

## FEAR.

This is another line of argument I use, to show the ancient origin of Mrs. Eddy's views. Chambers tells us, in regard to the ancient philosophies, that "fear" was the great incubus on human happiness. We learn the same from the *Homiletic Review*, vol. xxi., No. 2: The overshadowing thought is the groaning and travailing in pain of the whole creation—the sorrows of humanity. We are willing to admit that of man as a sinner, but the difference is Christianity makes provision for the removal of man's sorrows by Him who "became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" for that purpose. These eastern philosophies had no such provision. Neither had Mrs. Eddy, as we saw in the last chapter. All is fear with disease and sin.

On page 297, she says: "Fear is the foundation of all disease. . . . Whatever you cherish in mortal mind is imaged forth in the body, which is the substratum of mortal mind. . . . You are only seeing and feeling a belief, whether it be cancer, deformity, consumption, or fracture that you deal with."

On page 39: "I have discerned disease in the human mind, and recognized the patient's fear of it, many weeks before the so-called disease made its appearance in the body."

How absurd! The millions of facts of people being stricken down by unthought-of diseases are a contradiction to this "fear" business.

Again, in Tract form No. 3, she says: "When one looks over the newspapers of the day, the reflection is suggested that it is dangerous to live, so loaded seems the very air with disease. These descriptions carry fear to many