

and likeness of God, the man whom God pronounced good and to whom He gave dominion over the earth.

The perfect nature of God and the real man was revealed to Mrs. Eddy. The scriptures spiritually understood, reveal this truth, and Mrs. Eddy first stated it in scientific and metaphysical terms, which, when understood, make it possible for anyone to begin to demonstrate it. The creative principle operates positively through divine law, it embraces and supports all real existence—perfect God, perfect man, and perfect universe.

#### DISCRIMINATION NECESSARY.

But if all reality is spiritual and perfect, there arises the question, "What of evil, material, discordant conditions?" Here Christian Science explains that because spirit, the absolute good, is infinite, everywhere, there can be no place for either evil or matter, and it therefore classifies all phenomena and all experiences which are unlike perfect God and perfect man as unreal, as false concepts projected by erroneous human sense, as untrue beliefs; and it sustains this contention by destroying these conditions, thus proving them untrue, for truth is indestructible.

Human thought has always believed the objects of sense to be real, but now that the true nature of reality has been revealed, a clear distinction can be drawn between what is actual and what is merely element in the practice of Christian Science healing and must be clearly understood for the reason that so long as we believe an appearance or condition to be real and attempt to deal with it as a reality and at its own valuation, we can make no progress in mastering it. A mathematical mistake cannot be corrected until it is recognized as such. Even so, discordant human conditions cannot be scientifically healed until they are recognized as errors and divine truth is applied to their elimination. Christian Science teaches that because God or good is the only presence, substance and power, there is no place for evil to be, no space for matter to occupy, no discord for mortal mind to experience except as a false concept.

When we look at an object through bent glass we see a distorted object, not because the object is distorted, but because the medium through which it is perceived makes it seem so. The distortion exists, only as a belief, an illusion, and we do not accept the appearance as real because we know it is not. Similarly existence appears to us in a material, finite, evil form, not because it is so, but because mortal mind so presents it. Christian Science by revealing to us the nature of real existence, together with the illusive character of material sense testimony, enables us to distinguish at any time between what is real and what is unreal, to recognize material error to be error, and thereby to begin to free ourselves and others from the bondage and fear attending it. The more