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*"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but  
mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds"*

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## CHRIST JESUS, THE TRUE SCIENTIST

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JESUS of Nazareth was the most scientific man that ever trod the globe" (Science and Health, p. 313), is the grateful and loving tribute of the most scientific woman who has graced this world's history. As a Scientist all his work was performed in the mental laboratory,—the realm of thought. He accomplished great and noble deeds because great and noble thoughts actuated him. His Principle was Love. His rules were divine. The spiritual laws he utilized and enforced were harmony and perfection, and had always existed. His morale was embraced in the Ten Commandments. The results he obtained were health, harmony, holiness, and immortality. His basis for demonstration was the great truth that nothing exists apart from God and His ideas,—that in the infinitude of Love nothing beside Love and Love's ideas could have existence. His starting point was that the only universe there is, including man, is wholly spiritual, and under the absolute control of

Spirit, divine Principle, and therefore harmonious. His purpose was to reveal the Christ to every man, and show mankind what this blissful state of consciousness called heaven is, and how it is to be obtained. His forty days in the wilderness indicated the necessity for overcoming the temptation to believe in that erroneous mental state that Adam, or mortal man, finds himself in after he has succumbed to the argument of the serpent that knowledge is obtainable of something besides good. His object in meeting this error and detecting its operation was for the specific purpose of destroying it.

The advent of Jesus occurred at the very time when his presence was most needed, and when the human mind was most receptive to the divine idea. This mental receptiveness, as is always the case, provided material for demonstration by the master Metaphysician through scientific reversal of mortal thought, which holds within itself the belief of evil. By

the process of spiritual thinking he could demonstrate the unreality of evil as expressed in discordant mental and physical conditions.

The secret of his success lay in his wonderful unselfed love, and his apprehension of true being. To him to live was to love, because his living Principle was Love. He admitted no power, recognized no substance, acknowledged no law, but Love. This all-absorbing devotion, this undivided recognition of infinite Love, endowed him with mighty power, revealed the Christ-man, raised him above all others, and drew all men to him. That the keynote of Jesus' ministry should be harmony was both natural and logical, because his Principle was Love. His two favorite figures of speech were "the kingdom of heaven" and "the kingdom of God." It will be remembered that after overcoming the temptation in the wilderness, his first recorded public declaration as given by Matthew was, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, Reverse your thinking: heaven is here. Then followed that wonderful discourse called the Sermon on the Mount, which on close study, it will be observed, was delivered primarily to his disciples, as a master addressing his students, and which embodies the whole morale and ethics of Christian Science practice.

His method of healing was both simple and effective. He knew that the false evidence before the physical senses, called disease, was simply a presentation to the human mind, as mental pictures are depicted to one in a delirium, with the distinction

that others besides the patient shared the illusion. He also knew how, by the direct application of his understanding of Truth, to replace those fictitious illusions with spiritual realities. All his demonstrations were based on those three fundamental postulates of Christian Science practice embodied in the "scientific statement of being," found on page 468 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy; namely, the allness of Mind; Spirit, the only substance; man, God's spiritual reflection.

To become the Way-shower as well as demonstrator, Jesus adapted himself to human thought. He knew that he was dealing with a false hypnotic condition; he knew also, what was more important still, the exact truth about the thing this perverted sense seemed to see; hence his first miracle of turning water to wine, like all his following demonstrations, was the natural result of the operation of spiritual law. Mortals believed that happiness could be produced by a fermented mental state, materialized in liquid form, called wine. To Jesus the inspiration of real happiness, joy, and bliss could only be obtained through mental purity, symbolized by water. He simply reversed their erroneous thinking, gave them a glimpse of reality, and incidentally, the water became wine.

Matter conditions had no laws for Jesus, whether liquid, solid, or aeriform. What if the sea was storm tossed? He had only to apply his understanding that in the kingdom of heaven, under the government of divine Love, there were no disturbed

elements or raging passions; all was harmony—and there was a great calm. If his presence was required on the other side of the lake, and limited human sense argued that there was no boat or agency by which to cross over, he reversed that thought, and through his clear recognition of spiritual law—that in the realm of Spirit there is no distance, space, or time, any more than there is matter—immediately he was at the place. When his students through an intense sense of fear had shut themselves in and locked the door, by his application of his knowing that God made all, that God never made anything to frighten His children, and that in the realm of infinite divine Spirit, which is always filled with spiritual ideas, there are no intrusive mortal beliefs, he was at once in their midst with the comforting words, “Peace be unto you.” At the approach of aggressive mental suggestion in the form of a squad of soldiers to arrest him, it was only necessary for the Christ-element in him to assert itself, and declare, “I am he,” and with his knowing that a spiritual idea is unassailed and unassailable, error “went backward, and fell to the ground.”

Whether mortal belief presented itself in the illusion of a man with a withered hand, a lame man, or a man born blind, Jesus had only to apply his understanding of the spiritual law of perfection, and realize that man, God’s spiritual reflection, could never lose his divine power to grasp spiritual truths, to move from one point in Mind to another, or lose his capacity of spiritual discernment—and harmony was immediately restored,

false thinking was reversed, and a glimpse of reality was thereby imparted. It mattered not what the claim or argument of this hypnotic sense was that presented itself, Jesus’ understanding of divine Principle and his direct application of the rule of perfection and harmony instantaneously effected a change in consciousness. It was his direct application of his understanding of spiritual realities that reversed the evidence of the material senses. Because of his knowledge that, in the order of divine logic, divine Love must of necessity be the law not only of infinite supply but also of infinite abundance to all its ideas, and by the application of that knowing, he provided money, filled the fishermen’s nets with fish, and with a handful of food fed thousands. It was by the same process and by his recognition that infinite Life, being infinite Love, must of necessity be harmonious and continuous, without friction or dislocation, that he restored Jairus’ daughter, gave back to the broken-hearted widow her only son, and called Lazarus from the sepulcher.

Since the demonstrations of Jesus were only illustrative of an operative, divine Principle, the rules of which he understood perfectly, it was as simple and natural for him to heal sin as it was sickness, because the rules were as applicable and effective in one instance as in the other. On account of the spotless purity of his mentality and the wondrous power of his knowledge that Love, the creative Principle, never created man an animal with animal nature, propensities, or passions, he attracted to him

those slaves to false appetites who longed for release from the suppositional hypnotic power of sin; he reversed their thinking, healed their sin, imparted to them a glimpse of heaven, and gave them a taste of the joy of purity and goodness that comes only through spiritual Love.

Jesus demonstrated his control over matter and matter conditions more than has anyone else. He could have risen above and disappeared out of this material condition as did Enoch, Moses, and Elijah. He was the Way-shower; they were not. His crucifixion signified and illustrated a wonderful love, a love that would make a nameless sacrifice,—to lay down all that he might break this hypnotic belief of death and forever free mortals from fear of it. He demonstrated its nothingness. He would show that they, too, might understand this divine Love and follow all his demonstrations, and by their application of the spiritual understand-

ing they had gained, abolish the illusion of there being in existence anything unlike God and His ideas.

His resurrection was the culminating point of demonstration. Others before him had raised the dead; none had raised themselves. He would. As a true Scientist he was about to complete his work in the laboratory of Mind. He had labored unceasingly, suffered persecution and ostracism, that he might satisfy the human thirst for spiritual life; break the mortal illusion of error with truth; feed the starved affections famishing for Love; and instruct mankind how to regain paradise. "It is finished," is the exultant cry of the great demonstrator, the master Christian Scientist, who proved beyond all question to a waiting world that God, the divine Principle of all being, is ever present, omnipotent Love.

"What anvils rang, what hammers beat,  
In what a forge and what a heat  
Were shaped the anchors of thy hope!"

## A TIMELY CAUTION

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**A**FTER the Jew has accepted Christian Science, there arises in him a persistent, albeit unconscious, effort to identify its teachings with those of Judaism. He will educe for proof of this identification the fact that there have been and still are rabbis possessing the healing power. This is one of those "half truths," which if unchallenged constitute a hindrance to an acquisition of the facts of absolute Truth.

The points of difference between Judaism and Christian Science as to

the healing power lie in the following: All followers of Christian Science, to a greater or lesser degree, heal, whereas in Judaism only isolated and special persons have displayed this power; also the power to heal among rabbis was spasmodic; and because these people had no understanding of Science, they could neither explain nor teach to others the rules of this healing power. With Christian Science all this is different. Because Christian Science is based on fixed Principle, the ability to use and