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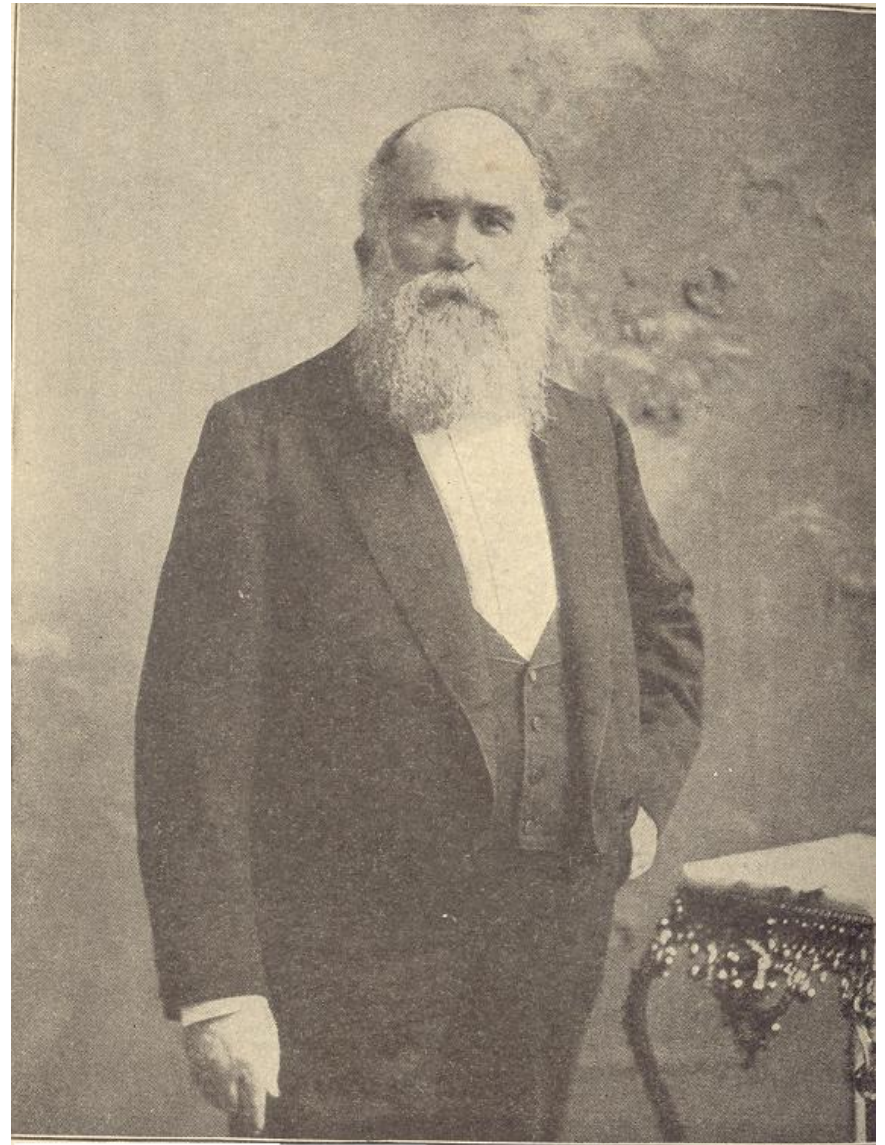
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I call you attention this afternoon to the subject, “Christian Science Exposed.”

Please to bow your heads and follow me in the

### INVOCATION

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto all to whom these words shall come, for the sake of Jesus, my Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

The reason why this discourse is redelivered, let me say at the outset, is because my stenographer became very sick on January 12th, when I delivered it in this place. He had to suspend writing about the middle of it. Another stenographer who was acting as an alternate, and had the discourse taken down, lost his notes, and after searching in vain for them we had to give it up. As many persons had asked for the completion of the discourse, and as I had no time to dictate it at home, I felt it was best to redeliver it.

I call your attention to the words which I read to you in the First Epistle of Paul to Timothy, the sixth chapter and the last verse, in which the Apostle says:

Oh Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so-called:

Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.

In my previous discourse you who were present and have read the report will remember that I uttered many things concerning the first two or three heads of this division that I made.

I said that Christian Science was an Antichristian Imposture, first, because it is unchristian; second, because it is Antichristian, or opposed to Christ; third, because it is unscriptural and unscientific;

fourth, because it is self-contradictory, illogical and absurd; fifth, because it is mercenary and impure to its very heart's core.

In dealing with this subject again today, I wish at the outset to make more plainly and clearly, perhaps, than on the last occasion, a disclaimer and qualification to all that I say.

### HONEST PEOPLE IN ALL RELIGIONS

I am perfectly aware that there are many persons who call themselves Christian Scientists, and are believers in Christian Science, as they say, who are very respectable, very intellectual, and very conscientious members of society. Furthermore, I will say that amongst these there are some very sincere and true-hearted Christians who will not today come under the lash in what I say.

But, while I make this admission, I want to say it is an admission that has to be made in connection with every religious system that has anything of God or Christ in it.

Yea, in the broadest sense, the admission is to be made concerning all men and under all circumstances, for I gladly recall the words of the Apostle Peter in the household of Cornelius, the Roman centurion, a Gentile, who, to a Jew, so far as religion was concerned, was unclean and an outcast.

When Cornelius fell at his feet to worship him, Peter the Apostle said, “Stand up; I myself also am a man.”

Would to God that that apostate priest who sits with his triple crown of pride upon the papal chair, and who says that he is the descendant of Peter — would to God that he, when men kneel at his feet to kiss his poor old toe, would say to them; “Stand up; I myself also am a man.” (Applause.)

It is a base thing to crouch at any man's feet and kiss his toe, and it is a baser thing still for any man to let any one else do it. If you wanted to do it to me, I would be inclined to kick you. (Laughter) They would not get up any other way.

Well, that is a slap at the Pope, anyhow. I generally get in one now and then.

Somebody perhaps says, “Why don't you leave him alone?” I

wish he would leave God's work alone. Then we would leave him alone. But I tell you this, when Peter entered that house of Cornelius he would allow no man to crouch at his feet, and if the Pope were Peter's successor, he would say, "Stand up; I myself also am a man."

I do not believe a man is a complete man unless he gets married. I do not believe any man is a Bishop unless he is married; for the Scriptures so declare. The Apostle Paul in writing to Titus said:

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee charge; if any is blameless the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of riot or unruly. For the Bishop must be blameless, as God's steward.

Now, then, every Bishop that is not married had no right to be ordained, and a Bishop is not a Bishop unless he is a married man. This proves that the Pope was never rightfully ordained a Bishop.

There I am, back on Rome now, but I could not help it. I was looking back that way.

Peter stood there in the household of Cornelius and made him get up on his feet; and the very next words that he said were these—they were beautiful words: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable with Him."

And God, amidst the Christian Scientist muddle and mess, has His own children.

God, amidst Roman Catholic error and superstition, has His children.

Blessed be His Holy Name, no man has ever bowed and in the true devotion of his heart cried to God, in any tongue, in any clime, in any nation, at any time and sought for Him, but He has heard his cry.

He has heard his cry, and God forbid that I should be narrowed down to such a mean, miserable faith as would shut out earnest, honest hearts, who did not know Him, who could not define their theology rightly.

## MIGHTY WORKS OF THE SICK AND SORROWING.

The mightiest works that I have ever seen in this ministry of Divine Healing, and I have seen tens of thousands healed, have been wrought amongst these who came up out of sorrow and sickness, and pain and poverty, and degradation, and sought God and found Him—found Him as Saviour one minute, and as Healer the next.

I therefore make the admission very gladly that there are very excellent and even Christian people *among* the Christian Scientists, and that people have been healed who call themselves Christian Scientists, and that God healed them.

But *they were not really Christian Scientists*; they were not healed through Christian Science. They were healed through simple faith in Christ, despite the errors of Christian Science.

There are people in the Church of Rome who find their way to God despite the errors of the doctrine of papal infallibility and the transubstantiation of a bit of bread in to the alleged body, blood and bones of Christ, or the foolish and vain doctrine of Maryolatry, and in defiance of these errors have bowed and cried to the Living God in the name of Christ. Amidst the superstition of Rome, God has heard their cry and saved them, doubtless, in millions.

I make the admission, too, that amongst these you will find many who have sought God and He has healed them.

I tell you more: There are priests in the Roman Catholic Church who know Christ is the Healer, and there is one in this city whom the Pope has stopped praying with the sick. Many of you know of him. God has heard their cry of faith on behalf of the sick and the sorrowing, and answered it.

May God bless these men, where ever they are found, on Christian or on Pagan ground, and lead them to a perfect redemption for spirit, soul and body, through faith in Christ.

But such men are like Luther, who was saved in the Church of Rome, and then got out of it.

Christian Scientists, as they call themselves, who are faithful to Christ, will get out of Christian Science, for Christian Science is an

Antichristian imposture as a principle and as a system.

JUST AS ROME IS APOSTATE, SO IS CHRISTIAN  
SCIENCE.

But now another point before I go further. I understand, also, that there are various schools of Christian Science. I am dealing with Christian Science as it is taught from this platform every Sunday morning, as it is taught by the teachers in the First Church of Christian Scientists, Boston.

THE "MOTHER" OF THE IMPOSTURE

Christian Science, as it exists in this country is *mothered* by a woman in Boston, whose followers call her "mother" and its father is A.B. Child, the Spiritualist, a son of the Father of Lies.

Christian Science, as it stands today before the world, is mothered by the authoress of this infernal book which I now hold in my hand, entitled "Science and Health with A Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker G. Eddy. This edition says that she is the "President of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College." But here is another edition that says she is not, which leaves that out, for that college is defunct. Mary Baker G. Eddy must, however, stand responsible to God and man for the introduction and the pursuing of what is called Christian Science. I therefore take

MRS. EDDY'S WRITINGS AS THE AUTHORITATIVE  
TEXT-BOOKS OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

To show you that I have not come to the consideration of this subject in a day, I will tell you that the copy of "Science and Health" which I now hold in my hand was printed and is dated 1888, and was put into my hands in that year, a few days after I arrived in San Francisco from Australia. The later edition of the book, which I hold in my hand, is dated 1894 and I purchased it myself at the office of the

Christian Science Publishing Company, in Boston, last September. I therefore can claim that between the procuring of the first and last editions of the book I have been not merely an attentive student of what she has written, but an attentive observer of what Christian Science has done.

Nor am I speaking today for the first time on the subject, for I have frequently written and spoken upon it before; but this will be the beginning of what may possibly come to be a number of lectures at convenient times. I may say, further, that I have closely observed the practices of and have corresponded with Christian Science practitioners, or rather they have corresponded with me, in the first instance, in many parts of this country.

I have gathered around me everything that Mary Baker Eddy has written up to day. I am a regular reader of the *Christian Science Journal and Quarterly*, and, so far as the knowledge necessary from reading and observation is concerned, I claim to be in an equal position to deal with this matter, at the very least, with any Christian Scientist in this place, and I am glad there are many of you here. I have taken pains to be well informed, and I do not speak hastily, but after years of study and observation and with an experience qualifying me to speak with authority.

It is difficult to compress into one address all that one would like to say concerning this subject, but I want, under these various headings, to deal with Christian Science today.

I propose to expose it as an Antichristian Imposture:

*First* Because it is Unchristian.

*Second* Because it is Antichristian, or opposed to Christ.

*Third*. Because it is Unscriptural.

*Fourth*. Because it is Self-Contradictory, Illogical and Absurd.

*Fifth*. Because it is Mercenary to the very heart's core.

FIRST, IT IS NOT CHRISTIAN

I suppose we have no dispute with the Christian Scientists in saying that they profess to accept the Bible with Mary Baker G.

Eddy's interpretation. But I suppose all Christian Scientists will admit that we have a right to test the Christianity of their philosophy by the revelation given of Jesus Christ in the New Testament, in the four Gospels, and in the Epistles and in the Revelation of Jesus Christ which John received from God in the Isle of Patmos.

Mrs. Eddy has placed herself on record in her writings; and I hold all Christian Scientist are bound by these, except a very few irregulars. I will admit there is a very insignificant minority who refuse to abide wholly by her teaching, but who have no very considerable position in the Christian Science world. But the great majority of Christian Scientists who meet in this city and in this place, and who read every Sabbath Day Mrs. Mary G. Baker Eddy's book as the interpretation to the Bible, are bound to her writings. I shall refer to something concerning that presently. I therefore test the Christianity of Christian Science by the "Key to the Scriptures," written by Mrs. Eddy, and appended to her work "Science and Health."

John the Apostle said: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit which confesseth not Jesus is not of God: and this is the spirit of the Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it cometh; and now it is in the world already."

That being the touchstone in the Epistle, you will remember also that this is so in the Gospel, for the Apostle John says, twentieth chapter of John, thirtieth verse, as the reason for writing that Gospel, these words; "Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this Book; but these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God."

Now what does Mrs. Eddy say in her "Key to the Scriptures," page 530: "Christ is a Divine principle, *not person*; Soul, outside the body, *not the person of the Man Jesus*."

In a recent work entitled "The Unity of God," published late in last year, in the chapter entitled "The Saviour's Mission," she says: "Jesus came to earth, but the Christ, that is the Divine principle which

made Jesus the Christ, was never absent from the earth and could not come to it."

The definition, therefore, given here is clearly that Christ is "not the person of Jesus," that He is not the Christ.

So says Mrs. Eddy.

But the Apostle John says that "every spirit which confesseth Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and ever spirit which confesseth not Jesus is *not of God*," and, therefore, the touchstone of the whole matter is there, Christian Science denies the identity between Jesus of Nazareth and the Christ, declaring that the one is one being, and the other is another. She declares that Christ is a Divine principle, *not a person*; whereas the apostles declares that the Gospel itself was written for the purpose of proving that the Person whom he knew as Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing in Him we might have life through His Name.

Therefore, Christian Science stands, at the very outset of this inquiry, as being unchristian.

It denies the personality, the identity of Jesus, the Man Christ Jesus born in Bethlehem, with the Eternal Christ. That denial is a fact. Nothing can get around that.

## SECOND, IT IS ANTICHRISTIAN,

because it is opposed to the teaching of Jesus Christ, as well as that of the apostles.

I do not care to bring the apostles much into this matter for the present, because much as I reverence the apostles, I reverence the Lord more; much as I reverence the prophets, I reverence Jesus Christ before all. Therefore I would rather, and for the most part I shall, confine myself to arguments taken from the teaching and the life of Christ, and from the testimonies of those whom He specially and personally approved.

I say that Christian Science is Antichristian because the Lord Jesus Christ declared that the Old Testament was an infallible record; because the Lord Jesus Christ declared that these writings were "the

Holy Scriptures”; because Jesus the Christ Himself stated expressly, “Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal Life, and these are they which testify of Me.” But Christian Science, by its denial of the inspiration of the Old Testament, proves itself to be Antichristian.

I will read my proof for that under the heading of “Jehovah” on pages 540 and 541 of her “Key”: “This double term Jehovah, or the Lord God, is not used in the first chapter of Genesis, the record of spiritual creation. It was introduced into the second and following chapters, when the spiritual sense of God and infinity were disappearing to the writer’s thought, when the scientific statements of the Scriptures became clouded through a physical sense of God as finite and personal.”

“From this clouding of Scriptures,” from this ignorance set forth in the Scriptures, she says that there arose “Idolarty and Mythology, belief in many gods or material intelligences as the opposite of the one Spirit or Intelligence, named Elohim, or God”

The statement is made definitely then by Mrs. Eddy that these scriptures which Christ Himself declared were divinely inspired are the causes of Idolatry and mythology, and therefore of all the miseries which have cursed humanity, directly challenging their inspiration, which Christ affirmed.

I am merely stating facts. I am going to give you some deductions by and by.

#### IT IS AN ANTICHRISTIAN IMPOSTURE,

because it challenges and repudiates the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ concerning sin, disease, death, hell and the personality of Satan.

To begin with the last first.

There is no question to those who are candid, to those who are honest, that the story of Christ’s ministry, as we read it in that Gospel, begins with the marvelous and tremendous conflict between Himself and a personality called Satan.

He was “Led of the Spirit, “ or “Led in the Spirit,” as the

marginal reading has it, “Led in the Spirit into the Wilderness to be tempted of the Devil,” and was forty days and forty nights in direct personal conflict with the great archangel Santanos, who leads the hosts of hell. The Gospel declares that He, the Man Christ Jesus, came into personal conflict with, and into the immediate presence of, the Devil. He spoke of him as a personality.

But what does Christian Science in this book say?

It denies the very existence of sin and the Devil.

On page 531, under the heading of “Devil,” the Key to Scriptures of Mrs. Eddy says, “A lie; error; neither a person nor a principle; the opposite of truth.”

Now if the Devil is not a person and is not a principle, he does not exist; and, therefore, the whole of Christ’s statements concerning His conflict with Satan have simply got to be set down as so much nonsensical trash and falsehood.

I am now dealing strictly with the record.

You profess, you Christian Scientists, to be believers in Jesus Christ. How can you believe in Him, when he distinctly stated that the Devil was a person, which you flatly deny?

He charged it upon His enemies, when they said they had Abraham to their father, “Ye are of your father the Devil. And the lusts of your father it is your will to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and stood not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of them.”

You say the Devil is neither a person nor a principle, Christ says he is a person of bad principle. He began with a conflict with him and He indeed with it saying, in the hour of His agony, preceding His going to Gethsemane, “The Prince of this World cometh, and hath nothing in Me.”

Christ still has a conflict with Satan as a personalty, and also as the representative of a diabolical set of principles. But Christian Science says Satan is neither a person nor a principle. Christian Science must be a lie, or Christ must be a liar; and I prefer to believe that Christianity is true, and that Mary Baker Eddy is a liar.

(Applause)

### SIN DOES EXIST

Consider the statements of Scripture, and notice that the first thing that was done in the recognition of Jesus as the Christ was the declaration by the greatest of all the prophets of the Ancient Dispensation and the first of the new, John the Baptist. What did he say when he baptized the Christ in the Jordan, when the Voice of the Father Eternal was heard, saying "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well please, hear ye Him"?

John the Baptist said, "He is the Christ."

John said, "He that sent me to baptize with water, said unto me, Upon whomsoever thou shalt see the Holy Spirit descending, and abiding upon Him, the same is He that baptizeth with the Holy Spirit." and he adds. "I saw," and, therefore, he declared that Jesus was "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the Sin of the world."

But Mrs. Eddy says there is no sin, that sin does not exist and directly contradicts the statement of the Apostle Paul, and of Christ Himself all through His life, that He "came to take away sin," and, therefore, all its consequences, amongst which are sickness and death. But the statement is made in plain terms that neither sin, nor sickness, nor death have any existence.

Let me read you a quotation which proves that assertion. There are many such, but I will confine myself to one under the heading of "Man" on page 541. Mrs Eddy says: "*Man is incapable* of sin, sickness and death, inasmuch as he derives his essence from God, and possesses not a single original underived power, and hence *man cannot depart* from holiness."

If that statement is true, then Christ's assertions, all the way through, that He had come to take away sin, to die for sinners, to call sinners to repentance, are all false. Christ must have lied if Mrs. Eddy tells the truth, because she says expressly that "*Man is incapable* of sin, sickness, or any departure from holiness". She lies or Christ lies, and I believe Mary Baker Eddy lies. (Applause.) And I believe that

every Christian Scientist who endorses her assertion is a wicked liar. I have no other alternative.

### DISEASE DOES EXIST

Christian Science says there is no disease.

In the name of common sense, if there is any of it left in you miserable Christian Scientists, let me ask you a question: If man is incapable of sin and sickness and any departure from holiness, where is the necessity for your Christian Science?

You declare that man is incapable of doing something. Therefore, Mrs. Eddy takes \$300 from every Christian Science pupil whom she teaches to take away nothing. That fact is here in one of her books. For every pupil whom she teaches she takes \$300 for the purpose of enabling them to administer the way to destroy sin and disease, and yet declares "man is incapable of sin or sickness." The passage is in "Retrospection and Introspection," Page 61. I am going to that afterwards.

But what does the Bible say? and what did Jesus say concerning disease?

The very first sermon that He preached, or rather the first recorded sermon that He preached, Luke 4, and there standing in the synagogue of Nazareth, he took from the attendant the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, opened it and read the place where it is written "The Spirit of Jehovah is upon me, because He anointed me to preach the good tidings to the poor; He hath sent Me to proclaim deliverance to the captive, and recovering the sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And it is declared in Matthew 8:17, when He healed a multitude that came to Him, that these things were done "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the Prophet, saying Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

But if sickness does not exist, our Lord Jesus Christ was guilty of a falsehood in saying that He took away our sickness, therefore, He would be constantly guilty of a gross imposture upon mankind if He was saying the He took away something which does not exist.

Disease does exist. Mrs Eddy says it does not. Christ say it does. One or the other lies, and I prefer to believe that she lies. (Applause.)

### GOD IS A PERSONALITY

Now we do not stop there. If we carry the investigation further, we shall carry it in a very solemn region, when we carry it to the discussion of the personality of God Himself.

Jesus distinctly declared the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

He said: "My Father worketh even until now, and I work. "I and the Father are One." "All may honor the Son even as they honor the Father."

He declared He was the Eternal Preëxistant God. All things came into being and form by means of Him, and apart from Him there was no creation.

He claimed to be God, and not only that, but He declared that there were other personalties in the Godhead besides Himself.

He said the Holy Spirit was a Person, and when the Holy Spirit came He would lead them into the Way of All Truth. He would reveal Christ.

But what does Christian Science say concerning the nature of God?

I will read. I make no assertions that I do not prove. Under the heading of "Father," on page 536, Mrs. Eddy says: "Father is the great Eternal Mind, the Divine Principle commonly called God."

Now the definition of the word principle requires us to believe that a principle is not a person, but a fundamental abstract potentiality, in the way of the expression of truth proceeding from a person. Therefore, if God the Father is only a principle, He is not a person.

If the Father is only a principle, what does Christian Science say of the Holy Ghost?

"The Holy Ghost," Mrs. Eddy declares on page 538, "is not a person." She defines him as "Divine Science, the developments of Eternal Life, Truth and Love."

That is not a person.

The development of any truth that I may offer today is not a person; it is a development of a truth that proceeds from a person, but the personality of the Holy Spirit as an identity in the Godhead is expressly denied by Christian Science.

I have shown you, then that Jesus is only declared to be "a man," that Christ is only declared to be "a principle"; the Father is only "a principle." and the Holy Ghost is simply "a principle" of Christian Science. Therefore the Godhead does not exist as revealed in Scriptures if Christian Science is true.

But it is only true. It is a Satanic lie

But what does exist according to Mrs. Eddy?

According to Mrs. Eddy, God is not a Trinity, but He is a Duality; and that is the interpretation of God the Father which she gives to the Lord's Prayer, under the heading of "The Lord's Prayer."

I find, on page 322 of the last edition of her work, this statement: "Let me give what I understand to be the spiritual interpretation of the Lord's Prayer."

I may say here that I have myself heard this prayer uttered in this form in the First Christian Scientist Church, Boston, for I went to Boston last summer very largely for the purpose of investigating Christian Science at its American source.

I visited the church of which Mary Baker Eddy is the founder, the first church of that kind built in this country, and heard them worship, as they called it, and amongst other things the Lord's Prayer was uttered in this form:

"Our Father and Mother God, All harmonious, adorable One. Ever-present and Omnipotent. Thy supremacy appears as matter disappears. Give us grace for today; Thou fillest the famished affections; and Love is reflected in love. And leadest us not in temptation, but freest us from sin, disease and death; for thou art all substance, Life, Truth and Love, forever. So be it."

Let us examine the prayer as Christ gave it, in comparison with the prayer as Mrs. Eddy gives it.

"Our Father, who are in heaven"—hear what is said by the Christian Scientists: "Our Father and Mother God."

How dare any woman call our God, our Father and Mother God? How dare she deny the Trinity, and call herself a Christian. Where does the Scripture speak of a Mother God? Nowhere. It is a polytheistic conception of God which makes a God Father and a God Mother. The Scriptures say and say distinctly that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost are one God, but never say Father and Mother God.

In the next paragraph she says; “Hallowed be thy Name. Then we have, “All-harmonious,” which does not seem to be an interpretation at all, because Christ, in giving the Name of God, said to His disciples, Go out into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.”

These are the names of the triune God.

She say” “Thy kingdom come; *ever-present and Omnipotent*; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. *Thy supremacy appears as matter disappears.*” That has nothing to do with the statement about God’s will at all. Matter is a very real thing, and the statement that matter has to disappear before God’s glory can appear is false. God glorifies Himself in matter as well as in spirit.

Did you hear that woman who was healed testify today?

Stand up, Mrs. Reil. There is about five feet of matter in that body. She stands there and she appears, and in that body she declares that Christ healed her. Do you not?

Mrs. Reil—“Yes, sir.”

General Overseer—Now there is matter; and I venture to say this, that the appearance of that woman in a material body standing there today and declaring that God, for Christ’ sake, healed her, makes the glory of God apparent and real does it not? (Applause and cries of “Yes”.) And I tell you this, the glory of God was made manifest by the incarnation of God himself in humanity, and the glorification of matter is made manifest by the fact that Christ wore a Material Body, He glorified the Father in that Material body. I do not believe in talking nonsense about matter. Matter is God’s creation.

Now, I pass on to my next point.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IS SELF-CONTRADICTIONARY, ILLOGICAL AND ABSURD

Take, for instance, the statement that Mrs Eddy makes in her Key to the Scripture regarding Adam. I am not responsible for the absurdities that I am now going to commit by reading them to you. I am simply showing you the absurdity and falsity of Christian Science as it is contained in those writings.

On page 526, Mrs. Eddy says: “Adam is error; a falsity, the belief of original sin, sickness and death, evil; the opposite of good or God; dust to dust; red sandstone, nothingness.”

In the Name of God, how can you be red sandstone and yet be nothing? for, after all, red sandstone is something. But there is a more ridiculous thing.

Now, you Christian Scientists, listen: “Adam is the direct product of nothing, as the opposite of something.”

In the name of common sense, how can anything be a product of nothing? How can you get something out of nothing? out of nothing, nothing comes.

Ah, says Robert Ingersoll, there is where I have you Christians. He says “You say God made the world out of nothing. Miserable Ingersoll, God never said any such thing. The Bible says that God made the world by “the Word of his power” and, Robert Ingersoll, you will find out that the word of God’s power is something, and a mighty big something; for when God the Omnipotent speaks, all the hosts from myriads of stars flock to His standard; when God speaks the word all creation throughout the universe, material and spiritual, moves at His command. You will find, you miserable little infidel and viper, you wretched Ingersoll, you will find that the Word of God is something, and that “the Word of His power” is the mightiest power in the universe.

When Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, there were some Generals, even in the Northern Army, and all the Generals in the Southern Army, who laughed at it. They said, “It is all

very well for a man to sit down in Washington and write half a dozen lines; saying that this sets for millions of slaves free; but that is only the word of a man, and it does not amount to more than the paper it is written upon.”

Didn't it?

When Abraham Lincoln wrote that Emancipation Proclamation, every Angel in Heaven wheeled into line to carry it out (applause) and the South never knew what stuck them. But it was the Hand of God that smote them from the hour he wrote the Emancipation Proclamation. The heart of this country was stirred, and when he called for 300,000 more men, they marched to free the slave and to make the President's word effectual.

So, when God almighty writes one word, all the Heavenly Hosts wheels into line, and the Word of God is the mightiest thing that ever was spoken.

God makes everything and rules everything and does everything “by the Word of His power.”

I spoke His word to that woman, she believed it, and the I invoked the God that made me and her, and into that palsied frame the life of God came at the word of command, and she walked and stands before you today. “He sendeth His Word and healeth them.”

By the way, some have said to me,

#### WHAT ABOUT MARY BAKER EDDY'S HEALINGS?

Well, do you know. Beloved friends, that I have examined every one of her books. And I have never yet in one of her writings found the name of a person who was ever healed through her agency.

I see under the heading of “Caution in the Truth,” that she says, on page 8: “When I have not clearly seen and most sensibly felt that the Infinite recognizes no sin, 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.”

Now, why does she not give the name of the man or woman who had that cancer? Why does she not give the place? Why does she not

give the doctor who saw the case?

When we have people here who have been healed, we tell them to give their names, and the names of the doctors who saw them, and we have their neighbors stand up, and we challenge the world to prove that it is a lie. But where have we to, in all this woman's writing, the mother of Christian Science, one single fact stated that any man can reach? I read the *Christian Science Journal* to see what the Devil is doing, and I cannot find these healings. I want to know.

#### HOW CAN THE UNREALITY BE CURED?

But in this book, you will please to notice, she says, “What is the cardinal point of the difference in my metaphysical system?” meaning the difference between that and all Christian philosophy, “This that by knowing the unreality of disease, sin and death, you demonstrate the Allness of God.”

Now, if disease and death are unreal, how can you demonstrate anything by demonstrating an unreality, and how in the name of common sense, can you *cure* a thing that is unreal and does not exist.

Let me go on in this later work of hers. She says, in a dialogue which covers from page 26 to page 33, between Good and Evil: “Good and Evil will not talk to one another; yet they are not two, but one, for Evil is not, and Good only is reality.”

What is that philosophy? I will give it to you more plainly. At the end of the same book, on page 80, she says: “All that is, God created. If sin has any pretense of existence, God is responsible therefore; but there is no reality in sin.”

Friends, if that diabolical philosophy were to be in existence as an actual fact, what would the results be?

She says there is “no reality in sin.”

Well, now, will you tell that in the presence of the facts which every day you see and hear of in this city?

Is it a sin to steal? Tell me.

Voices — “Yes.”

General Overseer:— Well, are there any thieves in Chicago?

(Laughter) If there is no such thing as sin, then stealing is all right, is it not? If there is no such thing as sin, and her philosophy is true, then evil is good; for I will ask you to notice that those are the very words she says here. She says sin an illusion. She also say “Evil is naught” — in fact, has no existence.

On page 66 she says: “Evil and all its forms are inverted good”

“All right” says every alderman who steals, “robbery is inverted good.” (Laughter)

I ask you “Is it a sin for a man to brutally murder another on the highways?”

Voices — ”Yes”

General Overseer —But if all evil is only inverted good, was it not a good thing that that man’s head was beaten with a sandbag, that he was shot through the head with a revolver, and that his dead body was carried home to his weeping wife and children?

If there is no such thing as evil, and if evil is only inverted good, was not that murder a good thing? Do you think it was?

Voices: —“No, no.”

General Overseer—Then Christian Science is an infernal and murderous lie. Is it not?

Voices:—“Yes.”

General Overseer: —That is what I want to get to, because I say this. If all evil is only inverted good, every criminal before the justices tomorrow, every criminal before all the courts and ever adulteress, every adulterer, every thief, every liar, every perjurer, every man who commits crime, has only got to stand up and say “Your Honor, I am a Christian Scientists, and I believe that evil is only inverted good, and when I stole that I only inverted the good into my pocket. (Laughter.) You must let me go sir; that is my religion.”

Now, if Christian Science is true, then that is a Divine principle and will simply have an end to all punishment of sin, and end to everything, and be compelled to admit that evil does not exist, and that all the Devil’s work is a good thing, only an inversion of good.

Now the last thing I shall speak of on this point is this:

I have said that it is self-contradictory, illogical and absurd, and

I do not know whether you will all quite agree with me; but I am going to read to you what I think is one of the most absurd things in all her writing, but it is what you might expect by what you know about the system.

Under the head of “Unity of Good” and under the head of the question “What say you of Woman?”

Will you all listen now, you women; and you men, keep your ears open. “What say you of woman?” She answers “Man is the generic term for all humanity.”

#### WOMAN IS THE HIGHEST SPECIES OF MAN,

“And this word is the generic term of all women. And so woman is the head of everything (Laughter and applause)

It is exactly like another definition which I read somewhere, “The coming man is a woman.”

Now, beloved friend, I have a very high respect for women, and I think I can claim to have done for many years what no other minister that I see in this city has ever done; I place my wife on the platform and in the pulpit by my side. She is my helper, my friend, my companion, my counselor, my coöperator and I honor her. But if my wife should say to me, “Now, John, you must remember that the head of man is woman” (laughter) I should say to her, “I will gladly pay your passage to your old home in Australia by the next steamer and get rid of my head.” (Laughter)

I believe, Mary Baker Eddy to the contrary notwithstanding, that “the head of woman is man.” (applause), and that it is a great pity for a woman when she has not got a good man to protect her and keep her straight. (Laughter and applause.)

“Oh”, said a woman to me a little while ago, “Doctor, you did speak so nicely until you were so hard upon us poor women. Where was your heart? Well, Doctor, anyhow, if a man is the head of a woman, a woman is the neck and the neck turns the head.” (Laughter)

I said, “Yes, the neck turns the head when the head is willing (Laughter), but I never knew any neck yet to turn the head unless the

head was willing; and you women will find it a big task, if you want to turn your head, when the head is not willing.

But now I want to come to my last point:

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IS MERCENARY AND IMMORAL

I hold in my hand a book of Mary Baker Eddy, published last year in Boston. It is entitled, "Retrospection and Introspection." I want to prove by her own writing that Christian Science is mercenary, that it is in the market for sale, that it is sold in the shambles, and that any one that can pay can get it. It is like the Roman Catholic mass. If it is a high money, it is a high mass. If it is low money, it is low mass. If it is no money, it is no mass.

On page 61, I will read her own words, and then comment upon them:

"When God impelled me to set a price on my instruction in Christian Science Mind-healing, I could think of no financial equivalent for an impartation of the knowledge of that Divine power which heals: but I was led to name \$300 as the price for each pupil in one course of lessons at my college"—a startling sum for tuition lasting barely three weeks.

I tell you, Mary Baker Eddy, God had no hand in your mercenary fee, and you are a liar, (Applause) When Jesus sent forth His disciples, He said, "Preach the Gospel, heal the sick, *freely* ye have received, *freely* give," and He never took that back, never. (Applause)

Where did you get your revelation from God, Mary Baker Eddy, to charge \$100 a week, \$300 for twenty lessons or less.

Well, Mary Baker Eddy, if I had to charge \$100 a week to all the poor people whom came to me to seek the Lord Jesus Christ for healing, they would have had to go into their graves in hundreds and in thousands, because the great majority of these who came to me, and I thank God for it, were the poor who could pay me nothing, but brought to me their sickness and their sorrows. It has often been a joy to do something to help them.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHARITY SCHOLARS

But, oh, Mary Baker Eddy, you say you have got some "indigent charity scholars."

The use that you make of that word "charity" reminds me, Mary Baker Eddy, of a young scamp at college, who was running a pretty fast life and he wrote to his father for more money. His father answered, "What do you do with your money" Give me an account of it" So, the young scamp sat down and he cudged his brain for an account of it, and after sticking on everything at the highest figure he could put it, one week he put down \$10 charity, and the next week \$12 charity, and so on. The father replies, "my son, I have looked at your accounts, and my opinion is, that *charity* covers a multitude of sins." (Laughter)

In that sense of the word I agree to your use of the word "Charity", Mrs. Mark Baker Eddy, or whatever other name you ought to be called by, because you have been much married.

But it is a lie to tell me or any one that the great God and Father in Heaven told you to charge in money for what, if you were really God's servant, is God's free gift, Divine Healing.

I tell you this, that since I have been preaching this Gospel for twenty years without money and without price, I have often come to my last nickel; but I have found my God behind it, sometimes with a thousand dollars. I have laid these hands, and I thank my God that every healing that they ever got they were never asked to pay one cent of. That was my simple and plain duty, for salvation and healing are God's gifts, and the man or woman who tries to sell them in the shambles is a fraud, an imposter and a cheat. (Applause)

Now, then, one word more.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IS ESSENTIALLY IMMORAL

I will say nothing more about that than this: The immorality lies

in the principle that the woman is the head of the man, and the consequence of Mary Baker Eddy's teaching is this, that there are but a few Christian Scientist teachers of any prominence who are not divorced from or separated from their husbands, with few exceptions.

I will give you a fact.

For the sake of innocent persons, I will not give the names. The names can be forthcoming if needed.

The most successful pupil of this infernal teacher was woman named Mrs. P—, teaching in New York City a few years ago. There was no pupil of Mary Baker Eddy so distinguished as this woman.

She lived with her husband, a physician, who was very submissive to her, who really acted as if she was the head and he the tail, and he walked just as she wanted him to walk. When she went anywhere it was Mrs P— and her husband. Oftentimes her husband was not recognized at all. She sallied into the room and her husband carried her cloak. Sometimes he stayed in the hall.

After a while she practically demonstrated Mary Baker Eddy's teaching that "the coming man was a woman" and that she was the coming man. She told him that if he did not like her ways he could go; and this poor man let his love for this woman take away his manhood.

If Mrs. Dowie wanted me to lay down my manhood at her feet, I will tell you, much as I love her, I should want to remain a man, and not the puppy dog of a Christian Scientist woman led along like this, (Dr. Dowie here gave a realistic imitation of a woman leading a dog by a string, which provoked much laughter from the audience.) She had this man led along by a string, and as she whistled, he came.

That went on for years. I see that many of you know the name,

After a while, she began to teach her disciples that the question of marriage was not a question for the law of man at all. It was a question of "go as you please."

One day a man came along, who was a great big, bouncing fellow, He was a Colonel of the Black Guards, but he was a very fine-looking man, and he knew just how to go about his woman.

He looked at her, and he admired her. Was there ever such a "woman? His admiration at last took one form; that he declared he had

"met his soul's mate."

Now, there is nothing so idiotic as a cultured woman who is being fooled by that Colonel of the Black Guards.

She fell at once into the trap he placed for her. He told her, no doubt, that he believed with all his heart and soul and mind that "the coming man was a woman," and that she was that woman.

He worshiped at her feet. He called her the queen of all— his heaven. He declared that she was the most glorious woman that ever lived. Poor Mrs. P—.

She turned to her class one day and told them that she had just told her husband, Dr. P—, that she had found out that he was not her soul's mate, but that this Colonel of the Black Guards was the right man, who had been sent from heaven to her.

Well, he had just come from marrying his twenty-sixth wife, or thereabouts, of whom there were about a score living. But he was a dashing Colonel of the Black Guard, and he caught her.

Openly, and before all her class in New York, Mrs.P.—divorced her husband, went through a marriage ceremony of her own devising, and abandoned him, taking her two children. Her husband went to California where he fell into consumption, broke his heart, died and was buried,

She went off to England with the Colonel for the police got on his track for polygamy. Then they went off to New Zealand.

Now, I know the whole story after they got to New Zealand.

They got to a place called Christchurch, which I know well, on the east coast of New Zealand, where there is a branch of our Association, and all the facts were forwarded to me, both as they appeared in the press and also by private writing.

They established a great society, called it by some big name, and had a religion of which the Colonel of Black Guards was high priest, and she the chief priestess. Money rolled in. And she soon found that he had got another woman who as "the empress of his soul" and so he one day divorced her in the same way that she had divorced her husband; but not until he had tried to defile her two children. Penniless and a stranger in a foreign land, with her real husband

breaking his heart and dying in California, she woke up with a stained name and wrecked health, getting the wages of her sin, which is Death and Hell. And I tell you this, that Christian Science is, as way down at its deep roots, not only mercenary, but it is immoral; for this story is one of many.

I will close with the admission with which I began, that there are many persons who are in Christian Science who are not immoral, but they ought to get out of it.

I will tell you more, and I want to say it before I close, that I believe that the reason why Christian Science has so much power in this country is this: That the Church of the Living God has told humanity that Jesus Christ is not the Healer of His people, and in telling that it has told a lie. And therefore the Devil has got up this imitation of Divine Healing called Christian Science, and substituted Mrs. Eddy's literature for the Bible, and has taken woman and put her in the wrong place, and inverted everything.

But, thanks be to God:

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, IS LIKE SPIRITUALISM, RAPIDLY DECAYING

and its very inconsistencies, absurdities and immoralities are going to be its destruction.

May God hasten the utter and entire destruction of that which is falsely called Christian, and which is not Scientific.

Let every man and women in this meeting who believes that Christian Science is an Antichristian Imposture, after this exposure stand to their feet. (The entire congregation arose almost without exception)

Brothers and sisters, as you stand here today, do you want to be wholly Christ's? Are you willing to give Him spirit, soul and body, and put yourself wholly in His keeping: can you say, I am?

Audience— "I am"

General Overseer— Then pray.

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

My God and Father, for Jesus' sake, take me as I am; make me what I ought to be, in spirit, soul and body; give me power to do right to any whom I may have wronged, to restore and to confess, to do right in Thy sight, for Jesus' sake. Amen  
(*All repeated the prayer, clause by clause after the General Overseer.*)

The General Overseer then prayed and closed with the

### BENEDICTION

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you. Bless you and keep you, and the God of Israel everywhere, for ever. Amen

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