

Oneness of Symbol and Idea in Science

Now, Science involves oneness. The minute you touch Science, you know that there is nothing but the spiritual. Any Thomas can believe in a corporeal man and an incorporeal man, - dualism,- but it takes a Peter to say, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16: 16). Mrs. Eddy said that "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness" (S. & H. 476: 32-3)-well, surely the first place he saw it was in his own true selfhood. The minute you touch Science, there is only oneness. "Study thoroughly the letter - that is, the symbol -" and imbibe the spirit" (S. & H. 495: 27-28). Now, there is a time in all our experiences when we are studying and considering thoroughly the letter, and the letter is leading us to the spirit, but when the time comes that we begin to imbibe the spirit, then the spirit becomes the only, and the letter of it, the symbol, melts into the spirit. The climax of our study of Science will come when humanity arrives at the point where it understands the nature of God as divine Principle, Love-that is the climax. Even the idea then melts into its Principle. At present we think about Principle and idea, and to us Principle is God and idea is something else, but the fact of the matter is that God is All-in-all, and the time has got to come when every manifestation of Truth is recognized as being in God, because there is nothing outside of God. As Paul puts it, "And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all" (I Cor. 15: 28). And so you see that as you rise the symbols disappear, and even the idea is a symbol. If you are studying music or mathematics, then wherever you see a manifestation of it you say, "That's music," or, "That's mathematics," and the day has got to come when we reach that point in Science. Idea, whatever that idea is, will never have for us the power and the presence and the being that it should have until we can say of that idea, "This is Immanuel, God with us." Mrs. Eddy was not the symbol and she was not the idea: Mrs. Eddy was the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. To-day the symbol is Science and the idea is Science, and in Christian Science the symbol and the idea have become one. The period we are in to-day is the period of scientific Christianity, and the symbol and the idea have become one and the same. The next step in human thought will be that there will be no need of symbol, because we shall not think of Principle and idea, but we shall see every manifestation as a manifestation of the one infinite, of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love.

So you see how the symbols disappear, and the way they disappear is by rising in thought. First of all the symbol was on the basis of Adam and Eve; then it rose and became Noah and the ark; then it became Abraham (a higher sense), Isaac, and Sarah; then it became Isaac, Esau and Jacob (the two sons), and Rebekah; and then it became Jacob. The symbol was still rising, and it became the twelve sons of Jacob, symbolizing the "twelve" of demonstration. and climaxing in a sense of true motherhood. Then the symbol became Jahweh, the Commandments, and the Promised Land.