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**A Lecture on Christian Science Entitled:**

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: A DISCOVERY  
OF SOLUTIONS**

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**INTRODUCTION**

On a sweltering Fourth of July a woman was drawn outside onto her porch by the yelling and screaming of an upset neighborhood. This wasn't the first time she'd been attracted out of her home by such noise and violence. Many times she had witnessed the upheaval and anger of her neighborhood, but this time was different because she felt inclined to do something more than simply witness another fray.

After she stepped out onto her porch she began to pray. Small children were witnessing the hatred, violence, and fear of their parents and friends - and this disturbed my friend. After she had prayed she looked up only to find the fight getting even more violent. She then sang a hymn. But the violence was so extreme no one heard her and there was no noticeable difference, in fact, the fight was escalating rapidly.

Thinking that this time she should go into her home before the fight advanced any further she turned to walk back inside when she was led instead to cross the street where the fight was occurring.

Now, my friend is not a young strong man able to physically handle racial uprisings. She is a loving, older lady, small in stature, with a deep concern for humanity. But she carries with her the power, or in fact the weapon, of prayer. She stepped off her porch, walked across the street and lifted her hands and said, "Happy Fourth of July. Happy Fourth of July!" A friend looked at her and asked, "What did you say?" She lifted her arms and repeated, "Happy Fourth of July!"

The violence began to subside until everyone involved stopped to look. The children quieted, and the neighbors began to disperse. She said for the rest of that day she didn't see anybody or any turmoil or fear in the streets, it was peacefully quiet, calm.

Now, the phrase "Happy Fourth of July" may not always be such an arresting phrase - but we have to ask ourselves: What was the source of this solution to the upheaval?

Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer of Christian Science, tells us the source when she writes in her textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, "The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace." (506)

The solution to this neighborhood fight was based in my friend's spiritual understanding, her calm and exalted thought - which was established through her prayers. Her prayer gave her strength, courage, peace, and willingness to obey God's direction, and power.

Her prayer acknowledged God's incorporeality, divinity, supremacy, control. She applied these qualities to the immediate disruptive circumstance and she was successful in solution, through her exalted, prayerful thought. Then doesn't it remain to be reasoned that my friend's calm, exalted, prayerful thought touched those around her until they, too, felt calm? Her peaceful thought was externalized and it benefited her neighborhood. We all can learn how to pray to God, as taught in Christian Science, how to apply our prayers to our difficulties.

The Bible cautions us "If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord..." (Josh.24:15, 21).

Getting our thought aligned with God, choosing to serve Him, has practical, powerful, results. Leaning upon him we find strength. Listening to Him we find unerring guidance. Following His command we find freedom. We lean, listen, and follow, by mentally entertaining and acknowledging His presence and power, by cherishing His goodness. When God is foremost in thought, good is externalized because God is good. However, what we choose to serve determines our experience.

Mrs. Eddy teaches in her Textbook, "The procuring cause and foundation of all sickness is fear, ignorance, or sin. Disease is always induced by a false sense mentally entertained, not destroyed. Disease is an image of thought externalized. The mental state is called a material state. Whatever is cherished in mortal mind as the physical condition is imaged forth on the body" (411).

The quote above says, "Disease is always induced by a false sense mentally entertained, not destroyed." Then couldn't we properly reason that

inertia, stagnation, fear of the future or any problem we're facing is "always induced by a false sense (false concept) mentally entertained, not destroyed"? Whatever the problem confronting us, it's caused by mentally entertaining, or accepting, or cherishing, a false concept of God and man - hence the need to replace the faulty concept with the right idea that constitutes man and his experience. Our false concepts of God limit our experience hence the reward when we replace false concepts with a clearer understanding of God and man. To learn about one is to learn about the other.

We don't want to cherish something in thought that we don't want externalized! That would be destructive.

Instead, we want to dissolve inharmony in thought and replace it with God's harmonious design and the externalization will be in accord with the change in consciousness. If within thought we are cherishing a materially inherited disease, failure, or lack, it will be made manifest in our everyday life. However, if we are cherishing the absolute perfection of God and man, accomplishment and spiritual sense will mark our experience. Right thought, aligned with God, is powerful. As understood in Christian Science right thought does something.

The Textbook states that Christian Science "...changes secretions, expels humors, dissolves tumors, relaxes rigid muscles, restores carious bones to soundness. The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind" (162).

This is what right thought aligned with God accomplishes. It does something. It makes practical our solution. It changes, expels, dissolves, relaxes, restores, and stirs the human mind to a change of base to Spirit, God, not matter. It encourages yielding to God, divine Mind.

This is done by keeping thought with God and outwardly expressing the contents of our prayers. "Disease is an image of thought externalized," writes Mrs. Eddy. If we have in thought fear, lack, sin, failure, this image will be externalized. If we're cherishing discord, unhappy relationships, stress, anxiety, they will manifest themselves in our lives. However, if we're entertaining abundance, security, intelligence - reflected from the divine Mind -- harmony, success, health, -- based upon the spiritual understanding of what true being includes, these will be made evident to us. Our prayers are the rudders with which we navigate. They change thought which changes experience.

True prayer to God acknowledges His presence and power. It identifies God as good, as ever-available. It admits God to be Spirit, Mind. It concedes to God all strength, protection, direction,

purpose. True prayer heals. A prayer may begin with a petition to God to do something, or it may be an acknowledgment of His power.

Whichever it is, we can be sure of Deity's willingness to act upon our lives when we turn thought to Him. However, we must remember, true prayer to God, or the most effective prayer, is an awareness of His power and presence - not a plea for His action on our behalf. Emerson wrote in his book *Self-Reliance*, "As soon as the man is at one with God, he will not beg. He will then see prayer is all action."

Prayer in Christian Science most often begins with God - who He is and what He does. It includes man, God's idea; and it reveals man to be in harmony with divine Mind, God.

Christ Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt.6:33).

Seeking God first is to draw close to Him. It is to rely upon His direction. It is to lay aside all false pride to lean upon Him and humbly listen for His voice. It is to be good, do good, say good. It is to pray before taking any steps - even if we think we're positive of how God would work things out!

To seek God first is to put aside all false human will and opinions, to set aside all selfishness, to put off all haughtiness, and false concepts, and rely completely upon God to direct our experience. This "putting off" begins within thought, with prayer, it results in becoming aware of God's unerring direction. A better understanding of God and man lifts thought higher, and this inevitably changes our experience for the better. But in order to utilize this Science and make it practical to everyday life we first have to know what God is.

## WHAT IS GOD?

And how can we gain a better understanding of God? In a small but powerful book, *Unity Of Good*, it's written: "When I (the Discoverer of Christian Science) have most clearly seen and most sensibly felt that the infinite recognizes no disease, this has not separated me from God, but has so bound me to Him as to enable me instantaneously to heal a cancer which had eaten its way to the jugular vein.... An incontestable point in divine Science is, that because God is All, a realization of this fact dispels even the sense or consciousness of sin, and brings us nearer to God, bringing out the highest phenomena of the All-Mind." (7)

"Because God is All" His presence precludes all difficulties. "Because God is All" His presence constitutes consciousness filled with good. Filling our consciousness, through prayer, with the fact of God's allness, wipes out of consciousness any sense of

abnormality - and God's goodness and allness, our solution, is found in its place.

When our thought is so aligned with God and His immediate allness there's no room for an opposite belief of discord. When we are entertaining and cherishing God and His immediate power there's no space left for another false belief. Thought is objectified in experience. This is how God's allness - filling thought - precludes all difficulties.

How can we entertain opposite qualities of thought if our understanding of God's omnipresence has already filled consciousness with good? It is self-evident that both Spirit and matter cannot be supreme to us. It is self-evident that both Spirit and matter cannot be divine or dominant to us. It is self-evident that both Spirit and matter cannot be authoritative to us. Mrs. Eddy says, "...because God is All, a realization of this fact dispels even the sense or consciousness of sin, and brings us nearer to God, bringing out the highest phenomena of the All-Mind." Where else could God be all to us except within thought which is manifest in life? This highest phenomenon of the All-Mind is God ever-present to us, filling consciousness with good. And a consciousness filled with good results in a life filled with good because opposites cannot mix in thought.

Mrs. Eddy tells us more about God when she writes "God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love" (S&H 465). Those last several names are synonyms for God - they elucidate God's essence and nature.

God is incorporeal. This does not mean that God is bodiless, but rather fleshless. Man is the body of God, or the embodiment of God. However, man is not God and God is not man. They coexist and are co-eternal, but they are distinct in office -- God is cause and man is effect. This is what makes man useful to God. God knows only Himself, Mind, and His idea, man, but this is not a drawback - rather the sovereign panacea to today's difficulties. Even more, it is today's solution to yesterday's problem.

However, we may think we see matter and its resultant problems all around, but we must remember that thought is objectified in experience. When the material concept of the world tempts us into believing that there's no hope, no place to turn, no solution - we can prayerfully turn to God and learn of His supremacy that precludes all erroneous activity and learn of man who is held above the threats of materialism, the threats of sexual abuse, the threats of drugs, the threats of stagnation, by the very fact that God is cause and man His direct, spiritual, effect.

We see what we believe. If we believe disease, sickness, sin, death, to be inevitable we will experience them; however, if we spiritually understand them to be opposed to God's government and therefore

powerless we'll learn how to exercise man's God-given dominion over them and our awakened spiritual understanding results in spiritual power.

God is divine. The divinity of God is His wholeness. He is completely free from all adulterants or impurities. He possesses no disease, no lack, no mortality. He has no tool box of illness from which to choose. You may wonder why there appears to be so much sickness, sin, and violence in this world - it is because of the universally held belief that sickness and sin are inevitable. Man punishes himself when he turns from God because he is forfeiting God's help.

Man punishes himself by being ignorant of God and man's relationship. Man suffers when he denies God's presence and power because he turns from His allness.

God is supreme. Man's creator didn't create His precious expression out of a supposed form of substance - He used only high-quality material - spiritual substance. Because God is supreme, man reflects His supremacy, His dominion over all false concepts. God's supremacy annihilates the false concepts of mortality and establishes concrete, practical, solutions to everyday problems when we turn to Him for help. And we turn to Him in thought, in a consciousness filled with His supremacy; and we find our lives conforming to His nature.

Another aspect of God, and perhaps the one most easily accepted, is God as creator, cause. A creator or a cause has to have a creation or an effect. The effect of God is man.

Cause and effect go together - they are inseparable. Just as the laws of gravity state that the pull of gravity brings an object to the ground. You could never let go of an object without it falling, so it is with God. God has never created or caused something where there has been no effect, or an ill effect. So man, Spirit's creation, is the direct result of Spirit. What would be the effect of Spirit, but a spiritual creation? God and man is one, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being" - yet God and man are distinct (Acts 17:28).

God is All. He is incorporeal, divine, supreme. He is cause; and man is spiritual, God's effect. Understanding the nature of God and man governs our experience because the basis of our thought determines the tenor of our lives. And basing our lives on the Christianity taught by Jesus externalizes healing.

### **THE BENEFIT OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**

The world we experience is the world within thought. We carry with us either true or false beliefs concerning our experience. But the world God ordained reflects all the qualities of good. This world is ours to profit from. "For God so loved the world,

that he sent his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting Life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:16, 17).

This is the world of reality – the world so loved by God. However, it’s obvious that what we call the material world is not exactly perfect! Crime is high, the economy is poor, hunger is rampant, and food scarce. One simply has to turn on the news to hear of the turmoils of a material creation and its hatreds. And this is exactly why Christian Science is so beneficial - so healing - so needed – to counteract false beliefs about the world.

Christian Science has come to save mankind from false beliefs. It has come to benefit mankind. It has come to lead humanity away from mortality. It has come to prove God to be the healer of iniquity. It does this by uplifting humanity to a clearer sense of God and man’s unity. Christian Science is applicable to every phase of human need. It fulfils the Scripture, “in my flesh shall I see God” (Job 19:26).

Christ Jesus proved centuries ago the divinity and supremacy of God while simultaneously proving the utter impossibility of a separation between God and man. He proved man to be whole by applying his spiritually correct view to disruptive circumstances.

Mrs. Eddy writes, “He who has the true idea of good loses all sense of evil, and by reason of this is being ushered into the undying realities of Spirit” (325). Jesus had the true idea of good, and in his thought he discounted all sense of evil. Christ Jesus’ correct view healed, it redeemed, it renewed. He had no need of material medicine although it was available. He employed the use of prayer - spiritual right thought - to bring about healing. He was undecieved by the Pharisaiical codes and creeds of the priest. He knew to spiritually understand God’s allness was power and he utilized this power by keeping his thought, his correct view, aligned with God.

Now, Christian Science makes a distinction between Jesus and the Christ. Jesus was the babe born in a manger, the boy who obeyed his parents, the child who tutored the priests in the synagogue, the young man who at his mother’s encouragement turned the water into wine, and the adult who raised the dead, cast out demons. The man who was crucified, resurrected, and ascended. The Christ is the power within himself that Jesus employed in healing the sick. The Christ is man -- man found in the image and likeness of God -- the perfect, spiritual idea, that is innate within all of us. The Bible teaches that it’s the “Christ in you, the hope of glory” -- “The Christ in you,” the Christ in me.

We each have the Christ within us. However, the healing Christ was demonstrated more by Jesus than any one else. He let the Christ monopolize him, but he

did not monopolize it. Hence the utter inseparability of Jesus and the Christ. Hence the title Jesus the Christ, Christ Jesus, or Jesus the anointed.

In a recent edition of your school paper an editorial was written about Jesus and other prophets of the Bible. The author commented that the only difference between Jesus and the others in the Bible was the fact that Jesus was the only one who when put into the grave didn’t stay put. That’s true. And we must ask ourselves why. What made his teachings different that he could overcome sin, sickness, disease and death?

Mrs. Eddy writes, “Christ, Truth, was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of Spirit over the flesh, - to show that Truth is made manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body, healing sickness and destroying sin” (316). “It is made manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body.” “It is made manifest by its effects upon” our experience, our schoolwork, our careers, our relationships.

The Christ-power does something. It heals, redeems, regenerates, it’s ever-available. I had a friend in college who suffered from extreme pain in his chest, arm, and back. The pain was constant and this alarmed him. Often it was difficult for him to carry his backpack - or to even try to sling it over one shoulder.

This went on for two years and occasionally it would put him in bed for two to three days - unable to gain any comfort or relief. His basis of thought was anchored in matter and its concomitants.

It was during one of these times that my friend decided to call a Christian Science practitioner for prayerful treatment to help him. A Christian Science practitioner is one who devotes his full time to healing through prayer only.

Practitioners are listed in the back of the Christian Science Journal and each one listed there has a proven record of healing. My friend and the practitioner agreed to pray together to uplift thought away from a belief of material condition, and its assumed power, to Spirit, Mind, God.

He prayed to understand and to feel his relationship with God better. He prayed to gain a correct view of man. Through prayer, his thought changed from fear to spiritual understanding, anxiety to trust in God’s allness, and he was healed. The pain and continuous discomfort were gone from his chest, arm and back; and once again he could breathe deeply and easily. The full definition of Christ in the Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures is: “The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error” (583).

Isn’t this what happened to my friend? The divine manifestation was externalized. The Christ in him was made evident. He learned that the false

concepts of matter are powerless and the spiritual understanding of Spirit is powerful. Thus the difficulties of matter are in submission to Spirit - they are in submission to a calm, exalted thought. And a thought submitted to God is an experience in submission to Spirit.

It is this understanding - that matter is in submission to Spirit - that benefits the world. The problem may be mortal heredity or an upheaved neighborhood, or a difficult relationship. Or it may be concern about one's family life, one's community, one's world, or one's environment.

Whatever concerns us, wherever the problem lies, no matter how difficult appears the solution, the Christ is there healing, regenerating, redeeming. Thus the benefit of Christian Science is manifested and our solution found, through the power of the Christ, through the power of the Christ-consciousness, through the power of spiritual right thought.

### **CHANGING THE BASIS OF THOUGHT**

The most important lesson we can learn is to take responsibility for our own thoughts and actions. Indeed, the laws of God make mandatory the fact that thought expresses itself in experience; hence the inevitability of being responsible for our own thoughts. Understanding that there is only one cause, God, we can no longer place the origin of problems on our family, friends, or environment.

If I believe in hatred and fear then I'm the sufferer of my own thought. If I believe in the omnipotence of matter and its concomitants than I'm the sufferer for such beliefs. However, if I choose to depend upon and learn more of God, good, then I am the beneficiary of my thought because thoughts are externalized in experience. This doesn't mean, however, that Christian Science is a psychogenic or pseudo-cure. Rather it proves that siding with God has actual, effective, evident results. It's not mere positive thinking in the sense that would ignore a problem, but rather thought that is actually established upon God and His goodness that dispels the problem. Thought established upon God, aligned with God, manifests good, adjusts abnormal circumstances, and renews, because thought at-one with God results in a life at-one with God.

While in college a friend of mine, who was a Christian Scientist, began to feel pain in a tooth. The pain was so intense the whole side of her face ached. And, she said, she could feel the large cavity in her tooth which she believed was the cause of the pain.

She called a Christian Science practitioner for prayerful treatment. And she began to learn, through prayer, how to change her basis of thought from matter to Spirit. It wasn't long before the pain had left her face - but the tooth still ached.

My friend continued to earnestly base her thought and her actions upon Spirit. She strove to think spiritually - she strove to understand God better. She began to learn of the power of spiritual right thought. Each day the pain subsided until she felt no more pain - but she said the cavity was still there as she could put her tongue into the hole.

Months went by and she felt no pain, but upon being questioned about the tooth she was convinced that she should go to the dentist and have it filled. She made an appointment and kept it. When the dentist took x-rays and probed and prodded the tooth he found no evidence of any decay whatsoever! There had never been a cavity - there was never a hole!

Now, I ask you, what was the cause of the pain? Wasn't it a belief based in matter? Where was the belief of a hole but in her own thought! Where was the belief of pain but in her own thinking! She believed there was a material cause and this belief was the source of the pain.

When she properly identified herself as the child of God, her basis of thinking changed from material to spiritual and the healing was complete. She successfully yielded to the presence and power of God. Yielding our thoughts and desires to God, based upon His incorporeality, divinity and supremacy, is not mere human will power but actually the spiritual recognition that man is God's child. My friend's problem was resolved in healing - she found her solution in Spirit.

### **THE TERRIBLE TRIO**

Today you've heard me speak about false concepts and you may be wondering exactly what they are. In Christian Science a false concept is anything and everything which purports an opposite to God, good. If it's troublesome, painful, discouraging, frightening - if it's tempting, deceitful, dishonest - if it's results are unwelcome than it's a false concept which produces an erroneous outcome.

Our grades may be slipping, our parents divorcing, finances bleak or jobs scarce - our relationships may be decaying or advancing too rapidly, our health may be declining or our environment deteriorating - whatever the outward evidence is, if it's unwelcome, untoward, unhappy, it is the direct result of false concepts emanating not from the divine consciousness which man in reality reflects but from erring, mortal mind.

Mortal mind is simply another term for false, erroneous thinking - thinking based upon matter not Spirit. Mortal mind pretends to be a creator or originator. However the only thing it ever claimed to originate is the objectification of erroneous concepts. Its basis is material. It externalizes error. Thus to change thought from being matter-based to Spirit-based dissolves the supposed control of the mortal

mind, and establishes within thought the divine consciousness.

Earlier we considered the quote from the Textbook, "The procuring cause and foundation of all sickness is fear, ignorance, or sin. Disease is always induced by a false sense mentally entertained, not destroyed. Disease is an image of thought externalized. The mental state is called a material state. Whatever is cherished in mortal mind as the physical condition is imaged forth on the body."

Problems are always the direct result of fear, ignorance, or sin. Fear, ignorance, or sin. Now there's a trio for you! And a deadly one at that! It is fear that God isn't omnipotent which externalizes error. It is fear - or rather lack of understanding of the Almighty - which deters advancement. It is fear which paralyzes and disables us from turning to the one source we know can help us - divine Mind, God. This fear immobilizes actions and deadens thought - when it is not prayerfully handled. And how do we prayerfully handle it? Like my friends have, by changing the foundation of thought from matter to Spirit, from materiality to spiritually, from fear to trust; by filling consciousness with God's allness.

Ignorance, the second of this triad of falsity, claims that we are incapable of obtaining spiritual understanding. It sets up a picture of confusion, indecision, depression, cluelessness, blindness, unawareness. It pridefully tries to pronounce the world's problems unsolvable. Yet the opposite of ignorance is spiritual understanding. To spiritually understand God is to know His nature. To know God is to know good, it is to feel good, it is to be good. When cause (God) and effect (man) are spiritually understood wisdom is found and ignorance is lost.

And then there's sin. Many things fall into this category. Sin is simply matter-based thinking. Sin literally means, missing the mark, but it results from failure to grow spiritually. Sin is failure to think spiritually.

Recently my husband and I moved into a new home. One thing that attracted us to this home were the big, lovely, mature trees on the property. However, these trees hadn't been pruned in ten years or more. So it was my duty to stand back and look at the tree and point to the limbs which I felt should be removed. And it was my husband's duty to saw and saw until the limb fell. You can imagine, after awhile this job lost its flavor for being fun! However, I gained a new appreciation for pruned trees!

It wasn't long after this that I was coming from visiting a friend when I passed by a tree which had been patiently pruned. This particular tree had scars all up and down its trunk beginning at the very bottom. They were two to four inches apart all around the trunk. Each time this tree attempted to grow it was

obvious that it grew in the wrong direction; however, someone had patiently pruned it -- forcing it to grow up into a beautiful tree.

We may sometimes feel that our life resembles this tree. Perhaps we've not been allowed to grow in the direction we wish. Or perhaps we've done things that we now feel were wrong. Or perhaps we feel we've grown in many different directions except the right one or the one which would benefit us. However, through spiritual right thought we can learn to grow spiritually.

Failure to think spiritually manifests false concepts. However, spiritual right thought destroys the false concepts called sin. Through spiritual right thought the stains and scars of sin and disease dissolve. So, what is found in Christian Science may not be primarily solutions - but rather problems - destroyed. To the spiritually awakened, problems dissolve. To the spiritually alert, false concepts fade. Thus Christian Science, with its discovery of solutions, proves man to be at-one with God in thought and in being, and the terrible trio, fear, ignorance, and sin, loses its foothold within consciousness and hence within our lives.

### THE DISCOVERER

Sometimes Christian Science is thought of as a faith-cure or a side-line religion which doesn't offer much to the genuine Christian. However, I can assure you, its Discoverer and its adherents are not so deceived.

Mrs. Eddy grew up in a mainline Christian church and she loved it. She hoped to never have to part with it, but when her teachings were not openly welcomed into the creeds and orthodoxy of her home-church she was forced to establish a church, a religion, a way of life, upon a deeper, more consecrated understanding of God and man.

She diligently studied the Scriptures to learn more of what Christ Jesus and the prophets that went before him already knew: That God's love for His idea, man, along with His allness, are provable when applied Scientifically.

She learned, through great trials and self-sacrifice, of Christ Jesus' teachings; and more she learned how to apply his teachings to everyday life reconciling man to God, not God to man. So, when Christian Scientists speak of the Discoverer of Christian Science with great love and dedication it goes so far beyond her material personality to her unfeigned love for mankind, to her self-sacrifice, to her spiritual devotion, to all those things which has given each adherent a better way to think and to live.

Undoubtedly, each adherent of this faith has felt the Christ-power, has seen healing, has healed, and has been healed. Undoubtedly their gratitude is immeasurable. Much more than mere believers many

of the adherents of Christian Science have become understanders of the divine law and Science; and they have learned through great searching how to help their brother-man with their uplifted thought.

So, for what Mrs. Eddy has done for mankind we are indeed grateful. But unlike what some may affirm we are not worshippers of her personality; and he is not equated with Christ Jesus. For what Christ Jesus has done for mankind, again, we are indeed grateful - but more, we are in debt to him for sharing through his teachings, his actions, his life, his thoughts, the power, presence, and allness of God. The world is in debt to Christ Jesus, and to Christ's Christianity.

### **THE WRITTEN DISCOVERY**

The Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, records Christ's Christianity and makes it available to all. It elucidates the original Christianity found in the Bible. It's for the nations, the governments, the peoples. In short, it's for you.

With this kind of teaching sitting at our fingertips will we turn away like the rich man of the Bible who had "great possessions" and couldn't possibly follow Christ Jesus into a land of solutions and service? Didn't he miss out!

Tonight, we've looked squarely at how difficulties have practical, effective solutions through the teachings of Christian Science. And we've looked squarely at how fear, ignorance, and sin keeps one from finding the solution.

We've seen God as incorporeal, divine, supreme. We have seen how Christ Jesus' original Christianity can be a practical, effective, healing Science to us today -- by prayerfully turning thought to God's allness. We've discovered how Christian Science offers a solution to every human need through the application of spiritual right thought, or prayer.

Our solution is at hand. It is found in Christ, in exalted thought, in spiritual right thinking, in a deeper understanding of God and man. It enables us to say with the Psalmist, "I have chosen the way of truth" (Ps.119:30).