

God, divine principle, as numbers are controlled and proved by his laws." That is to say, that just as two and two always make four under the law of mathematics, so man always wills God's will under the divine principle. Thus, man is robbed of his chief glory, the freedom of his will. But why should man have a will? There is no choice to be made. There is only one thing in the universe, divine mind. That mind is good and we are but reflections of that good mind. It is true, Mrs. Eddy speaks of a human will, but it is only a quality of mortal mind and "mortal mind does not exist."

Oh, my hearers, be not deceived! I care not who is responsible for sin, it is in our midst as an awful reality. The inexorable demand of eternal law is, that we choose between sin and God. We must choose. In the dawn of man's creation the supreme test was a test of will. There were the trees from which man might eat; and there was the tree the fruit of which he must not eat on pain of death. Whatever these trees represent, the fact remains that man disobeyed God. He chose to sin in the free exercise of his own will. It has ever been so in the history of man. The whole Bible recognizes this fact. From the Old Testament comes the command, "choose ye this day whom ye will serve." From the New Testament comes the voice of the Master, saying, "Ye will not come to me that ye may have life." "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I