

thermore, a reflection cannot be a creation. It must be as eternal as the original. And yet the Bible says that God created man. But Mrs. Eddy says that man is "co-existent and co-eternal with God."

She continues, "there is really no finite mind, no finite consciousness. There can be no evil mind because mind is God. There is no finite soul nor spirit. Spirit is God and man is his image and likeness. There can be but one mind because there is but one God. All space is filled with God. God has countless ideas. Man is the family name for all ideas. Man is God's reflection needing no cultivation, but ever beautiful and complete." Thus with one stroke of the pen, Mrs. Eddy deprives man of all moral quality. Man is only an imitating reflection, a perfect nothing.

Let me draw for you another picture which, to me, more truly interprets the Biblical statement that man was made in the image and likeness of God. When a boy is born he is the image and likeness of his father. (And Adam lived 130 years and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image.—Gen. 5: 3.) He has a body, an intellect, a will, a conscience like his father. As the boy grows he realizes that in all things he is subject to his father's will. And yet he knows perfectly well that he has his own sphere in which he can move with perfect freedom by the independent exercise of his own will. He comes to understand that although he is made in his father's image he is a separate