

Let us now observe some of the fundamental errors that characterize this system of belief. I say some, for we have time to consider but a few.

God

All systems of belief have for their ultimate goal the understanding and explanation of the great First Cause—God. It is very important that we should have correct ideas about God. For all our ideas have value only in proportion as we think rightly of Him. Moreover, the wealth or poverty of our characters will be determined by our conceptions of the character of God.

Dr. William E. Channing, a great New England thinker and preacher of the last century, said, that "the true idea of God unfolded clearly and livingly within us, and moving us to adore and obey Him and to aspire after likeness to Him, is the noblest growth in human, and I may add, in celestial natures." Recognizing this truth Christian Scientists make much of God; that is, they talk much about Him. A prominent Christian Science lecturer recently declared that "upon a correct comprehension of God depend the happiness, the peace, the true prosperity and the true usefulness of mankind." In this statement he will find himself in complete accord with the average Christian believer.

It cannot be denied that the conception which the average Christian has of God is all too inadequate. It is quite true also that the