

perience! Here let us say, is an individual crying out that he needs money. Very possibly he does. But what is his primal need? It may be that his rightful activity and supply are being kept from sight and experience because he is not absolutely honest—honest with himself and others. It is surprising what "little foxes" of dishonest practice, lack of genuineness, so-called "white lies," and the like can be uncovered in consciousness when the searchlight of Truth is turned inward. Therefore this man may speedily awake to the fact that he needs the idea of honesty, if he would expect bounty from the ever giving Principle; and as he asks God to give him right ideas, and as he in turn begins to reflect and utilize these ideas of honesty and Principle, the most amazing answers may be found for his human problems.

Again, while praying for right, spiritual ideas instead of for money, many have found themselves entertaining what truly proved to be angels; in other words, intelligent thoughts, right intuitions—a right move to make or a wise thing to do. How wealthy can we all feel right now, knowing that there is ever available a great bank account of right, saving ideas! The man or woman daily going to this bank of divine Love is not poor, nor can he or she be out of a job. God is the infinite Giver and Sustainer, and man's business is reflection; so a daily prayer for spiritual ideas, for more love and honesty, for quick obedience and attentiveness to Truth, will surely be externalized in what is called a job, proper activity, and necessary supply.

A Business Man 1700 B.C.

An evidence of divine wisdom being vouchsafed a spiritually-minded business man of his time is to be found in the experience of Joseph, as related in the book of Genesis. "Joseph, who lived 1700 B.C., as will be remembered, apparently found a definite business early in his experience. It was the business of expressing good, of blessing and being blessed; of turning every seeming defeat into an opportunity to prove the nearness and availability of Love and the sure triumph of divine Principle. He had enough seemingly disastrous experiences to dishearten and dismay the sturdiest of men. After shameful treatment at the hands of envious brothers he was sold into slavery in Egypt. Did he bemoan his fate and constantly seek a way of escape? Apparently not. His job was to be the very best slave in Egypt. And he succeeded to such a remarkable degree that shortly after he was virtually made the chief executive for his master. A subtle temptation, knocking at his door, found him standing unshaken on the rock of purity and Principle; and again the carnal mind, envious and resentful, seemed to triumph, for Joseph was cast into prison.

Key to Joseph's Business Success

Now the extraordinary thing to be noted throughout the career of this extraordinary business man is the complete absence of resentment in his thinking. Joseph must have learned early that to be successful one needs to banish speedily the poisonous, demoralizing arguments of resentment, revenge, self-pity, and the like. Apparently not a trace of these was allowed to linger in his consciousness when he found himself unjustly incarcerated. What did he do? True to his business ethics he proceeded to be the very best prisoner in the prison, and, with his rare spiritual intuition, helped all with whom he came in contact. It would be impossible for such a thought to remain long in prison; in fact, the expression of Love and good cannot fail to liberate. The king of Egypt heard of Joseph's great wisdom and intuitive sense and sent for him to help solve the riddle of a vexing dream. Having learned long since that he was in partnership with divine Mind, and that God had given him wisdom and

strength, Joseph did not allow Pharaoh's flattering salutation to pass unchallenged. "It is not in me," he said. "God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace." And as a result of his remarkable interpretation of the king's dream Joseph found himself installed as the first food administrator in recorded history and as one of the greatest business figures of all time.

Joseph's Greatest Business Triumph

But his greatest triumph and achievement were yet to come. As the result of a famine in their own land, Joseph's brethren came to Egypt to buy corn. They had not heard of the fame of their brother and did not even know him when he arranged an interview with them. Here was the opportunity of a lifetime to even old scores; here was the chance for a righteous revenge, here the moment for a personal triumph and the rightful humiliation of his evil brothers. But what did this successful business man, this man everlastingly busy reflecting good and love and Principle, do? In all literature is there anything more beautiful than this? We read: "And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life." Here, let it be remarked, is the record of one of the greatest business successes of all time—the business of subduing the carnal mind through a reflection of Love and Principle. It humiliated and punished Joseph's erring brothers far more effectively than an exhibition of Lucifer's self-will and self-glorification ever could have done, and ended in the best business of all—the brothers' healing and Joseph's further entrenchment in all-conquering Principle. That he was ever after eminently prosperous materially goes without saying.

Need of Business World Today

What our business world needs at this seemingly troublous moment is more right thinkers of Joseph's school, who by precept and example will lead distracted mortals to some measure of sanity and business according to Principle. Fear, hate, selfishness, and the love of the material have led men and nations into the present-day wilderness. One right thinking Joseph saved Egypt centuries ago. What speedy redemption should therefore be manifested in our time when an army of Josephs, made possible by Christian Science, shall systematically give time and attention daily to the knowing of the truth which will heal and redeem mankind! Every time the Christian Scientist breathes forth that beautiful petition of the "Daily Prayer," "And may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!" he truly is blessing humanity and nullifying some of its fear and hate.

The Poison of Hate

The mischief wrought by even a grain of the poison of hate working in human consciousness, possibly could not be more forcibly set forth than in the following incident. During the late war, a Christian Science worker was not only permitted but was invited by the doctors and nurses to visit a man in the Naval Hospital in London, a man whose arm had been crushed in an accident at sea, and who was so bitter and morose that he had not spoken to anyone for a month or more. Drain tubes were in the arm, and the doctors were of the opinion that amputation was inevitable. Through her Christian love and rare humanity the Scientist soon won his confidence, and little by little he opened his heart and told her all about himself, how the accident had happened, and how he hated the man whose fault it was. One day the Scientist said to him: "I have something to say to you which you may not like, but it is true nevertheless; and

I want you to think about it. You are not really suffering because of the accident but because of your own attitude of hate." Then she told him she wanted him to do something for her, and asked him if he would do it. He said he would do anything for her; so she said, "I will not ask more of you than you can honestly do, and will begin where you can truthfully make a start." She then asked him, whenever he thought of the man whose carelessness had caused the injury to say, "Poor fellow, I know he did not mean to do it." So the boy was faithful to his promise. The next visit he told her he had done as she had asked; so she said, "Now we will go a step farther, and say, 'God loves that man as He loves me.'" This he did. Next he was able to say, "I love him because God loves him." When divine Love truly permeated his thinking and he was able to declare that he loved the man, the doctors found they were able to remove the drain tubes, and the crushed arm quickly healed. He was soon discharged from the hospital well.

Disease Induced by Wrong Thinking

Here someone may ask, Does Christian Science maintain that hate or resentment or a bad disposition is responsible for all illness? By no means. Mrs. Eddy writes (Science and Health, p. 411): "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." But, recurs the question, take the case of a child. Certainly the unformed child-thought has been entertaining no thought of fear. What causes the difficulty there? A universal belief, or fear, which mortals have mistakenly called law. A mother was once heard to remark, "I hope my child will have all the children's diseases soon and get them over with!" That mother unwittingly was opening the door for the universally accepted belief and fear that a child must have this discordant condition or that at a certain age, whereas a vigorous stand with God, clinging to His glorious law and harmonious, painless unfolding, and knowing that disease or discord is never a part of Love's plan for His children, would have banished the so-called law founded in fear and ignorance. Today, as in Jesus' time, the reflection of God's law says, "Peace, be still" to storms of every name and nature, and today, as of yore, there is a great calm.

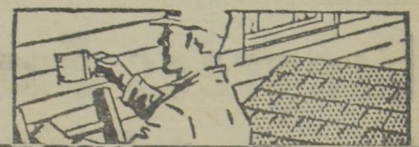
Awakening From Dream-Shadows

Sometimes one hears a person under Christian Science treatment say: "I have been having help for a certain disorder and I have been working myself to the best of my ability and yet the condition has not been healed. Why is this?" Is it not possible that one is striving to heal or change a reality instead of awakening to the glorious fact that God's creation needs no healing? Suppose you enter a room where a person is in the throes of a nightmare. The dreamer calls out: "I am being pursued by a wild animal! Won't somebody help me?" Would you rush to his side and begin searching for the animal? No. Would you say to the dreamer: Don't be afraid! I shall give the beast a treatment and make him depart!" No. Your whole effort would be to awaken the dreamer, would it not? Again and again you would assure him that all was well, bid him rouse himself, and thank God he had only had a bad dream. Mrs. Eddy writes in the textbook (p. 417): "To the Christian Science healer, sickness is a dream from which the patient needs to be awakened. Disease should not appear real to the physician, since it is demonstrable that the way to cure the patient is to make disease unreal to him."

Now if a thing is unreal it is untrue, nonexistent, not happening or taking place. "But," may

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interpose someone, forcibly, "can a person in his right mind aver that this tumor which he sees or this rheumatism which he feels is nonexistent or not taking place?" The answer is, yes, if he truly is in his right Mind, the divine Mind, he can do naught else but deny the pictures of the carnal mind and thank God that they are too bad to be true. A man seemingly quite crippled by rheumatism once asked a young student of Christian Science to give him some metaphysical help. The student replied that he hardly felt advanced enough in his study to undertake the work, but finally said, "Let me give you this thought to ponder: 'If it is true that you have rheumatism, then there is no such thing as a good God.'" The other departed in mild dismay. If rheumatism is true, he said, there is no good God. But there must be a good God. Then there is no rheumatism. But I know I have rheumatism. Then there is no good God. Yet each time he would find himself ending the mental argument, "But I know there is a good God; so there cannot be any rheumatism." Within a short space of time he reported to the Scientist that the waking-dream calling itself rheumatism had completely vanished.

Disease Too Bad To Be True

Let the man or woman or child who has been laboriously treating disease, or striving to overcome and banish a stubborn discordant condition begin thanking God that the disease or pain is only part and parcel of the Adam-dream, the material sense of existence, and that it is not happening in God's beautiful Kingdom; and that man, God's man, is awake and whole and free now, governed by the law of harmonious, spiritual being. A persistent rejoicing in this truth, a courageous witness-bearing to the facts of being, wherein God has created a good creation, will usher in a sense of peace and harmony hitherto unknown.

Right Thinkers Are The Elect

A mighty work is before the right thinkers of the day; in fact, Jesus indicated this when, according to the Gospel of Matthew, in describing the terrific overturning which the truth would bring to the carnal mind, he said, "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Who are the elect, but those who elect to think rightly—to reflect God, Love, Principle, and good? The right thinkers, those who elect and strive to be spiritually-minded, to put off the old man and put on the new, are therefore the hope of the race. It is their task to protect their countries from graft, greed, and selfish material domination. The power of Truth can uncover and nullify the secret efforts of mental suggestion to befuddle and control thought. Are we exercising this power? Are we declaring daily that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth"—that Mind, infinite good and Principle, is governing men and nations? Are we thanking God for the lessening of the sense of great material pros-

perity and the learning of the much needed lesson of looking to the things of Spirit for true happiness and supply? Are we doing our bit in overcoming the world's fear about lack and limitation? If so, we are about our Father's business, and that business is eternal good.

A Great Moment In History

The conquest over wrong thinking is going forward in human consciousness as the individual is daily meeting and dealing with the arguments of the material senses; as he is learning to separate the gold from the dross, the genuine from the counterfeit, the God-given from suggestions and pictures of the carnal mind. When he refuses to give power or reality to fear, or pain, or discord, or appetite, because they belong not to God's good creation, and when he strives to bear witness to the presence and operation of being that is harmonious, joyous, and free, that which is called healing takes place. Probably never in recorded history was there a more wonderful moment in which to be living. If perchance you sigh for the still stagnant waters of a generation ago when there had been no aftermath of a world war nor the tremendous problems resulting therefrom; when there was reasonable material prosperity and nothing to interrupt the serenity of the average fireside or nation—contrast the privilege of living and working in these stirring times with the somnolent sense of yesteryears! Ours is the privilege of enlistment in a great army—that ever increasing host of right thinkers who are destined to carry the battle to the very gates of hell itself. Individual problems will be solved the more surely and speedily as we remove the eye-blinders and dark glasses which have kept our gaze riveted on our own personal discords. Can one think only of himself when all mankind is crying out for deliverance and healing? Let us not forget that the Bible states that Job's problems were solved when he began to pray for his friends. Says a familiar hymn (Hymnal, No. 360):

"Is thy burden hard and heavy?
Do thy steps drag wearily?
Help to bear thy brother's burden,
God will bear both it and thee."

"The Lights Are All Green!"

A Christian Scientist once felt the need of calling her husband on the long distance telephone for a word of comforting and strengthening at a moment when the way seemed difficult. She said that the cloud lifted speedily when she heard him say, firmly and cheerily, "Why, dear, you know that you are on the King's highway and the lights are all green!" When therefore, our progress seems to be halted by error's stop-signals, when discouragement or fear or condemnation would argue that we may have chosen the wrong road, if we lift our thought to the healing Christ, Truth, we may hear this heartening, comforting message: You are on the King's highway and the lights are all green! Go forward!