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## The Case for "Christian Science": A Reply

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### Christian Science: Its Truth and Value

(By Clifford P. Smith)

Christian Science is a way of living and thinking that finds its chief inspiration, its perfect illustration, as well as its complete proof in the teachings and example of Jesus. It reveals, awakens, and develops the God-given possibilities that exist latently in everyone. It shows how to throw off the incapacities, the disabilities, and the liabilities that have been imposed on men by ages of wrong thinking, and how to gain their true manhood. The aim of Christian Science is not only to prepare people for a heavenly hereafter, but to transform their present experience into order and harmony. It inculcates godliness, makes known the power thereof, and emphasizes the present effects no less than the enduring results, of right thinking and right doing.

Christian Science changes its students into better men and women, not only by giving them true motives, pure desires, and absolute ideals, but by discovering to them the deceptive nature of evil impulses and the source and power of good thoughts. In like manner this Science equips its students for the cure and prevention of disease. It teaches them to analyze the conflicting elements of human consciousness, and to maintain the true sense of being against the false sense of disorder, thus destroying the essential cause of disease and establishing the conditions of health. So also the power of infinite Mind, acting with true thoughts, or truth, is found to be available in every case of human need. As the psalmist said, "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

It is well known that the Christian Science movement has made steady progress despite a clamor of opposition. For the futility of its opposition there is an evident reason. Christian Science deserves what it has gained in the estimation of men. The vast majority of those