



April and Spring cleaning go hand in hand. We are all sweeping, dusting, and shining our windows to take off the dirt that, while we were unaware, had been collecting in the shadows and corners. So now, we can see: "The clouds of sense roll back, and show the form divinely fair" as hymn 51 in *The Christian Science Hymnal* expresses with reassurance, showing that the purity and completeness has always been present. Today, we can consider the question, "What dwells in our house, our consciousness, that needs to be swept out?"

When thinking about a prayer topic for April, this email from one of our house practitioners, Pamela McKnight CS, fit the bill to a tee. Let me share what she wrote when she was considering for Desert View the weekly Bible Lesson for April 7-13, "Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?"

*"He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house" (Ps. 101:7). What a helpful instruction in our work for Desert View and Christian Science nursing in general. Very often when the Bible uses the word "house" we can substitute the word consciousness. For example, Mrs. Eddy does this in her translation of the 23rd Psalm on page 578 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." She writes: "...and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [Love] forever."*

*So, we can read this verse in Psalms: "He that worketh deceit (or he that telleth a lie) shall not dwell in my consciousness." There is no place for error's false witnesses in our thought/consciousness when it is filled with the understanding of God's goodness.*

*We can also use the word in its more literal meaning and declare that within the "house" in which Desert View resides, there can be no false witnesses. In this house there can be no lying claims of error. There can be no lack of any kind. No lack of patients, Christian Science nurses, workers, funds, nor lack of spiritual healing inspiration.*

*The deceiver will find no room for his deceptions in our building or our consciousness. Our "house" is the consciousness of Love.*

Truly we can all feel this divinity embracing humanity, meeting each right where we are living, moving, and having our being. We enjoy this journey of recognizing our true relationship with God as the only Mind, the only consciousness and thus becoming more aware that our house, our consciousness, belongs to Him. There is nothing that “worketh or maketh a lie” in this consciousness of Love. It is a blessed place to be and shine.

We ask that you join us in this prayer with spring cleaning in mind, as we at Desert View and Christian Science nursing worldwide, think about keeping our consciousness held in the purity of Mind. We are all actively and lovingly maintaining our house, our consciousness, as an idea of the one Mind, which is infinite. This Mind is operating in its completeness and purity because it is God. We are reflecting and are blessed in this relationship.

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