

The Systematic Handling of Evil

Just as it was imperative for Jacob and his sons to go down into Egypt, so as you begin to understand something of the nature of the Christ, as you begin to understand the definiteness of spiritual thought and you see that it is forever identified with divine Principle, Life, Truth, and Love, it is absolutely imperative that you begin to understand how to handle evil through analysis, uncovering, and annihilation; if you don't, you won't get anywhere. That is why I have told you to take the synonymous terms for God, see what they mean, and fill your thought with them.

Begin by filling your thought with Love. Know that divine Love is over all, in all, and through all. Love is infinite motherhood, infinite glory, infinite beauty, infinite holiness, infinite fulfilment, infinite ascension. There is only one purpose,-Love's purpose. Love protects and Love provides; it is infinite provision and infinite disposal. Fill your thought with a sense of the fulfilment of Love, the perfection of Love, the ascension of Love, the motherhood of Love-you couldn't think of anything lovelier than that. And then know that this truth about Love casts out fear and silences hate, jealousy, envy, greed, selfishness, criticism, a false sense of motherhood, lust, and anything that involves fear or inflammation (which lust certainly does). Fill your thought with Love in that way. Then turn to Truth, and know what Truth is and that it destroys its opposite. Truth is the Son, it is the form of the Son of God, it is consciousness, it is Christ. It is infinite health, the great Physician, the great Surgeon, the great Redeemer, the great Restorer. Truth always has a standard. Truth always has loyalty and Truth knows no disloyalty: the Son is always loyal to its Father and Mother. Truth is the two-edged sword; "Truth, through her eternal laws, unveils error. Truth causes sin to betray itself, and sets upon error the mark of the beast" (S. & H. 542: 7-9). Lift up your sense of Truth as true manhood and perfect health. Then know that Truth destroys any sense of error, false sonship, false manhood, anti-Christ, anything that is unlike the Christ. It destroys mortal manhood and the belief of disease or incurable disease.

Then turn to *Life*, and realize that Life is the infinite Father, the infinite individuality, the infinite Being. It is infinite multiplication, infinite inspiration. Life is infinite exaltation, infinite resurrection. Fill your thought with Life, and then know that the fact of infinite Life destroys death and silences the claim of old age and the claim of time. It is infinite immortality, so it silences any claim of mortality. It destroys lack, limitation, and poverty of any kind. Life always gives me a sense of what we call the fourth dimension of thought, because there is no limit to it and its nature is eternity. Then turn to Principle. Principle is one, therefore there can be no division,-no sex division, no class division, no race division. Principle is proved and demonstrated, and so there is no lack of proof or demonstration. Principle is the one Person, and that

silences personal ambition, personal aggrandizement, personal attachment. It silences absolutely any false system of materia medica, false theology, theosophy, spiritualism, or astrology. because Principle is one and has infinite ever-present Science, and this truth destroys any false sense of Science. Principle interprets itself; it needs no interpreter. Always remember that the only government is in Principle-we need to know that to-day.

Then turn to **Soul**. and see that Soul is the infinite identity, so that there can be no false identity. Soul is incorporeal: there is no material corporeality. Soul is sinless: there is no sin nor law of penalty. The fires of the Holy Ghost destroy sin, disease, and death, because you live under the infinite rule of Soul and Soul identifies all things-it gathers the wheat into the barn. And then know the joy, the bliss, and the freedom of Soul. Soul has infinite spiritual sense, and this disproves material sense. Know that Soul makes all things definite: there is nothing vague about spiritual ideas. In Soul everything is safe: it is definite and it is identified with Principle, and so it is safe. Soul is infinite satisfaction, and there is no other satisfaction.

Then turn to **Spirit**, and know that Spirit is the infinite substance, so that there can be "no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter" (S. & H. 468: 9-10). It is the infinite good and therefore it destroys all evil. Spirit is the divine order and there is no other order-there is no disorder or reverse order. Spirit gives birth, so there must be infinite birth and development. Know that there is strength in Spirit, and that this silences the belief of weakness. Spirit bears infinite fruit, so know that what you are doing bears fruit. In the providence of Spirit there is no accident, because there is only order, and you live, move, and have your being in Spirit. Spirit blesses, Spirit "duly feeds and clothes," and so on.

Finally, turn to **Mind**, and know that there is only one Mind, the parent Mind, the grand creator. Know that Mind is that which demesmerizes, annuls, and reverses any mortal mind law of heredity. The two great things we must deal with are fear and heredity; fear is handled through Love and heredity through Mind. Sex is fear, and heredity is the product of sex. The beginning and the end of mortality is fear and heredity. The law of Mind demesmerizes from any belief of pre-natal law. Mind is infinite power. Know that the one Mind has infinite medicine,-the medicine of Mind; it has infinite healing power, infinite control, infinite wisdom, infinite law, infinite intelligence, infinite action. Because Mind is the infinite All, the only Mind, this truth demesmerizes, annuls, and reverses mesmerism, hypnotism, theosophy, spiritualism, astrology, eastern necromancy, mental diabolism, mortal thought-transference, and any belief of minds many. When you have seen that, know that from everlasting to everlasting there is no so-called mortal mind to manifest itself as the belief of evil with place, power, name, nature, quality, quantity, or anything else. All that is, is the Mind of God.

And then know that the truth you are realizing is the Christ,-
"The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to
destroy incarnate error" (S. & H. 583: 10-1 1) and which establishes
the fact that from everlasting to everlasting "All is infinite Mind
and its infinite manifestation" (S. & H. 468 : 10-1 1).
If you get into the habit of handling the claims of animal magnetism
in this way, you will be using the Joseph in you to go down into
Egypt, and you will see the seven lean years nullified by the
seven good years. The seven good years represent the seven days
of creation swelling into the numerals of infinity and into some
sense of the synonymous terms for God. You will gather the definite
ideas of God "by handfuls," and you will use those "seven good
years" to take care of the "seven lean years" of animal magnetism.
You needn't necessarily handle evil in this particular order;
do it in the way that comes to you. But I believe that the way to
handle evil is through the synonymous terms for God, and that when
we start at Love, we start at the highest, and we deal with the governing
error, which is fear. Fear is ignorance, and the most extreme
form of ignorance, and so when you deal with fear you have begun
to deal with the whole problem. Mrs. Eddy says, "If the Scientist
reaches his patient through divine Love, the healing work will be
accomplished at one visit" (S. & H. 365 : 15-17). Error is most often
either fear or sin. and sin is a belief that man is a creator. Begin
with a sense of the motherhood of Love in order to deal with fear;
a child has no fear if its mother is there and she is a good mother,
so if you have a sense of the infinite motherhood of God there won't
be any fear. As you understand that motherhood, which is infinite
comfort, infinite ascension, infinite fulfilment, infinite provision, and
infinite protection, there won't be any sense of fear at all. Then
you will be using your sense of Joseph.-you will be seeing the
definiteness of spiritual things, and you will be going down into
Egypt in order to exchange "the objects of sense for the ideas of
Soul" (S. & H. 269: 15-16).

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