

# FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

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**SUBJECT: Mind — August 22nd, 2021**

## Immortal Mind, not Mortal Mind

Divine Science presents two startling Truths in connection with Mind. The Truths are presented here as two questions: (i) What is Immortal Mind? (ii) What is mortal mind?

Mary Baker Eddy demonstrates Immortal Mind is invisible to human sense, even invisible to the intellect, but perceptible and real to those of Christ Wisdom. Further, Mrs. Eddy painstakingly proves that mortal mind will never reveal the permanent harmony of being since it springs from a wrong belief, an error, a false-fact. Without a doubt, Mrs. Eddy proves mortal mind is a giant liar. She asks us to recognize and rebuke mortal mind's lies. And, she even shares with us how to do this.

By studying Christ Jesus' teachings and works plus the textbook *Science and Health*, I appreciate with a grateful heart:

- (a) the Life of Christ revealed is practical, realistic and doable;
- (b) the way to attain it is known; and,
- (c) the principles are revealed.

At this point, I stop. What more is there to say? Perhaps this. Abiding continually in the First Commandment, studying *S&H's* principles of Truth and living up to the Wisdoms in the Sermon on the Mount nicely put a zip on words without works.

The key to opening the door of Immortal Mind is found in the Great Commandment: Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind. With Divine Love in my heart, recognizing, rebuking and dismissing mortal mind as a false-fact becomes a natural practice, even if challenging at times.

When it comes to proving that Immortal Mind is the ONLY mind, words will not do. Only works will do. Works are proof so-called mortal mind and its claims of sin, sickness and death can be dismissed.

How Soul has brought me to the experience of this lesson that would teach me many things. Your way PCS is a continuous round of blessing.

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## Understanding

“...the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” (Prov. 9:10) I love this statement. If ever I have failed to understand anything, it is the result of my unwillingness to gain “the knowledge of the holy.” This refers to the things of Spirit. After all, Jesus stated that “God is a Spirit...” and since God is all, knowledge of the things of Spirit is the only true knowledge there is. Knowledge of matter is not knowledge at all, but is the great lie, mesmerism, which we eat of the “tree of knowledge of good and evil” to our detriment. This knowledge of the holy is the “translation” that Mrs. Eddy refers to in *Misc. Wr.* p. 25: “Science, understood, translates matter into Mind, rejects all other theories of causation, restores the spiritual and original meaning of the Scriptures, and explains the teachings and life of our Lord. It is religion's ‘new tongue,’ with ‘signs following,’ spoken of by St. Mark. It gives God's infinite meaning to mankind, healing the sick, casting out evil, and raising the spiritually dead.” Further, she writes in *Misc. Wr.* p. 74: “Christ Jesus' sense of matter was the opposite of that which mortals entertain: his nativity was a spiritual and immortal sense of the ideal world. His earthly mission was to translate substance into its original meaning, Mind.”

Martha Wilcox explains that this is how we spiritualize our thought. In *Addresses by Martha Wilcox* is written p. 311: “Through translation of man and the visible universe back into the spiritual fact of man and the universe, we shall finally see and know that an elephant, or a planet, or an airplane is not larger or mightier than ourself. We shall see all things as thought forms, or ideas, or spiritual facts, included within us and as possessing all the qualities and attributes of God.” It requires a spiritualized thought to understand the reality of things. A thought that is not spiritualized is mesmerized.

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## The Beginning of Wisdom – Hate Evil/Iniquity

(Prov 9:10) “The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom...” (Responsive Reading). (Prov 8:13) “The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.” Therefore, the beginning of wisdom is to hate evil, pride, arrogance, the evil way, the froward mouth. (“Froward” – 1828 Dictionary: Perverse, that is, turning from, with aversion or reluctance; not willing to yield or comply with what is required; unyielding; ungovernable; refractory; disobedient). (Heb 1:9) “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”

*We Knew Mary Baker Eddy, Vol. 1, p. 297:* “Someone said, ‘But, Mother, are we not to discriminate between good and evil?’ She answered substantially as follows: ‘Ah, now you have asked me what is to me the hardest thing in Christian Science! Yes, you must see and denounce evil. The Bible tells us that Jesus was God’s chosen because he loved righteousness, but the Bible does not stop there. It says, “and hated iniquity”! So often have I longed to see and know only Love—only the good—but I have not dared. I must uncover and rebuke and hate iniquity.’ This was very valuable to us all. To her this is the greatest struggle of all, the hardest thing in Science, but

when one *loves* righteousness, one *hates* iniquity.” (Sue Harper Mims)

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## Disease is Not an Intelligence

“Disease is not an intelligence to dispute the empire of Mind or dethrone Mind and take the government into its own hands. Sickness is not a God-given, nor a self-constituted material power, which copes with Mind and finally conquers it.” (S&H p. 378). These are powerful truths from our lesson this week. Let us KNOW these truths to BE true and let us wipe out this insidious belief of “pandemic.” How dare anything try to “dispute the empire of Mind.”?! Mesmeric beliefs can and must be ruled out by the power of Almighty God! God’s Law is the only Law and His Law is Good. Remember one wise man saved the city. “The real jurisdiction of the world is in Mind, controlling every effect and recognizing all causation as vested in divine Mind.” (S&H p.379)

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## Stay Upon His God

“Who *is* among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh *in* darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.” (Is. 50) “Stay: To remain; to continue in a place; to wait; to attend; to stand still; to dwell; to confide in; to trust.” (1828 Webster’s Dictionary) “Spirit, God, is heard when the senses are silent.” (Science and Health p. 89) “Let him trust in the name of the Lord; not in himself, nor in any creature, but in the Lord Himself ... And stay upon his God; covenant interest continues in the darkest dispensation; God is the believer’s God still; and faith is a staying or leaning upon Him, as such; a dependence upon His power to protect, on His wisdom to guide, and on His grace, goodness, and all sufficiency, to supply.” (John Gill Commentary)

“O blest is he to whom is given  
The instinct that can tell  
That God is on the field, although  
He seems invisible.” (Hymn 86 From The Christian Science Hymnal, 1932 edition)

Daniel had this staying power through all the situations he faced. Unwavering faith, obedience, and his dependence on God resulted in sufficiency, protection, and wisdom. He was always prepared.

Thank you for this Bible lesson on keeping our oil and steps to wisdom.

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Thank you for this post.  
“Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.  
(Isaiah 26)

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## **SUBJECT: Christ Jesus — August 29th, 2021**

### **Christ Understanding**

To me, Jesus demonstrates over and over that there is only Divine Love and Eternal Life. No mental beliefs touched Him. He proved Christ Understanding ITSELF is the only Power and Presence.

Christ Understanding has not come into my experience and is not my reality. I am being 100 per cent straight with myself and with you. It has sometimes been easier to get carried away with human opinions of Christ Understanding rather than focus solely upon Jesus' Supreme lessons presented in the Bible. I appreciate Christ speaks through the man Jesus revealing what Spiritual Understanding is.

Mrs. Eddy's textbook and miscellaneous writings present to me as a bridge between Jesus' words and works and the scientific practicality of those words and works. Mrs. Eddy, an angel of Light, sums up Christ Understanding perfectly. I keep silent and allow her realization of Christ as Divine Science to speak. “The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation. Now, as then, these mighty works are not supernatural, but supremely natural.” (*Science and Health*, p. xi)

May I never forget, ‘Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness [Christ Understanding]: for they shall be filled.’ (Matt.5:1-12). Thank you PCS for this week's lesson on Christ Jesus. Its scope is enormous.

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### **Man In His Image**

(*Science and Health*, p. 332) “Into the real and ideal man the fleshly element cannot enter. Thus it is that Christ illustrates the coincidence, or spiritual agreement, between God and man in His image.” Genesis 1: 26 “And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion....”

Mrs. Eddy understood perfectly what Christ Jesus did and still does for mankind. I awaken slowly perhaps to this Truth of truths, but I am grateful for each unfolding ... and I am in awe.

And then we have the Scientific Statement of Being that put it all together for us to understand and internalize. “There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation,.. Spirit is God and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.”

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### **“He Proved What He Taught.”**

“He proved what he taught. This is the Science of Christianity. Jesus *proved* the Principle, which heals the sick and casts out error, to be divine.”

(*Science and Health* p. 473)

“441 — WATCH that you do your part in bringing divine power into activity in this human sense. When Mrs. Eddy was confronted by a lawsuit in 1899, she wrote to a student: ‘Pray daily twice at least to divine Love to give you success in this case of libel, and then realize for yourselves that Love and Truth, and action on your part (for Truth does not work for you unless you work), will give you the victory.’... Our recognition of the human need, our knowledge of the operation of Truth, and our affirmations thereof, plus our detection and elimination of any deterrent lying in the path put divine power into operation. Jesus said, ‘My Father

worketh hitherto and I work.' Jesus' work was the understanding of the utilization of divine power and his application of it to the human need;" (500 Watching Points by Gilbert Carpenter)

This Lesson on Christ Jesus followed a strong Roundtable Sunday not to become slothful and neglect to keep oil in our lamps. To follow Jesus' example, we must eliminate "any deterrent lying in the path," never a moment to drift from this work, cannot afford to be off guard, for ease, "retiring" from work or leaning on another to "put divine power into operation." I am so grateful to the timely warning and blessings found "in working for God."

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Watch that *you do your part*... "My Father worth hitherto and I work." Thank you for this post filled with so many powerful reminders.

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## The True Light

I love how the Bible lesson on Christ Jesus begins with a man sent from God, John, sent to bear witness of the Light, "...the true Light, which *lighteth every man* that cometh into the world." [emphasis added] Those words leapt off the page. We are all given the Light. It is up to us to do something with it! Sharing the Christ Light with others is something the teachings here taught me to do.

Thank you, Plainfield Church! And thank you to the lesson writer.

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### Hymn 86

*From The Christian Science Hymnal, 1932 edition*

God's glory is a wondrous thing,  
Most strange in all its ways,  
And of all things on earth, least like  
What men agree to praise.

O blest is he to whom is given  
The instinct that can tell  
That God is on the field, although  
He seems invisible.

And blest is he who can divine  
Where right doth really lie,  
And dares to side with what seems wrong  
To mortals' blindfold eye.

For right is right, since God is God;  
And right the day must win;  
To doubt would be disloyalty,  
To falter would be sin.

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## Blessings From Our God



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