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Healing of A Wire Stuck in A Man's Throat

Some five months ago, I got a small electrical cable covered with plastic with the aim to uncover the soft wires so I could easily charge my mobile phone. As I was trying to pull off the plastic cover with my teeth for the wires to be exposed, I accidentally jabbed the wires deep into the back of my mouth. The result was that a piece or pieces of the wires got stuck in my throat. No matter what I did, I could not get the wire out. Not only was this very alarming, but the more I tried to get the wire out, the more serious the problem became. The pain became increasingly more intense and soon it became difficult for me to breathe, speak, and eat. I didn't tell anyone about the situation, but I immediately began to pray for myself in Christian Science, declaring that I was the beloved child of God and was incapable of suffering accident or injury.

After two months of suffering, as the severe pain in my neck spread to my ears and eyes, I decided I needed to ask a Christian Science friend to help me pray about this unreal situation. I explained fully to my friend what had happened and his first words were so encouraging: "Don't be afraid!" he assured me, asking me, "Are accidents real in the kingdom of God?" I confidently declared "No!" He went on to remind me that Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy states, "...nothing inharmonious can enter being, for Life is God." (228:3–6) My brother also shared with me the scientific fact that wires are really spiritual ideas of God and so they can't do anything harmful. He also said that the spiritual formations of Soul — the true idea of throat, neck, ears and eyes — are always harmonious and indestructible. All these truths gave me confidence to persevere in my healing efforts.

After a couple of days of my friend's Christian Science treatment for me, there was a huge change. My fears disappeared, the pain subsided, and my difficulties in breathing, talking and eating started to melt away. Even more importantly, I stopped frantically focusing on the wire and stayed more focused on God's healing power. Whenever I was tempted with the belief of pain, I just kept knowing that healing is irreversible. After a week the situation was completely healed. I never saw or felt the wire coming out of my throat, but it's definitely not there anymore. I am so thankful for God's healing Christ "...who hath called [us] out of darkness into his marvelous light." (I Pet. 2:9) Amen! Amen! - E.

# Healing of Paralyzed Hand and Arm

Recently I was awakened by a knock on the door of our house. My brother-in-law told me that two women had come for Christian Science treatment (prayer) and were waiting for me in the lounge. Instead of immediately going to the lounge to see them, I decided to begin by quickly praying. One of the ideas I remember affirming was that it was God's law that governed with perfect assurance every case that God sent to me. I also saw so clearly that divine Love had already met the need of this and every case. Our duty as scientific, healing Christians is always to enforce God's law of harmony by acknowledging (and being obedient to) its eternal operation. I then went into the lounge to see the two women.

The first woman I greeted quickly pointed at the woman sitting next to her as the one needing treatment, her daughter-in-law. I smiled at the daughter-in-law and said, "How wonderful it is that your mother-in-law should come all this long distance with you just to make sure you receive treatment!"

When I stretched out my hand to greet the younger woman, she stretched out her hand to shake mine, but suddenly cried out and drew it back in surprise whilst her mother-in-law looked awestruck.

"Wow! Wow!" the mother-in-law exclaimed, "How did you know that was my daughter's lifeless hand, Mukuwasha?" (Editor's note: Mukuwasha is an endearing term in Zimbabwe that expresses respect.)

I was stunned and said I didn't understand what she meant. The daughter-in-law then explained: "You see, we came here because I lost the use of my hand a few months ago due to a stroke. However, as you were about to shake my hand in greeting, my hand received strength and I found myself naturally stretching it to greet you! Wow! Wow!"

Her mother-in-law corroborated the story and said she, too, was amazed by this healing and she, too wanted to understand what had happened.

I answered by explaining how I had prayed before I had come in to see them. I added that the truth which I was praying about concerning the perfection of everything that God has made had touched her expectant and receptive thought and healed her of the lie of paralysis. I reminded them of the verse in the Bible in Isaiah 65:24 which states, "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

We couldn't do anything more than stand in awe of God's almighty power!

Soon after they left, I looked at my wife and we both said in unison,"God is great!" Since then I always try to pray for myself and other world issues in

general before I start my day. And I always pray before I speak to someone in need. Divine Love never ceases to impress me! - L.

# Healing of a Sudden Severe Attack of Illness

It is with sincere gratitude for the many blessings Christian Science has brought to my life, that I give this testimony. Christian Science will never cease to be my best friend.

I recently had a healing that was particularly meaningful. My father requested my brother and me to seek some building material and we boarded a bus that would take us to the marketplace. As I walked down the aisle, I felt a sudden paralysis, as well as headache, stomach ache and a strong cramp. The pain was unbelievable. I threw myself down on a seat but I could not see, hear or speak properly. I tried to locate my brother and inform him about the development, but I didn't seem to be able to find him even though he was seated right next to me. After a time, I was able to instruct him to proceed with the journey alone, and I alighted staggering from the bus.

I walked a short distance from the bus stop and sat down in the shadow of a nearby awning. From here I embarked on a course of prayerful treatment using inductive reasoning, the prayer in Christian Science which starts with perfect effect and justifies it by recognizing its perfect cause. Silently I affirmed (inductively) that "I am perfect because God is perfect." As I was still praying, an angelic Bible verse came to me which says, "And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Isa. 65:24) I knew that my prayer was already answered.

In less than 10 minutes I felt a lovely cool breeze which wiped away the little beads of sweat that had been flowing down my cheeks. I stood up, totally healed, and began to walk normally! I was filled with an uncontrollable joy! Christian Science is my best friend. - V.

#### Business Needs Met During Pandemic Lockdown

I had been preparing to move to Harare to start a business whereby I was going to receive some merchandise from the United Kingdom for resale. Just after I had gotten my accommodation secured, making me hopeful and enthusiastic that I was finally going to do something that would give me some stable income to take care of my son and myself, the lockdown was announced. Extreme restrictions on all movement from city to city were imposed by the government just before I could leave Mutare for Harare.

I was hopeful that we would soon be able to move freely from about the country. But it was clear that my merchandise from the UK was not going to be sent anytime soon. As weeks went by I realised that I needed to see things right, see them more spiritually. Even though the material world was in so-called lockdown,

Spirit could never be limited or restricted in any way. So man, God's expression, couldn't be limited or restricted either.

It then became clear to me that Life is God and is always progressive -- which means active. Since I am an idea of the divine Mind, I must always be active and progressive too. In reality there can be no lockdown of ideas.

I then began to think about the possibility of working on a new poultry project business. Just after acknowledging that I was not under lockdown, the funding for this project, which is a big scale project, came through unexpectedly. By the providence of God, I received over US\$1,000 (which is a huge sum of money in Zimbabwe) from a friend in the UK to start this new business. I am so grateful that the harmony of man has never been interrupted and, praise God! my chicken business is expanding beyond my wildest dreams! - M.

#### Healing of Asthma

Three years ago I used to suffer from asthma but was quickly healed through Christian Science teachings and treatment. At the time I first came to know about Christian Science I was surprised to learn that I was God's image and likeness and therefore could not in reality suffer from what God did not create (illness and evil).

I was relieved to learn from Christian Science that false beliefs that seemed to have been behind the illness were never a part of me. Soon I felt so light — the constricting feelings I used to feel just vanished. I was so happy and felt so free for the first time in about thirty years of suffering from asthma.

This condition used to give me big problems. During cold weathers I had to wear a lot of warm clothes and generally stayed indoors to avoid asthmatic attacks. Also, my family members did not allow me to do heavy manual work as I was generally frail. For almost twenty-five years, I moved around with an inhaler and ingested every drug related to my diagnosed medical condition but without any significant improvement. My life was generally hell.

But glory to God, I am healed! Yes, I am free. I am not bothered by cold weathers anymore and if anyone sees manual work that I have done they would think that two or three strong men have done it! For the past four years I have not had any reason to use an inhaler or a pill of any kind, as I have not had any asthmatic attacks. The spiritual truths I have learnt have sustained me over the years and I am grateful. I must add that at the time I received Christian Science treatment, I had already decided on my own to stop using drugs as they had not been useful to me and I had lost faith in them. I trusted the Christian Science treatment and teachings implicitly and I am grateful that I did. I am grateful to Christ Jesus and to Mrs. Eddy for this wonderful teaching of scientific Christianity which is healing even some of us in the remotest parts of the world. - G.

# Painful Tonsils Healed

A few weeks ago I was speaking to my neighbor and she told me that her son was seriously ill. Her little boy had a problem with his tonsils and was failing to eat or swallow anything. I quickly denied error's trap, that is, to believe that disease exists. I didn't specifically pray for the child or the mother, but from that moment I practiced Christian Science first aid: I consciously affirmed the absolute truth of being, which is perfect God and perfect man. I knew there was no third element in being called imperfect man or anything else unlike God.

That's when I suddenly remembered that I also had been challenged with this false belief when I was a child. The disease would seem to recur every fortnight. My parents struggled to have me healed medically but nothing ever helped. When I was all grown up, I also tried every material method I could for healing, but to no avail.

However, once I started studying the teachings of Christian Science I came to realize that I am God's perfect image and likeness and always have been. I gained peace and overcame any fear of disease by accepting that our heavenly Father-Mother God harmoniously governs all, and in Love there is no fear. (I John 4:18) With that understanding, mortal mind's false images of disease disappeared out of my consciousness all those years ago.

But Christian Science didn't just permanently eliminate the disease from my life. It also took away any memory of ever having it – as is often the case in Christian Science healing. For years I didn't even realize I'd had a healing, not until this conversation with my neighbor about her son's tonsils.

By the time I finished talking to my neighbor, her child was also healed, expressing the omnipresence and omnipotence of God. I am so grateful for Christian Science, for through it we are taught the truth that Jesus said would always make us free. (John 8:32) - J.

#### **Brother's Bladder Problem Healed**

I just want to thank God for a wonderful immediate healing which took place recently. My brother Daniel's bladder sometimes wouldn't function correctly. He had an accident when he was very young but a medical operation didn't heal the problem. From the time of his operation until now the urine would stop coming at times, which gave him severe pain.

Recently my brother sent me a message that he was seriously ill and was in so much pain, but that there was no money for another operation. But thanks be to

God who is ever present! When I received the message, I didn't panic or become afraid of something called a functional disease because disease was not made by God. It's just an evil thought, a false belief. The Mind that created man and that man reflects is the perfect God. Man must therefore be as perfect as his Mind, God. I immediately started to pray with these thoughts, and told my brother that no operation would be needed if we turned to God. I offered to pray for him and he agreed to have Christian Science treatment.

I said to myself, "It is done. My brother is already well." Christian Science works with faith, which is spiritual understanding, just as our Lord Jesus Christ taught us. Jesus told us that this kind of faith can move mountains, can make us well. (Matt. 17:20) God gave me the Mind of Christ just as He did the centurion who went to Christ Jesus requesting healing for his beloved servant. (Luke 7:1-10) He went to Jesus with total confidence that Christ would not fail to make his servant well. The same thing had to be true with my brother. I trusted God and knew that all was well.

In a short time my brother's wife sent me a message telling me my brother had been healed through Christian Science. I want to thank God very much! My brother now wants to know more about Christian Science. God for sure is the Healer. We give all praise and glory to Him! - C.

### Healing of Persistent Coughing

A month ago, I got a phone call from a woman who asked me to pray for her husband. She only said her husband was not feeling well and could not stop coughing, but she sounded desperate.

I began to pray with the understanding that her husband dwells in the absolute, where all is harmoniously governed by God; therefore in reality he could only experience the health of God, who is always caring for him.

After some days I got feedback that the man was improving. But seemingly because of the cold weather, he continued to cough and could not breathe well. I silently reversed that belief with the truth that God created all types of weather, so cold weather (which is also God's weather) could never bring the man harm, for God's weather always has to be good. This idea is supported in Genesis 1:31 that says God saw all that He had made and, behold, it was very good.

I kept holding him in prayer every day, working with fresh thoughts from the Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, the Christian Science textbook, by Mary Baker Eddy. But one day, after speaking to him on the phone while he gasped for breath during the entire call, I was tempted to believe I couldn't help him.

I then prayed for deeper inspiration from God concerning this man. I finally saw clearly that in divine Science, this man was not ill. In fact, he could never be ill. I also remembered a fact in Science and Health by our beloved Leader that states, "There is but one primal cause. Therefore there can be no effect from any other cause, and there can be no reality in aught which does not proceed from this great and only cause." (207:20-23) I firmly held in thought that since this great and only cause (God) produces only good, this man's health had never deteriorated or been lost. This spiritual reasoning made me feel at peace, knowing that he was safe.

A few days after I worked with these ideas, the man's wife phoned me expressing her gratitude for her husband's complete healing from coughing. Then, to my surprise, she mentioned she was glad that her husband was also now free from the seizures he had at night for a long time — which neither of them had ever mentioned to me previously.

She said when she placed the first call to me for prayer, she had felt that if she didn't, she feared waking up one day with her husband having passed on. And on that day when she told me about his healing, she also acknowledged that even his business was now getting customers that had previously stopped coming. - M.

Family Health Problems Healed

"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 was the passage which came to me when I was listening to a sad story, narrated by a tearful couple whom I met. It seemed that after an operation, a doctor had created a worse problem for the husband in that now he could no longer pass urine the normal way. Instead, he'd had to try a medical way which wasn't really helpful and which was quite painful.

The wife also complained that she believed she was the subject of what she considered to be a form of malicious mental malpractice and that she had almost lost her life many times because of it.

As they both shared their concerns with me, I established in prayer the truth of God's harmonious government of every circumstance of their lives, now and forever. Silently I confirmed their spiritual identity as the pure and perfect reflections of their Father-Mother God. Being His beloved children, it was impossible for evil to take place in their consciousness or lives. Then I told the couple that they would stop suffering now because God was taking care of them. They accepted that truth and left.

I heard from the couple some months later. They told me that, from the day I had prayed for them, they were both healed and the healings had been permanent. Praise be to God, which has given such power unto men. (Matt. 9:8) - A.

### Woman in Weakened Condition Healed

A couple of weeks ago, my wife and I visited a sick relative. When we got to her house, she told us that she could no longer do any physically challenging house chores. She said there was not much hope for her physical condition because she felt it was permanent. We couldn't believe how much weight she had lost. She asked for a prayer treatment and my wife responded with a joke that all she had to do was to cook some food for us and she'd be healed. We all laughed.

As she prepared a meal for us (which she was already planning to do), it became clear through my prayer that she already knew that she was God's perfect child, since this wasn't the first time she'd received a Christian Science treatment.

During our four hour visit, she spent most of the time talking with my wife while I was silently rejoicing in how much God loved her and kept her well. The whole time this citation kept on ringing in my mind, "If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one visit, and the disease will vanish into its native nothingness like dew before the morning sunshine." (S&H 365:15-19)

By the time we left, she appeared to be much better. The next morning she called to let us know that she was healed and was happy to be working in her fields, feeling fit and strong. - N.

#### Asthma and Food Allergies Healed

About a month ago a friend asked me to pray for him using Christian Science. For many years he had been suffering from asthma, as well as from sickness and bloating when eating cakes and drinking certain drinks. The doctors had taught him to fear eating almost anything, so he had been starving himself.

Fear was written all over his face. Immediately this Bible citation came into my mind: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." (I John 5:18) From this I learnt the absolute truth that fear is unreal and that there is no place for it where all space is filled with God, Love. I knew that the realization of the allness of Love would make nothing of this man's condition because the illusion of fear is all there is to seeming suffering. As I prayed, it became clear to me that he was perfect and harmonious in every action, both now and always. I interrupted his complaints with a smile and the assurance that all of his suffering would now be a thing of the past. I knew very well that he wasn't suffering from a disease but merely from an error of belief, from which the knowledge of his true being as God's perfect child would make him free.

The next day the man had a different prayer request. He wanted me to help him in handling confusion. He told me that he was finding it confusing not to be sick! He found it very hard to accept that he could be completely healed after only one day of prayer. He then told me that after I left him, he'd actually spent the rest of the day eating cakes and enjoying drinks that formerly had seemed to make him so sick. I told him to keep celebrating his complete freedom! In fact, God's great truth did free him permanently from these errors of mortal mind. - A.

# Sharp Leg Pain Healed

I had a sharp pain in my lower leg for a few weeks, making sleeping a challenge. During this time I held steadfastly to the fact that mobility and activity are governed by God and cannot be stopped by anything.

Two weeks ago I realized that the pain had totally disappeared while I was "absent from the body, and...present with the Lord." (II Cor. 5:8)

I'm so grateful to be a student of Christian Science. God always takes care of us when we are going about His business. - K.

#### Young Son's Heart Problems Healed

For several years, my younger sister's son had suffered from a heart problem despite help from various medical experts. Last year he was completely healed through Christian Science.

The doctors had diagnosed that he had an enlarged heart, and as a result he was not supposed to engage in any strenuous activity or, they said, he would likely pass on from it. His condition deteriorated so much that he rarely attended school. On a monthly basis he was injected with medicine, and the injection cost a lot of money. In addition, the pills he took every day for this challenge cost over \$12 and this was becoming a strain, both financially and emotionally. It was at this point that I visited the family and found my sister worrying about how she was going to pay for her son's daily medicine as they had run out of money. To make matters worse, the doctors had recommended that this son be taken to India for an operation, and she was at a loss as to how she could possibly raise the astronomical amount of money that was required. I asked her if she would be willing to have her son receive a Christian Science treatment (prayer), and she readily agreed.

We then spent some time together studying the question, "What is man?" which is in the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. (475:5 - 477:18) We also discussed a correlative scripture. (Gen. 1:26-27) We established together that her son was actually the offspring of Spirit and therefore not at the mercy of matter, but was as safe as God and inseparable from Him. I emphasized that her son had a sound mind

which had dominion over any suggestion that he could not be the full and perfect expression of God's being. (See II Tim. 1:7)

The statement, "Mind has no affinity with matter, and therefore Truth is able to cast out the ills of the flesh," (S&H 191:30-32) came to my thought whilst I was silently praying for him. This helped me as I insisted that his perfection had never been touched by evil but was always perfect in the infinitude of God's love. The truth that my nephew was spiritual and not material became firmly established in my mind. I was satisfied that the treatment was complete.

I then took my nephew home with me for a visit. Three days later his mother brought some pills to my home for her son. She was surprised to see him playing football with his friends. He refused to take the medicine and told his mother that he was no longer ill but in perfect health.

Eight months later I was called by our local nurses to explain why my nephew was no longer coming in to get the monthly injections for his heart trouble. I took the opportunity to explain to them that my nephew's true identity was spiritual and could never be afflicted by evil in any way -- which we had proved through his healing. They were amazed by this explanation and asked me how I had such a priceless knowledge which could heal. I gave each of them a copy of Science and Health to study. They were so grateful to receive these precious gifts. My nephew no longer experiences any pain. He is now attending school normally, doing any kind of strenuous activity, and even herds cattle like any other child of his age. Glory to God! - M.

#### Hearing Loss Healed

Recently I got a phone call from South Africa. A woman had awakened with a painful ear and was not able to hear anything out of it. She asked that I pray for her. She thought it was odd that during her sleep she dreamt of a person fighting with her and injuring her ear.

Just as I finished talking to her I saw the total unreality of this suggestion. I had assured her that there is only one God, which is the only power governing her life, even in sleep. I now affirmed that no other seeming power can challenge or diminish God's ever-present care. There is no moment when she, the reflection of God, could ever be subjected to harm or error of any sort. As the perfect reflection of God she must always include a perfect sense of hearing. This lady therefore could not be hypnotized by a sleeping or waking dream to believe herself to have lost her hearing.

Later that day the lady sent me a message letting me know that she can hear perfectly. - I.

# Man's Inflamed Ankle Healed

Sunday morning as I was about to prepare to go to church, I got a phone call from someone who needed Christian Science prayerful treatment. The man, Peter, had awakened with an inflamed ankle and was not able to walk because of pain.

I began to pray, reasoning with the facts in Science and Health, that all consciousness and action are governed by the divine Mind and are in and of God. This meant that the only reality which is going on at any moment is that Peter is reflecting and expressing God's perfect being. I continued praying and affirming that under God's government, nothing could stop Peter's normal activity of being able to stand on his legs and walk.

After arriving home from church, Peter let me know that he was able to stand and walk without any pain. God is great! - S.