

Divine Science

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What is Divine Science

Mary Baker Eddy writes:

In the words of St. John: "He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." This Comforter I understand to be **Divine Science**. (S&H p.55)

The leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, is **Divine Science**; the Comforter; the Holy Ghost that leadeth into all Truth; the "still, small voice" that breathes His presence and power, casting out error and healing the sick. (Misc. Writings 175)

An incidence occurred in 1866 that quietly changed the course of history. It was winter. A woman fell on an icy street in Lynn Massachusetts sustaining a severe injury in the fall. Doctors determined it to be a spinal injury which they deemed incurable and to be ultimately fatal. As her condition worsened the local Clergyman stopped by before his Sunday service to prepare her for death, fearing that she might be gone if he waited until after his service. It was in this extreme hour with the shadows fast falling around her, that she mentally protested, remembering the healing effects that were so easily accomplished by Christ Jesus and his followers almost two millennia earlier.

Something must have jarred her thinking in the flow of those moments. Perhaps it was the realization that miracles don't actually happen in the 'real' world so that every phenomenon has a underlying principle that produces the phenomenon. She might have realized also that the ancient healings were essentially the effects of a harmonizing principle instead of personal power, and if so that the principle would remain valid and universally available throughout all time and remain understandable and applicable with the same powerful efficiency.

We are told that something happened in those moments that should seem impossible, but did occur. She found herself suddenly well. She got off her deathbed, got dressed, and when the Clergyman arrived later as promised, she opened the door for him completely healed.

And this is only the beginning of her story. Her instant healing also closed the door to all her prior years of struggling with poor health. Furthermore, the experience started a grand scientific journey of discovery of the science of the process that had healed her. It became a period interwoven with healing others and with teaching her discoveries. She named her discovery Christian Science, the science of God applied to humanity.

Divine Science is the underlying Science. It is not about religion, but about power; about the reality of our being, which is spiritual. It is an element that confers powers. It underlies the healing power of Christian Science. Her own life was a testament to this power.

An incidence illustrates the nature of this power.

It happened in 1897 when Mary Baker Eddy had invited her followers one before to visit her at her at Pleasant View homestead near Concord N.H.. Among those who came was a woman who had traveled all the way from Kansas City for the occasion, accompanied by her children. It was Independence Day when the crowd gathered, a day for celebration. But it was also a day filled with agony for the mother's seven-year-old daughter who suffered severely from a boil on her head, under her hair.

After the formal address was completed that day, Mary Baker Eddy received her visitors on her porch.

The woman, Mrs. Jessie Cooper tells us an amazing story of love about what happened that day during the brief moment when she and her children met Mrs. Eddy during the day's reception. She states:

"I wish I could make the world know what I saw when Mrs. Eddy looked at those children. It was a revelation to me. I saw for the first time the real Mother-Love, and I knew that I did not have it. I had a strange, agonizing sense of being absolutely cut off from the children. It is impossible to put into words what the uncovering of my own lack of the real Mother-Love meant to me.

"As I turned in the procession and walked towards the line of trees in the front of the yard, there was a bird sitting on the limb of a tree, and I saw the same Love poured out on that bird that I had seen flow from Mrs. Eddy to my children. I looked down at the grass and the flowers and there was the same Love resting on them. It is difficult for me to put into words what I saw. This Love was everywhere, like the light, but it was divine, not mere human affection.

"I looked at the people milling around on the lawn and I saw it poured out on them. I thought of the various discords in the field, and I saw, for the first time, the absolute unreality of everything but this infinite Love. It was not only everywhere present, like the light, but it was an intelligent presence that spoke to me, and I found myself weeping as I walked back and forth under the trees and saying out loud, 'Why did I never know you before?' Why have I not known you always?'

"When we got back to the hotel, there was no boil on my child's head."*1

Another illustrative comes to mind. It happened in 1903. Mary Baker Eddy had once again invited her followers to visit her on at her homestead. The place is Concord, New Hampshire.

A woman had lived in this town who was paralyzed on one side and destitute to the point that her home life had become unbearable. Out of sheer desperation she decided one day to leave her home, never to return. But her leaving happened on the day when another event in Concord had attracted a large crowd. She was caught up in the flow of the people, probably coming from the railway station. She didn't know why they came, but she followed the crowd as fast as she able to. When she reached a homestead at the edge of town, a place called Pleasant View, she discovered that the crowd had gathered there, centered around a house with a balcony from which a woman was speaking. But having come late, thus standing at the far edge of the crowd, she was unable to hear the woman addressing her guests. She remained standing though for some time, possibly all the way to the end of the address, until she turned away in tears for this once more added disappointment of not having heard what had attracted so many people. She felt that it must have been an important message that had been conveyed.

On the way back into town, possibly still in tears on and off, as she crossed the street at some place to a vacant lot, she saw a team of horses approaching. She stopped to let the carriage pass. To her great surprise she recognized the woman in the carriage to be the same woman who had spoken on the balcony at Pleasant View. She also saw, as the carriage passed, that the woman in the carriage leaned forward and looked at her as the carriage passed by. What happened in the flow of this single moment of a voiceless communication completely changed her life. The woman said about this incident that she was instantly healed in the one single moment. Also, when she returned to her home that day she found the condition there likewise healed.

She learned in time that the woman on the balcony and in the carriage had been America's renowned religious leader, Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, the science of the "revelation of the divine Principle of scientific mental healing," which might also be called the religion of love. The woman who had been partially paralyzed related later about this moment of her healing when the carriage passed by, saying, "never before nor since have I seen the love and compassion in any human face that I saw in Mrs. Eddy's when she leaned forward and looked at me."*2

1. Grekel, The Founding of Christian Science, p.325

Note. The above quoted accounts are also related in an extensive summary compilation of accounts of healing by Mary Baker Eddy, by David Keyston - The Healer: The Healing Work of

Mary Baker Eddy, p.120, p.150, published by Healing Unlimited.

2 Lottie Clark Reminiscences, Church History

What stands behind these two cases, which are by no means isolated cases, is not an act of faith, merely, but of a conviction based on scientific perception, which is not shallow, but goes deep.

John the Revelator, who in the early scientific age, wrote of a vision in which he saw a city foursquare descending from God out of heaven. (Rev. 21) Mary Baker Eddy latched onto to John's concept and developed a foursquare scientific structure that she evidently became intimately familiar with, because every major aspect of scientific contributions is created in 16 parts or multiples thereof.

(For more details, see: [Sublime Science](#))

The great success of Mary Baker Eddy's revealed science, in the form of Christian Science, is evidently due to her deep underlying work in Divine Science, which gives 'wings' to spiritual perception and enables views that no other system can provide. It is this Divine Science that really characterizes Mary Baker Eddy and puts her far ahead in the field of scientific mental healing. In order for society to come close to realizing her demonstrated potential, the development work in Divine Science, which she had begun, cannot be omitted.

With this said, let's begin the exploration of Divine Science that Mary Baker Eddy has pioneered.

This "Divine Science" part of the website is designed the present an exploration of Mary Baker Eddy's extensive contribution to the scientific and spiritual development of mankind on a vast and comprehensive pedagogical platform that may be termed the city foursquare of Divine Science.

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