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**SUBJECT: Mind – 02/21/ 2016**

**"Mind is the Same Life, Love, and Wisdom  
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'yesterday, and to-day, and forever.” *Science and Health.*

True wisdom from God never deviates. I remember being taught here that when there's a decision to be made, don't ask experts, ask God, divine Wisdom. We might ask for opinions from experts, and they will probably each have a different answer. How much better to ask God what to do ... and quietly and patiently *wait for the answer!* It may take a little time for us to hear—God can only be heard “when the senses are silent.” But there will come a feeling of great peace, and you will know the right thing to do. Divine Wisdom never fails!  
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Unchanging Mind always has the right answer to be revealed at His time.  
I find at times the answer comes when I have learned a lesson, when I have given up my will, when I have taken my thought off the “problem” or when I have continued to be grateful and happy. No matter what, the answers always come when we expect them from the All-knowing. \*\*\*\*\*

Interesting how Pharaoh initially consulted all his local experts to interpret his dream. He must have felt that the dream was very important because when his butler remembered that Joseph had interpreted a dream in prison, the Pharaoh pulled Joseph out of prison to ask him. Joseph, of course, knew where wisdom comes from. He had proven it several times. I'm sure that this is what gave Pharaoh the confidence to put a foreigner in charge of the project. Joseph had impersonalized the whole situation and put it in the hands of God, which Pharaoh had the wisdom to recognize. If

Joseph had not given God the credit, I wonder if Pharaoh would have put him in charge. \*\*\*\*\*

## Think On These Things

Here we have the recipe of what to think about. Thinking means to have ideas, to judge, to meditate, and to reflect. We have a choice all the time as to what to think on. It's a good question to ask myself, “Am I thinking about that which is real, or am I thinking about that which is unreal?”

Here we have it. That which is true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report is real. Why? Because they are of God. That which is false, dishonest, unjust, impure, ugly, and of bad report, is unreal. Why? Because they are not of God. So don't waste your time with them. They don't do you or anyone else any good. \*\*\*\*\*

How true! I never trust myself to discern what is Godly/real and not Godly/ unreal, because most of the time my sense of “I” gets me into trouble.

My favorite prayer which I Use is:

“Father Mother, if you don't want me to be thinking about this thing right now, then tell me what I should be thinking about” and then waiting expectedly for a call or a thought to come.

The self-idea of whether something is good or bad or real or unreal means I'm the starting point for decision, and for me that's fatal. But as you say, we can recognize good things, not by material sensation, but by their eternity and lack of material measurement. \*\*\*\*\*

The last few days I have this understanding that since Mind is All, I should experience Mind only. My Father-Mother Love, I experience you, I see

you, perceive you everywhere. I just have to ditch this suggestion of personal, mortal, material non-sense, which is the only enemy we face. Often we are more like a pendulum, swinging between evil and good. (*Science and Health*, p 246). Selfishness and sensuality causing constant retrogression (*Science and Health*, p 22) swinging between nothing and something. (*Science and Health*, 23) swinging between the real and the unreal (*Science and Health*, 360). How can we fail to experience All? \*\*\*\*\*

To judge whether a thought is “Godly/real or ungodly/unreal,” you can simply ask “Is this a thought from God who loves me?” Declare daily you have the mind of Christ. “My mind is divine good, and cannot drift into evil.” (Unity of Good) Science is simple. Mrs. Eddy states little children easily love and respond to it. That is why we must become as a little child in order to receive it. It is only our human striving and intellectuality that would seem to make it complicated and impose stumbling blocks. \*\*\*\*\*

I was certainly afflicted with wrong thinking and overthinking before coming here, and it ran me right into the ground. In Plainfield, I have learned that Christian Science brings a peaceful thought, which leaves me more able to hear God’s voice. As an aside, a lot of that peacefulness seems to have come from simplifying my many loyalties down to just being loyal to God.

Something I found a while ago that has helped me is this (from Association Address by Bicknell Young, page 20 of the 1936 address):

“Looking for something esoteric, or mystical, or hidden, is not Christian Science. Anything hidden or mystical is error, or unreality. The temptation to become complicated in thought and explanation, if yielded to, obscures Christian Science and prolongs or perhaps prevents demonstration.

Christian Science is intellectual in the highest sense, but that sense is Love, and lacking the simplicity of interpretation which the demonstration of Love alone can give, Christian Science is not correctly explained.”

It’s a good reminder to me that we are not in a secret club. There is only one creator and one creation, and thus nothing good and real is secret or obscure. Truth, Love, Life, and the right thinking of Mind are for all! \*\*\*\*\*

One thing that has helped me to keep my thought focused on the things of God is to leave a copy of *Science and Health* or *Prose Works* on a table or counter, and every time I pass by, I pop it open at random and read whatever my eyes fall on. That has been a big help to keep my thought grounded and to make sure that only the Word of God is in my thinking, as I ponder what I just read. Then any thought contrary to the right becomes offensive and easier to reject. This is better exercise than going to the gym!!\*\*\*\*\*

## Keep Your Joy

Today my practitioner reminded me to keep my grin ahead of my groan. It occurred to me that Joseph, from the story in the Bible lesson this week, must have had a sense of joy, among other qualities, to be able to keep his peace despite all that was thrown his way. This thought made me appreciate more the place joy has in all we do and for the glory of God. Below is a poem I came across yesterday.

Take Joy Home,  
And make a place in thine own heart for her,  
And give her time to grow, and cherish her!  
Then will she come and often sing to thee  
When thou art working in the furrows! ay,  
Or weeding in the sacred hour of dawn.  
It is a comely fashion to be glad—  
Joy is the grace we say to God.—Selected

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Yes, thank you for the post and the poem! I have always loved the story of Joseph, and although I thought of him as faithful, moral, and patient, I never gave him enough credit for being cheerful and joyful....even in adversity. A little prayer I like to say in the morning is “go out in joy and go forth in peace.” \*\*\*\*\*

## SUBJECT – CHRIST JESUS - 02/28/2016

### For The Glory of God

Jesus did everything so that the Father may be glorified. His demonstrations and all He endured were so that God may be glorified. John 14:13: And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. How many things can I do each day for the glory of God? \*\*\*\*\*

Wonderful, useful, question to ask oneself in various forms throughout the day. Thanks for the reminder. \*\*\*\*\*

I'm not sure about asking yourself that question. To ask God the question: "Father what would you have me to do for you today?" would be more appropriate, then to wait prayerfully for the response. To ask only oneself makes it sound like a burden.... \*\*\*\*\*

To ask God is always the right way, that questioning is really asking God, Mind. It is to have a right motive for doing some of the things that come to us to do. The question should help us obey God's will for His plans each day. It's about keeping our motives pure. \*\*\*\*\*

I love the thought of keeping our motives pure. I read something a while ago that I'll never forget: "Are you doing this to make yourself look good, or to make God look good?"

I think of that often during the day—if there's any thought of "me" in what I'm doing, I know I'm getting off the track. *Everything* we do should be to show God's goodness, His kindness, His accuracy, His intelligence, and so on. And when it's finished, be sure to give God the credit, and thank Him!

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Yes, asking the question – "what can I do today for the glory of God?" is simply a reminder to get rid of selfish motives and to keep God in the picture!

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I like this topic, for it brings out that when we ask honestly, there is no separation between us and

God. And what does it mean to "glorify God"? It could mean to show the wisdom of Truth and honesty, to show the joy of spiritual Life, the power of divine Principle, the satisfaction of unselfed Love. These should be present in everything I do. In my home, my church, my business, in everything! Otherwise, I'm drifting aimlessly, and what's the point of that? \*\*\*\*\*

We must BE God, BE Mind. God is not something or someone outside of us. God, Mind, should be our consciousness and reality, and so become us. I am working on it. \*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for these posts. It was good to have the topic as a reminder to watch my motives. This also made me think of the line in the article Taking Offense by Mary Baker Eddy (which can be found on this Web site)-

"It is our pride that makes another's criticism rankle, our self-will that makes another's deed offensive, our egotism that feels hurt by another's self-assertion." Then she tells us how to go forth to face this foe of self.

This meant to me that if I am caught up in self, there is no room for glorifying God. \*\*\*

### Wrongly Called Miracles

"Jesus strips all disguise from error, when his teachings are fully understood. By parable and argument, he explains the impossibility of good producing evil; and he also scientifically demonstrates this great fact, proving by what are wrongly called miracles, that sin, sickness, and death are beliefs – illusive errors – which he could and did destroy." (S&H) Think of this! Sin, disease and death are "illusive errors," mere "beliefs." Jesus destroyed them on this basis – by understanding this basic Principle and so can we! That is why it is natural and normal to see error disappearing from our lives. Mrs. Eddy states many times healing is not miraculous, but normal and natural. Sometimes we are not even aware of the process until it dawns on consciousness, "Oh yeah, I don't have that problem anymore! I have been cured of this, that or the next thing!" It is also why it is important to

thank God for our blessings every day so we ARE aware of all the Love He bestows on us always, without fail! \*\*\*\*\*

The article “Oneness” by Bicknell Young makes all this so crystal clear! I sent an audio version of it to Jeremy. I think it is essential for us to work with this teaching. It is so strong and useful. \*\*\*\*\*

I have also found that article “A MUST READ;” because without correctly identifying with the Christ, what self-hood would we be speaking about as being impossible to have an illness or any claim when we do rebuke error. Only the Christ-self (not the material body) is perfect and remains untouched by all the material laws etc. It’s extremely important to acknowledge this unity and live by it.

As the Lesson says: 496 : 15-19

Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual idea, the Holy Ghost and **Christ**, which enables you to demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing, based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, overlying, and encompassing all true being. \*\*\*\*\*

## Understanding

Back in 1994, I thought I had better get a clearer and deeper understanding of God and Christian Science. It was during a snow and ice season that went on for almost a month, so I took the time to really buckle down. I had a nice healing from an injury during that time so I knew I was on the right track, but I have always struggled with this deep understanding and thought I could do more.

Coming to Plainfield has brought me new hope. The word understanding was used numerous times in the Lesson on Mind last week and this week in Christ Jesus it is used again. I pray for understanding. Science and Health 343: 14-24... Jesus strips all disguise from error, when his teachings are fully understood. By parable and argument, he explains the impossibility of good producing evil; and he also scientifically demonstrates this great fact, proving by what are

wrongly called miracles, that sin, sickness, and death are beliefs—illusive errors— which he could and did destroy. So I march on, following God, Christ Jesus, and Mary Baker Eddy. \*\*\*

There is a reason why Jesus was patient with his disciples. He appreciated that in order for us to begin to understand, it required a change of base in our thinking, which comes only through experience. It is not an easy change for some of us to accept, that life is spiritual and not material. It is not that we can understand everything there is to know about God. That is a bad misconception, yet it is what too many people try to do. I find it most useful to understand the qualities I must maintain in order to live the life God intended for me (the reality of what He created). Jesus was humbler than anyone. He trusted God and followed God in everything he said and did. To me, that is the first step in beginning to understand anything. He was wise beyond measure because He saw what God showed him. He was loving because he was obedient to God, and our loving God could do no other. He healed because he could not accept anything other than God’s perfect creation in his experience. These are the lessons Jesus taught. We understand them as we follow them. Pretty challenging at times, but so rewarding... \*\*\*\*\*

Yes, for so many years I understood Science with my brain, but my body had a different agenda, but, I never gave up. I knew it was true.

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