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*"Sometime we shall learn how Spirit, the great architect,  
has created men and women in Science."*

*Mary Baker Eddy  
(SH 68:4-6)*

When working on a construction or remodeling project, the importance of a perfect model before thought is clear. Such models help ensure that the builder will produce a finished product that matches what the client wants—from the style, dimensions, and quality, to the final finishes. The fascinating part of the model-development phase is that everyone involved is mentally dwelling in and interacting with these spaces before they take tangible shape. If it is a kitchen, they picture themselves moving about and using the space to determine if the plan will work for them. The space is first built mentally in all of its detail, it is tested out mentally, and then it can spring forth into tangible form!

The value society places on the creation of design plans to ensure a successful outcome is something Mary Baker Eddy shared. In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* she states, "We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives." (SH 248:26-29) She continues, "If you try to have two models, then you practically have none." (SH 360:17-18)

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The act of a human mind visualizing and projecting its own outward reality is not what Mrs. Eddy was insisting upon, but rather a yielding to Mind, to God's blueprint/model for man as spiritual and made in His image and likeness. When we do that, we realize we are built only one way and have no choice other than to turn out exactly like Him. The authority of God's blueprint forces us to drop the dualistic model of a material reality and a spiritual one. God says, "I have formed thee; thou art my servant." (Isaiah 44:21) And the Psalmist sings, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." (Psalms 139:14)

Christian Science nurses are crystal clear about God's blueprint. When they are working on cases, they hold God's model of man before thought at all times. They know God alone is the builder and that their patient exists only as a spiritual reflection of God and therefore has to be an exact match of God's perfect condition. When human consciousness seems to be in need of reconstruction or remodeling—otherwise known as healing—why not bring in the experts on reality, nurses and practitioners who have God's blueprint, the reality of man's being, "...engraved on the understanding and heart 'with the point of a diamond' and the pen of an angel."? (SH 521:12-17)

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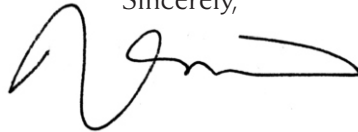
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In a way, the Christian Science Nursing Care Endowment (CSNCE) is like a spiritual building fund helping patients to clear the way for God's model of man to shine forth through the work of Christian Science nursing. If a Christian Scientist faces financial challenges when paying for Christian Science care bills, CSNCE may be a helpful resource. If the applicant qualifies, CSNCE can help pay a portion of the fees for *Journal*-listed nurse care or the bills from a Christian Science nursing care facility. Such assistance helps to relieve patients' financial concerns and allow them to devote their full attention to healing Truth.

Since 1997, the Endowment has distributed \$1,492,745 to applicants, but more can be done if we grow the Endowment together. Contributions to the Endowment have a lasting impact because the principal is untouched and continues to bless others with the interest generated from donations. We hope you'll join us in supporting Christian Science nursing care and in supporting the nurses who selflessly devote themselves to this cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Ward', with a stylized, flowing script.

Nancy Ward  
President