

**A Lecture
on
Christian Science
Entitled
Christian Science:
The Science of Divine
Power**

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Today a large number of people are using what is generally regarded as power, electrical energy, in the laboratory, in the factory, in the workshop, in the home, many are thus engaged. While comparatively little is known about electricity, it is being utilized for many useful purposes. Throughout the land, rivers are being harnessed for the production of electrical energy, with the expectation that this will substantially lessen human toil and minister still further to human comfort.

Such improvements, wisely promoted, are welcome. They may serve to point our attention to the utilization of the power of divine Mind, the energy of Spirit. At this time, when the resources of the material universe are being explored to the utmost, let us take some time to inquire into the capabilities of the divine Mind, God, to explore the resources of Spirit, Soul.

In the Bible we find illuminating statements made by one who understood and used the power of God, of divine Principle, in a remarkable degree, Jesus of Nazareth. Listen to these striking words, as recorded in the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth." It was his understanding of this spiritual power that enabled Christ Jesus to heal the sick, cleanse the sinning, raise the dead.

Christ Jesus' Healing Power

We read in the Gospel of Luke that on a certain Sabbath day Christ Jesus went into the synagogue and taught. By this time the Master had done some healing work in public, and these wonderful healings had attracted attention. The scribes and the Pharisees now watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath day, that they might be able to accuse him, according to their misconception of the Mosaic law. Think of it! They were endeavoring to find an accusation against the great Master for healing hopeless disease on the Sabbath! Well, on this particular day there was in the synagogue a man whose hand was withered. Jesus knew what the scribes and the Pharisees were thinking, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Rise up, and stand forth in the midst." The man obeyed. He arose and stood forth. He utilized power to this extent—the extent to which he understood it and was able to use it. Then Jesus said to those around him, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath

days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?" So far as we can gather, he did not wait for an answer, but addressing the man said, "Stretch forth thy hand." Here again the man obeyed, "And his hand was restored whole as the other."

The scene now shifts to the second half of the nineteenth century. A woman who had been doing her best, by tongue and pen, to help humanity was lying ill. As she lay in pain, despaired of by physician and friends, she called for her Bible. Opening it, she read of one of the healings to which reference has been made, the healing of the man who was sick of the palsy. As she read, she felt the power of the ever-present Christ, and was healed. Like the palsied man of whom she read, she arose and walked. She utilized the power which had been revealed to her. The woman was Mary Baker Eddy.

Like the man in Christ Jesus' day, to whom reference has been made, she stretched forth her hand and accepted the revelation which came to her, and was healed. After several years of searching the Scriptures and impelled by the divine power which had healed her, she wrote the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." Mrs. Eddy refers to this when, in her illustrated poem, "Christ and Christmas," she writes (p. 39),

"As in blest Palestina's hour,
So in our age,
'Tis the same hand unfolds His
power,
And writes the page."

My friends, if we could draw back the curtain of today's history just now, and see the unnumbered thousands who have been healed, saved, blessed, as a result of reading Science and Health, never again would we be able to doubt that the power of the ever-present Christ is with us here today, operating mightily in Christian Science.

Utilization of Divine Power

We make use of the power of God through prayer. We are learning that the ever-present good can be utilized by a scientific understanding of Him. The simple fact that God is All-in-all, and that man is made in the image and likeness of God, is precious beyond words. The proofs of our growing ability to utilize the power of infinite good are very encouraging, and inspire us to press on and gain a higher understanding, and consequently a better ability to prove the power of God, infinite good. Mrs. Eddy has written, in "No and Yes" (p. 39): "True prayer is not asking God for love; it is learning to love, and to include all mankind in one affection. Prayer is the utilization of the love wherewith He loves us." Here is the true utilization of power, the using of the power of Love.

EASIER TO DO

The governor general of Canada, citing the advantages of the printed word over the spoken word, should have pointed out that it is much easier to close your eyes than your ears.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

One doesn't hear much nowadays about opportunity. The most of the talk is about pensions. — Atchison Globe.

It is said that Governor Landon is going to buy himself a farm but he isn't picking it out in Maine or Vermont.

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