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Christian Scientists Healing In Africa, Inc. is dedicated to sharing verified Christian Science healings from Africa, which haven't been shared publicly through other media.

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"Our Master cast out devils (evils) and healed the sick. It should be said of his followers also, that they cast fear and all evil out of themselves and others and heal the sick. God will heal the sick through man, whenever man is governed by God."

(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, 494:30-2)



Christian Science church service in rural Zimbabwe

Healing of Covid Symptoms

Last month a friend in South Africa called me to pray for his brother. His family was convinced that his brother was dying with symptoms of covid. (I don't know if he got a medical diagnosis or they came to that conclusion from the symptoms exhibited.) While my friend was talking to me about the case, I immediately remembered a statement that Mary Baker Eddy (the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science) made to a newspaper in 1901 about infectious diseases. She said that the fear of catching a contagious disease was more dangerous than any material infection. (See *First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, pages 344-345.) I also thought back, with such joy, to the experience of Jesus healing the leper, who begged our Master to make him clean. The account states, "Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed." (Mark 1:14) Jesus refused to accept fear (and its accompanying belief in contagion) as realities for himself, for this man, or for anyone -- because "There is no fear in Love; but perfect love casteth out fear." (1 John 4:18) This Christly, scientific response to fear and disease enabled our Saviour to immediately cast them out of the man.

In my silent prayer work I also felt so much compassion (the love of God) for the man in question. Like Jesus, I refused to entertain in thought the fear that this man was dying, knowing very well that his life was forever "hid with Christ in God," in Spirit. (Col. 3:3) Matter was not his life. God's man, who reflects Spirit, must be as spiritual as his Maker and so is totally governed by spiritual laws of health and harmony and not by so-called material laws of disease and death. This man could appear to be sick only in an Adam dream and not in Truth. But I stood firm with the fact that he was as perfect as God made him and I demanded to bear witness to the immediate evidence of that truth in him.

The next morning it was reported that, to the shock of those who surrounded him, the so-called "dying man" looked much more healthy and death didn't seem like a possibility any longer. I continued to maintain in my silent prayer the fact that he was well and he knew it. His health kept on improving, and within a week he was healed completely and was free from, "...the pestilence that walketh in darkness." (Psalm 91:6)

Over the next few days, my friend who had called me for his brother seemed to now be suffering from the same symptoms which he connected with the same belief. But can that which doesn't actually exist be contagious? I remembered Mrs. Eddy's counsel in the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* "...Agree to disagree with approaching symptoms of chronic or acute disease..." (390:27) With that, I agreed to disagree in prayer, as Jesus would, with all the symptoms, with their underlying fears, and with the general mortal fears among the public in regard to this disease. Dwelling in the house of the Lord forever, man can only be God-like. In a short while, these symptoms quickly disappeared into their native nothingness as in the case of his brother, and we both "glorified God, which had given such power unto men." (Matt 9:8)

- B.

Symptoms Healed After Visiting a Friend Recovering from the Corona Virus

I have previously given Christian Science prayerful treatment to a niece of mine who lives in South Africa, and she has already experienced healings of some physical troubles through my prayers. But she just told me of a healing that she had recently using the truths I've been sharing with her through my study of Christian Science. Her testimony is a beautiful and clear reminder that we are always safe from harm as long as we "Stand porter at the door of thought. Admitting only such conclusions as you wish realized in bodily results, you will control yourself harmoniously." (S&H 392:24-27) This is especially important now, when information is filling our news media about a supposed new and more dangerous strain of the so-called covid flu in Southern Africa — as if it were real and can injure man, who is God's image and likeness!

Science and Health tells us, "One disease is no more real than another... Hence decided types of acute disease are quite as ready to yield to Truth as the less distinct type and chronic form of disease. Truth

handles the most malignant contagion with perfect assurance." (176:24-25, 29) This, of course, does not mean a Christian Scientist would ever ignore what appears to be symptoms of a contagious disease, nor go out in public without fully healing such symptoms. "...Christian Scientists are, or should be, the most systematic and law-abiding people on earth,..." our Leader reminds us. (See *Ret.* 87:10) But in a very helpful article titled "Contagion" she also challenges us with this statement: "If only people would believe that good is more contagious than evil..."! (*Mis.* 22:20) As followers of Christ's Science, we're all working to prove that is true.

My niece told me that a few weeks back she'd gone to get her hair plaited by her usual hairdresser. When her hairstyle was complete, the hairdresser casually mentioned that she was recovering from the corona virus and was still feeling weak. Right then, my niece said that she started panicking, and the question, "What if I get the disease from her?" started to ring in her thoughts. These fears kept returning to her all the way back to her home.

That very afternoon, my niece said she began to start having a dry sore throat and by the next day she was feeling a heaviness in her chest as well. At this point, she began to review her thoughts and started to realise that she was only having these symptoms because she had been afraid of catching the infection from the time the hairdresser mentioned it. Mrs. Eddy instructs us that, "When the condition is present which you say induces disease, whether it be air, exercise, heredity, contagion, or accident, then perform your office as porter and shut out these unhealthy thoughts and fears." (S&H 392:27-30) Entertaining a belief of disease that could never be true about her as a child of God, my niece seemed to manifest those symptoms. But she reversed this course of action and began silently to affirm in prayer that her health is established and maintained by God's law, the law of unchanging perfection, which is the only condition she or anyone else can ever have. Holding on to this truth until midday, my niece saw all of the symptoms vanish, and she was healed.

It is so lovely to know that healing in Christian Science is as easily demonstrated by the one who is just beginning to learn about it as it is to the lifelong student. Even the small truths learnt and applied by my niece had all the power to break the material illusion that she could be ill! I rejoice that she could prove this healing truth for herself, "Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual, — neither in nor of matter, — and the body will then utter no complaints. If suffering from a belief in sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well." (S&H 14:12-16)

- C.

Healing of a Headache

My neighbor came to me last week and told me she had a bad headache and she asked me to pray for her. Before I could answer her she said, "Please don't even think of saying you can't pray for me, because I know you have been taught how to heal in your religion!" I smiled and told her I was so happy to pray for her. She replied, "Okay but I am going to the mountain to pray." It is common in African culture for citizens to go out into the wilderness to pray and to seek audience with God there. I asked if I could accompany her and she agreed. I took my Bible and my copy of *Science and Health*. I knew that what she really was seeking wasn't a higher physical location, but a higher, more spiritual sense of God and man. With Christian Science, I knew I could help her attain that.

On the way to the mountain I asked her if she ever had read the entire first chapter of Genesis? She said yes. I asked her if there is anywhere in that chapter where God said He created anything bad, such as diseases or suffering? "No," she replied. I told her that if you look deeply on how you were created, as Genesis 1 tells us, it shows that you were created in His likeness, which means you are Godlike. We reached the mountain and continued with our study of the Bible, sharing ideas about perfect God and perfect man. I continued in silent prayer. I then realized that her thought was changing as we were discussing these ideas. Suddenly she turned to me and exclaimed, "I now don't believe that I am sick anymore!" After two hours she told me she had forgotten about the pain, and the pain was gone. I told her that she didn't have to believe in sickness because it is not real. God never makes or allows it.

She was healed so easily. Her thought was receptive to the truth, and as Christ Jesus told his followers, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) This was my first time to be asked by someone to pray for them! I was so grateful. We came back home, rejoicing, whilst she was fine with no more pain. I thank and praise God for that wonderful healing!

- M.



The First and Second Readers from the church service pictured at the top. They are holding Bibles printed in their African language, which we purchased for their church services. The woman is also holding their informal translation of *Science and Health*.

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