heal as we realize that the spiritual man of God's creating must be as perfect as his creator.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, No. the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 6th day of February, A.D. 1945.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Josephine Howard, Deceased.

Mary Hutchinson administratrix of said estate having filed in said Court a Final Account and petition praying for the confirmation and allowance thereof, termination of the bonds of said administratrix, and the residue of said estate, and the discharge of said administratrix.

It is Ordered, That the 6th day of March A.D. 1945, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, he and she, personally appear for hearing on said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

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