

# No One Wholly Selfish, Says Science Speaker

Human Heart Yearns for Something More Satisfying Than Belief in Evil and Pain.

No one possibly can live a life of absolute selfishness, according to C. W. Chadwick, C.S.B., member of the board of lecturers of the mother church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., in his lecture, "Christian Science: Heaven Here and Now," delivered in Omaha last night. Mr. Chadwick said: "Why do people congregate to hear a Christian Science lecture? Is it not because they want to know more about God? Fortunately for humanity, there is an influence ever operative in human consciousness which sooner or later compels this reaching out for the good. No one could possibly live a life of absolute selfishness. There comes a time when he wants something better than what he has, when the heart yearns for something more satisfying than belief in evil, sin, pain and sorrow, when he begins to think less of self and more of others. "What of this self which for a time imagines that it is satisfied with earthly things, and reaches out toward the spiritual? Evidently it is a false state of consciousness, else the great Wayshower, Christ Jesus, would never have assured us that this false selfhood must be denied, or corrected, if one would become an active follower of the Master.

GOING TO HEAVEN. "Old theology has had much to say about going to heaven, but it has signally failed to provide humanity with any satisfactory explanation of heaven. The designation of heaven as a far-distant abode where all good people are to congregate after the so-called death of the body has failed to give satisfaction.

"There is nothing on earth that should interest us more than the experience of finding heaven. Whatever trouble we may experience, however heart-weary or sin-burdened we may be, our one and only remedy is the application of a right understanding of the kingdom of heaven. If we are in the depths of darkness, nothing short of the heavenly vision will dispel such darkness.

HUMAN FOOTSTEPS. "The man who is healed of sickness in Christian Science has taken but one step along the road leading heavenward—but he has had his thought lifted above matter—but there is another important step to be taken. He must now be willing to turn away from a thousand and one theories and opinions of men and to recognize their utter powerlessness to get him into the spiritual kingdom. If he hears the call of the Master, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me," and recognizes his material selfhood as a composite of those various theories, needing correction and denial, he will have taken a second and most important step heavenward. He will then find himself engaged in the practice of Christian Science, of living what he professes, denouncing and rejecting the erroneous thinking of the past and of the present. As the "old man" is put off, characteristics of the "new man" are evidenced in improved mental, moral and physical conditions. These improved conditions are transitional waymarks to the kingdom of heaven here and now.

THE TRUE NATURE OF GOD. "If the infant could express its inmost thought it would say, God is Love. Ask the older child what he learned at the Christian Science Sunday school and he will say, God is Love. Ask his parents, who have read the first chapter in the Christian Science textbook, what they have learned about God, and they will reply, God is Love. Ask the man who has been saved from a drunkard's grave by Christian Science what he

knows about God, and he, too, will join in the glad refrain, God is Love. To know that God is unchangeable divine Love is to be conscious of the kingdom of heaven here and now. No greater message could come to be-frightened humanity than this, that God is Love.

DIVINE LOVE THE ONLY POWER. "If every Christian minister in our land would be sufficiently humble and loving to take Mrs. Eddy at her word, and be willing to accept on trust what he does of understanding of the letter of Christian Science, he would be in a position to comply with the Scriptural admonition, "Try the spirits whether they are of God."

"There is not a lawyer who could who could not prove the healing efficacy of divine Love to his complete satisfaction, if he would humble his pride of learning sufficiently to give the same patient consideration to the study of Science and Health as he would to a textbook on medical practice. "There is no a lawyer who could not prove the corrective power of divine Love if he would exercise the same diligence and persistence in mastering the teachings of Science and Health as he would in studying his Blackstone. Many able judges and jurists have accepted and proved Mrs. Eddy's contention, that divine Love is the only power, and therefore the only lawmaker.

GOD IS MIND. "Those who attempt to influence others through human will-power, mesmerism, or hypnotism, with no understanding of the one divine Mind, are not utilizing the power of divine Mind. They are simply reasoning from the standpoint of the physical senses, and are not divinely impelled. One who is thinking wrong—thinking sickness, sin, and death, and believing that they are real and God-given—is not making use of the power of divine Mind. "To use spiritual power one must learn to reflect the real, divine Mind. If power were one's own it could be absorbed and controlled; but in Christian Science divine Mind can only be reflected, expressed in terms of intelligence and love, not transmitted.

GOD IS LIFE. "A realizing sense of what Life is plays a most conspicuous part in the daily practice of Christian Science, so numerous are the calls for help from those who are weighed down with the thought of fear. Examine this thought of fear and it will be found to be the fear of death, the fear of losing life. The right idea of Life destroys all fear of and belief in death.

"Because Christian Science comes with a message of life and love, revealing a God of truth, of whom it is written, "They are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity," should it be shunned by Christian people as unsound doctrine? ONLY ONE SPIRIT. "The Christian world owes much to Mrs. Eddy for exposing the erroneous foundations of spiritualism. She was never connected with this cult, nor could any one who understands Christian Science ever become a spiritualist. Christian Science and spiritualism have nothing in common. To understand that God is infinite Spirit dispenses this subject in a most practical way, by healing so-called mysterious diseases, often resulting from belief in spirits many. With such unmistakable proof, one can speak with positive conviction, at the same time having the utmost charity and consideration for those who hold to spiritualistic views. When a spiritualist accepts Christian Science he will believe in one God, one Spirit, and one Life, and that one incorporeal.

ONENESS. "The Christian delights to think and to talk about God, but does he always include in his thought the spiritual relationship existing between God and his spiritual ideas? Christian Science tells us that "God is not separate from the wisdom He bestows" (Science and Health, p. 6). This certainly means that where wisdom is actually expressed, there God is, for wisdom without God would not be wisdom. Nor would God be God without the attribute of wisdom. God, in other words, has no existence apart from His manifestation or reflection. No quality or attribute of God could exist apart from God, because they are one and inseparable.

"Could one think of the sun as separate and apart from the rays of light which express the nature of the sun? Could the rays exist without the sun, or could the sun exist without its rays? The moment the attempt is made to separate the sun from its rays the result is darkness. Any attempt to separate God and that which emanates from God must result in mental darkness.

THE WAYSHOWER. "Christian Scientists lay stress upon the fact that the mission of Christ Jesus was to heal the sick as well as to save the sinner. God's forgiveness of sin includes the healing of sickness as well as the destruction of sin. The mission of the Savior was in no sense incomplete. It was to bring full salvation from the consequences of belief in evil. "His divine nature—that is, the Christ

—was constantly working through the humanity of Jesus to heal and to save. It found its highest expression in these words of the Master, "I and my Father are one." When our orthodox friends are persuaded that Christian Scientists recognize in Jesus something more than the corporeal concept of him, which disappeared in the ascension, that they also recognize his spiritual selfhood as inseparable from the Christ, they can no longer accuse Christian Scientists of denying the divinity of the Christ. If there is a religious activity today that is doing everything possible to establish Christ's divinity it is Christian Science.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IN BUSINESS. "The business man of today will find Jesus' teachings a remedy for all his troubles. It is comprised in this one declaration of the Master, "Not my will, but thine, be done." The subjugation of the human will means the overcoming of all that is selfish and demoralizing—all that is greed, avarice, deception, dishonesty, and inefficiency. Business is just as much in need of applied righteousness as a sick mind or body, and the sooner humanity awakens to this fact the sooner will the business world be a credit to the cause of Truth on earth. Why should not an honest

business man be a law unto himself in his business? He has but the one God to worship. MRS. EDDY AND HER TEXT-BOOK. "It is a well-authenticated fact that Mary Baker Eddy is the discoverer and founder of Christian Science. No one familiar with her life and writings could or would attempt to deprive her of her high honors. Her life-works stand before the world today as a striking example of what could be and was accomplished by one lone, brave woman, who had the courage to leave all for Christ. A more unselfish or loving character never lived. She was indeed, to repeat the words of Longfellow, "a noble type of good heroic womanhood."

"If you would become acquainted with this grand Christian woman, whose nobility of character and keenness of spiritual discernment lifted her thought into higher spiritual realms, we would commend the prayerful study of her wonderful book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." As an inspired and duly authorized textbook of Christian Science it is calculated to lift the thought of the student to the plane of practical demonstration.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALING. "There are grateful hearts in every part of the world who look up to Mrs.

Eddy with joy and thanksgiving for the healing that has come to them through her revelation of Truth to this age.

"Had Jesus admitted that man is sick of that there is a power capable of making him sick, he could not have fulfilled his mission of healing. It was his knowledge or understanding of the reality and aliveness of good, or Life, Truth and Love, that gave him power to heal both disease and sin. He did not even have to visit or to see his patient in order to heal him. Neither time nor distance influenced his healing prayer. How does such practice compare with ordinary medical practices which admit complete inability to do anything for the patient until the doctor can be personally present?

PRAYER. "Admitting that we are sick, and then asking God to heal us, betrays a state of consciousness that is devoid of spiritual understanding and that does not reach the ear of the Infinite. An honest, sincere acknowledgment of man's oneness with his Maker, silently or audibly expressed, is consistent prayer, and, if we are living what we profess, such prayer is always answered. The honest, unselfish effort to be Christlike is prayer. The prayer that forgets self in serving God and humanity is known to God and

will be rewarded by Him. Importuning God to send us material blessings is not the mission of true prayer. The highest prayer, the prayer of spiritual understanding, is the honest expression of gratitude for knowing that we are now in the kingdom of heaven.

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